

**August 25, 2019 – 10:00 am**  
**11th Sunday After Pentecost**



**When is the proper time to heal?**

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- PLEASE RESPOND WITH WORDS IN BOLD PRINT.
- SCRIPTURE TEXTS FROM THE COMMON ENGLISH BIBLE.
- \*PLEASE STAND IF COMFORTABLY ABLE.
- **NCH** IS THE NEW CENTURY HYMNAL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PRELUDE: **“We’re Marching to Zion”** Mark Hayes

**\*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

One: Assemble before God, our rock and refuge.  
Come together to listen for the voice of our  
Creator.

**MANY: The Word of God shakes the foundation of the  
earth. We expect to be changed by God’s  
message to us.**

One: God rescues us from cruelty and injustice. In  
steadfast love, God delivers us from our  
enemies.

**MANY: We remember the rich heritage we have  
received. We give thanks for God’s grace and  
mercy.**

One: This is God’s holy day, a time to lay aside  
narrow interests. How will we honor God in  
word and deed?

**MANY: We will delight in the Word and works of our  
God. We will join together in praise and good  
works.**

**\*OPENING HYMN: NCH 23**

**“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”**

**\*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION: We are known by  
you, gracious God, better than we know ourselves. You  
have given us life and you have renewed our spirits.  
You have carried us to the heights and you have  
dwelled with us in life’s depths. You are our hope and  
our trust. Touch us here, for you are far beyond our**

**reach. Dwell with us here to life our aspirations and inspire confidence among us. Amen.**

**\*GLORIA: NCH 759**

**Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit, Three- in-One; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

**FIRST TESTAMENT READING: Jeremiah 1:4-10**

**Lay Liturgist**

**RESPONSIVE PSALM READING: Psalm 7 Pages 666-667**

**EPISTLE READING: Hebrews 12:18-29 Lay Liturgist**

**TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL:**

**Backpack Blessing**

**\*GOSPEL READING: Luke 13:10-17**

**This is the Word of God. It is true and can be trusted.**

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**SERMON:**

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE: NCH 351**

**“I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry”**

**PASTORAL PRAYER:**

**(Beginning with silent personal prayer)**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come; Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver**

**us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory forever. Amen.**

**PRAYER RESPONSE: NCH 772**

**Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten,  
Those who seek God shall never go wanting.  
Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten,  
God alone fills us.**

**OFFERTORY: “Amazing Grace” Robert J. Hughes**

**\*DOXOLOGY: NCH 780 (NEW WORDS)**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God for all that love has done.  
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.**

**\*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION: O God, we cannot  
forget all your benefits. Accept our offerings as  
expressions of praise and acts of true worship. We  
pour out our thanks for all you have given us and for all  
you do for us. We are grateful for the opportunities  
you grant us to help others. Use us and our gifts to  
bring the changes for good that you intend for our  
world. Amen.**

**\*SENDING HYMN: NCH 382 “Marching to Zion”**

**\*BENEDICTION:**

**God is a freeing, uplifting presence in our lives.  
God’s transforming power is working among us.  
The Word of God empowers us to speak and act.  
Go with God to love and serve the world.**

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE: TUNE: "Amazing Grace"**

**Depart in peace to do God's will;**

**Walk ever in the light,**

**For Christ is with you ever more,**

**To guide you day and night. *(Written by Ruth Duck)***

**\*POSTLUDE: "Unto Thee Do We Give Thanks"**

**James Denton**