

**ST. DAVID'S UNITED CHURCH
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28 2021**

*Growing and Deepening our Spiritual Lives in an Affirming and
Inclusive Community*

'Holy Vessels'

Second Sunday in Lent

GATHER

*People gather around Jesus as his reputation becomes known from
town to town. As we gather virtually or physically, we too are
yearning for presence, for peace, for help.*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the Lenten Candles

Threshold Video

APPROACH

*People opened their lives to Jesus. We are drawn to the Healer—
opening our hearts with honesty about our lives and finding assurance
that offers peace.*

Opening Prayer of Confession

Assurance

The Peace

Opening Hymn

In Loving Partnership We Come VU #603

In loving partnership we come,
seeking O God, your will to do.
Our prayers and actions now receive;
we freely offer them to you.

We are the hands and feet of Christ,
serving by grace each other's need.
We dare to risk and sacrifice
with truthful word and faithful deed.

Loving community we seek;
your hope and strength within us move.
The poor the rich, the strong and weak
are brought together in your love.

BELIEVE

People were fortified by Jesus' words and deeds that revealed care for all—especially those marginalized. We strengthen our belief in the possibility for renewed health and vigor for all.

Experiencing God's Love is an Act of Healing

A Contemporary Word

"In every community, there is work to be done. In every nation, there are wounds to heal.

In every heart, there is the power to do it.

– **Marianne Williamson**

I alone cannot change the world,
but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples."

– **Mother Teresa**

An Ancient Word

Matthew 8: 5-13

Musical Proclamation

Reflection

Holy Vessels of Embodied Love for the Healing of the World

ASK

People who were healed by Jesus were not afraid to ask. And so, we come before the Holy One, making our petitions and desires known, trusting the work of the Spirit.

Song of Preparation

Make Us Holy, Make Us Whole

Prayer is an Act of Healing

Prayer of Jesus

Sung Prayer Reprise

Make us Holy, Make Us Whole

In your love, make us whole.

May we rest in your compassion.

**Calm the lost, weary soul
in the warmth of your love.**

May your peace fill our hearts.

May we know the love of Jesus.

By your grace, you console.

Make us holy, make us whole.

KNOW

The parting words Jesus' gave to those he healed were often as much balm as the healing act itself. We hear words of encouragement from the One who makes beauty from brokenness.

Ritual Action for the Week

RESPOND

Scriptural accounts of healing often end with responses from the “crowd” of witnesses. How will we proceed into the brokenness of this world and respond as the Body of Christ?

Closing Song

We are Pilgrims VU #595

We are pilgrims on a journey,
and family on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ light for you
in the nighttime of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh, I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow,
till we've seen this journey through.

Brother, sister, let me serve you;
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

Commission & Benediction

Threshold into the World

Vessels, holy and whole
Broken, needing the One
Open, body and soul
Healer, Come.

Postlude

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