

Healing Service

Hyde Park Mennonite Fellowship, Boise, Idaho
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Welcome and introduction to service of healing

We are gathered from many networks of _____'s friends, family, church and other connections, and we are also aware that many who were not able to be with us physically are spiritually present, praying with us.

As we follow the church's calling to be a channel of God's love and wholeness and healing to all who find themselves in need, we will hear scripture together, sing, pray, and offer anointing. We base our hope on the knowledge of God's deep desire for shalom, for wholeness and well-being and healing, for all that God has created. Tonight we will pray for that wholeness and healing in every part of _____'s life and being.

Invocation of Spirit

HWB 377 Healer of our every ill

Prayer

We come tonight, O Lord, out of our love for _____. He is our friend, our brother, and we have grown to love him dearly. We come to surround him with our love and care and, like the friends of the paralytic in Luke's gospel, to carry _____ into your healing presence. Help us exercise our faith as they did, removing the roof to bring their friend closer to you. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, AMEN

Call to worship

Psalm 27:1-5, 13, 14

Songs of praise

HWB 80 O bless the Lord, my soul
HWB 76 Praise, I will praise you, Lord

Scripture readings

Philippians 4:4-7 and James 5:13-16 (HWB 857)

Introduction to confession

As James suggests in this passage, we take time now for confession. We begin with the Psalmist's confession (Ps. 51:1,10) and then sit in silence for some moments to give us opportunity to examine our own hearts. If you become aware of something that is hindering your spirit, you may be moved to make a confession aloud. This is a place that is safe enough to hold our vulnerabilities and our confessions. Simply offer a word or a phrase aloud here; I will be glad to meet with you later if you feel the need for more time. After this time of silence and confession, we will read a prayer together.

Silence, ending with HWB 692

_____’s statement/confession

Response to confession HWB145 There’s a wideness in God’s mercy

Laying on of hands and prayers (*gather in a circle around _____ for open time of prayer, spoken and silent*)

Anointing with oil

_____, *I anoint you with oil for healing of body, mind, and spirit in the name of God our Creator, Jesus Christ our Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit, our Sustainer.*

*And now to God, who by the power that is at work within us
is able to do far more abundantly than all we can ask or imagine,
to God be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus, to all generations,
now and forever. AMEN*

Song HWB 611 Soon and very soon

Blessing

*May God bless you and keep you;
May the very face of God shine upon you,
and be gracious to you.
May God’s presence embrace you
and give you peace.*

Go in the peace of God.