

Liturgy for Evening Prayers of Healing

Summer 2026

Fourth Presbyterian Church

6:00pm GATHERING (A time for connecting and meditation)

6:10 OPENING SENTENCES (from Iona community)

One: The Lord be with you
ALL: And also with you.
One: We gather here in your presence, God,
ALL: In our need, & bringing with us the needs of the world.
One: We come to you, for you come to us in Jesus,
ALL: And you know by experience what human life is like.
One: We come with our faith and with our doubts;
ALL: We come with our hopes and with our fears.
One: We come as we are, because you invite us to come;
ALL: And you have promised never to turn us away

SONG

READING and REFLECTION

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

One: Loving God, we hold in your healing presence those who suffer pain and ill-health, with their families, friends and those who care for them.
All: May they know the deep peace of Christ.
One: Loving God, we hold in your healing presence those who suffer in mind and spirit, and all who care for them:
All: May they know the deep peace of Christ.
One: Loving God, we hold in your healing presence the suffering people of our world, and the places where people are experiencing division, injustice and violence:
All: May they know the deep peace of Christ.
One: Loving God, we hold in your healing presence those struggling to overcome addiction or abuse, those supporting and working with them, and all whose suffering has distanced them from those who love:
All: May they know the deep peace of Christ.
One: Loving God, we hold in your healing presence those facing bereavement:

All: May they know the deep peace of Christ.
One: Loving God, we hold in your healing presence and peace those whose needs are not known to us....And those whose names we do not know, but are known to you....

All: May they know the deep peace of Christ.
One: Together we say: **AMEN**

SHARED PRAYER REQUESTS

CLOSING PRAYER (or improvised)

....God of compassion and love, we offer you our suffering and pain. Give us strength to bear our weakness, healing even when there is no cure, peace in the midst of turmoil, and love to fill spaces in our lives. Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

Sung Response (#740) Lead me, guide me, along the way
For, if you lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.
Lead me, O Lord (3x) Lead me.

BENEDICTION

PASSING OF THE PEACE

LIST OF SONGS

GOD'S LOVE IS DEEP WITHIN ME...
Healing me and making me whole...

AMAZING GRACE

BE STILL AND KNOW (#414)
Be still and know (echo) that I am God (echo)
Be still and know that I am God

BLESS THE LORD MY SOUL (#544)
Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

PRECIOUS LORD

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light:
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

BE THOU MY VISION

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one

COME THOU FONT

Come thou fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the Mount I'm fixed upon it
Mount of Thy redeeming love

ABIDE WITH ME (#836)

Abide with me, fast falls the evening tide,
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

O CHRIST SURROUND ME (#543)

God be the love to search and keep me
God be the prayer to move my voice
God be the strength to now uphold me
O Christ, surround me (2x)

Walking behind to hem my journey
Going ahead to light my way
And from beneath, above, and all ways
O Christ, surround me (2x)

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Liturgy is drawn from the Iona Abbey Worship Book