

Welcome!

June 4th, 2023

“When Healing Doesn’t Happen”

2 Corinthians 12:8-9

“Even the greatest of miracles do not resolve the problems of this earth: all people who find physical healing eventually die. We need more than miracle. We need a new heaven and a new earth, and until we have those, unfairness will not disappear.”

--Philip Yancey, *Disappointment with God*

We Gather for Worship

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship:

One: Holy God, we praise you for your healing mercy.

Many: Indeed, we give thanks for all the ways your mercy has made us whole.

One: Yet, in the mystery of your ways, O God, sometimes healing does not come.

Many: We don’t understand, and disappointment erodes our faith.

One: Open our eyes to the unexpected ways your grace comes to us.

Many: Give us the strength to trust that you are indeed “making all things new.”

All: Amen!

***Hymn: “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”** (Red Hymnal, p. 53)

We Offer Our Praise and Prayer

Morning Psalm: 8

Hymn: “How Firm a Foundation” (Red Hymnal, p. 94)

Pastoral Prayer

The Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

We Attend to the Word and Respond

Sermon: “When Healing Doesn’t Happen” Dr. Bill Ireland
2 Corinthians 12:8-9

***Hymn: “Like a River Glorious”** (Red hymnal, p. 699)

*Benediction

***The Irish Blessing**

May the road rise to meet you,

May the wind blow at your back.

May the sun shine warmly on your face,

May the rain fall softly on your field.

And until we meet again,

Til’ we meet again,

May God hold you in the palm of his hand.

We welcome Lydia Barbour as our guest accompanist today.