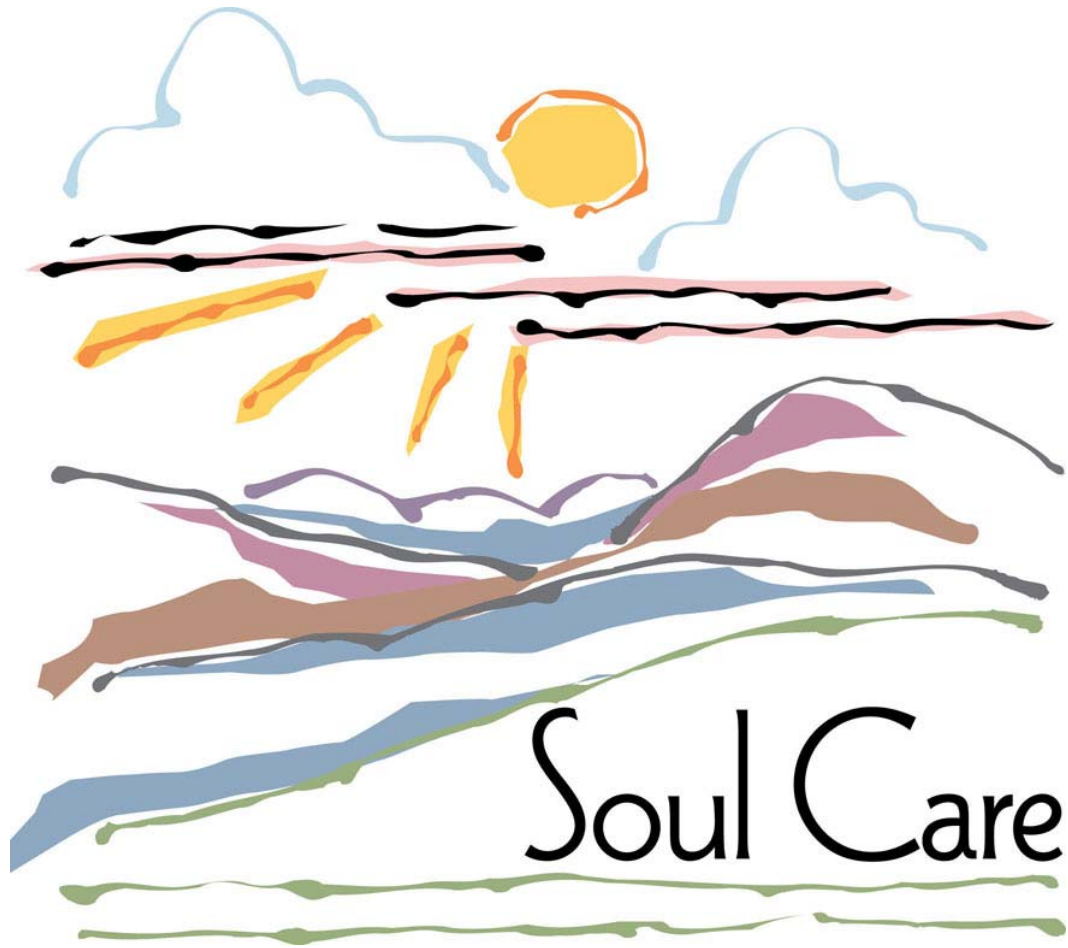


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A Service for Wholeness

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OPENING SENTENCES

Leader: God comes, looking for people who wish to see the Holy in everyday life.

People: **God calls, looking for people to bring peace to the world. Here I am, God—send me.**

Leader: God invites all who would live with more faith.

People: **God searches, looking for those who can bring their vision and strength to grace the world.**

Leader: God beckons us into worship,

People: **God does all this and more, so we might know the Holy right here and now.**

Unison: **Here I am, God—send me.**

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 34

CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: Friends in Christ, God knows our needs before we ask, and in our asking prepares us to receive the gift of grace.

People: **Let us open our lives to God's healing presence, forsaking all that separates us from God and neighbor.**

CONFESSION OF SIN (UNISON)

Jesus our healer, You give sight to the blind. We close our eyes to those who are different from us: at school, at work, at the store, at the playground. We close our eyes to those who worship You differently from us: through music, through prayers, through preaching. Open our eyes, Lord Christ. Heal and forgive us. Empower us in Your Spirit to reach out to those who are different, and learn how they see You in the world.

(A period of silent confession)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Jesus Christ heals the sick, mends the brokenhearted and forgives those who repent. Friends, in Jesus Christ we are made whole and new.

People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

SCRIPTURE AND COMMENT

INTERCESSION FOR HEALING

Leader: Lord in Your mercy, hear our prayers.

People: **O God, You forgive our sins and heal our diseases. According to Your word, crown our lives with Your steadfast love and kindness. Bring healing and relief to those who suffer; (pause) ...**

Leader: Lord in Your mercy, hear our prayers.

People: **O God, You are the power for the powerless, the strength for the weak, and the hope for the hopeless. Hear us as we pray for those recovering from**

illness, that their affliction may be turned into blessing and their sorrow into joy; (pause) ...

Leader: Lord in Your mercy, hear our prayers.

People: **Great and loving God in confusing and troubling times, and when temptation besets us from every quarter, it's easy to lose our way. But You, God, know where we are. With the psalmist we say, "Lord, You have searched me out and known me; You know my sitting down and my rising up; You discern my thoughts from afar; You mark out my journeys and my resting place and are acquainted with all my ways." Raise before us a cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night as You did for Your children in ancient days, thereby showing them Your presence, and lead us in the path we should go.**

Unison: Lord in Your mercy, hear our prayers.

A PERIOD OF SILENT PRAYER

LAYING ON OF HANDS AND ANOINTING WITH OIL

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

CLOSING HYMN 282 *If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee*

BENEDICTION