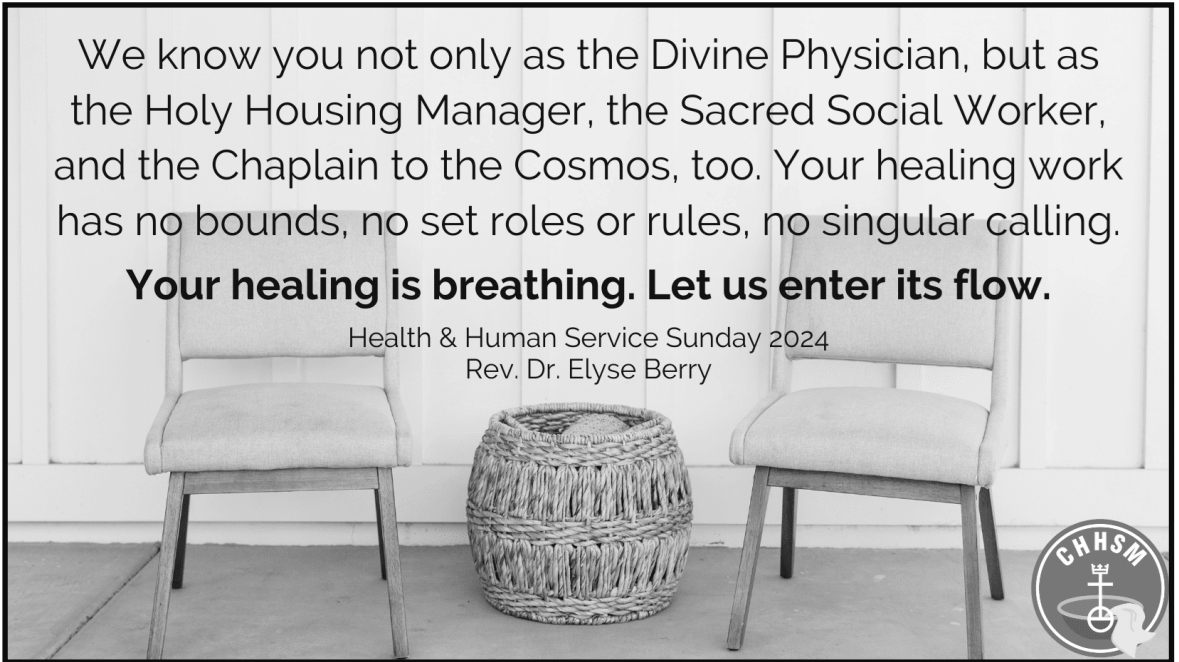


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Health & Human Service Sunday 2024

Rev. Dr. Elyse Berry



Pilgrim United Church of Christ

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICE SUNDAY

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

January 28, 2024

Leading Our Worship Today

Minister: MiMi Chamberlin Liturgist: Nancy Matthew
Minister of Music: Carol Gangwer Piano: Marcia Lucas
Song Leader: Clare Hingsbergen Violin: Connie Kopp
Usher: Carol Smith Greeter: Janet Nailor

**Please rise - whether in body or spirit - at points marked by an asterisk *
and join in the congregational responses that are printed in **boldface**.*

INVITATION TO WORSHIP (Chime)

Please be seated and quietly prepare yourself for our worship service to begin.

PRELUDE Take Time to Be Holy Violin Solo: Connie Kopp

*GATHERING HYMN Gather Us In #284

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE SHARE A SIGN OF GOD'S WELCOME WITH THOSE AROUND YOU

**Call to Worship*

One: Embodied Eternal, what might it mean for us to resonate together? That vibe. That hum. That feeling of flow. That “yes.” On this Health and Human Services Sunday, we come beside you with echoes of care that have lingered in our souls.

All: Your service is alive. Let us feel its pulse.

One: We know you not only as the Divine Physician, but as the Holy Housing Manager, the Sacred Social Worker, and the Chaplain to the Cosmos, too. Your healing work has no bounds, no set roles or rules, no singular calling.

All: Your healing is breathing. Let us enter its flow.

One: We’ve been here long enough to know that oppression and despair can spread like wildfire. Here, we measure our calendars by connection, set our alarm bells to attention, and are charged by the speed of sound that made the universe.

All: Our service is alive. Let us feel its pulse.

One: Come, let us bring our solidarity to ceremony and ritual.

All: Our healing is breathing. Let us enter its flow.

One: Come, let us worship our God who created us for partnership,

All: who made us for love, to not go it alone. Amen.

*WORSHIP HYMN There is a Balm in Gilead #501

INVITATION TO CONFESSION / INVITATION TO CHANGE

(All) We are bound together in our humanness — our challenges, our failures, our missteps, our brokenness. Together we confess those ways in which we've failed to live up to Gospel values. We ask for forgiveness. We want to learn from our mistakes in order to become the people God has created us to be. We take a moment of silence to confess those things that in our humanness we have done that have not shown love of God, neighbor or ourselves.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE AND PARDON

All: Thanks be to God!

PRAYER, A COLLECT

All: Amen

FIRST READING

Psalm 111

The Word of God, for the People of God. **All: Amen**

SECOND READING

Mark 1:21-28

May God bless this reading to our hearts, minds and souls. **All: Amen**

MESSAGE

Pastor MiMi

SPECIAL MUSIC

My Jesus I Love Thee

Violin Solo: Connie Kopp

LET US PRAY:

JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ONE: Blessed are you, **All: for the kin-dom of God is yours.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (All)

INVITATION TO GIVING / GENEROSITY WITNESS

Thank You, Lord #531

[We collect offerings in box in the Narthex and online—before and after our service.]

**DOXOLOGY (please sing together in expansive language as we present our gifts)*

(All) Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below; Praise God above ye' heavenly hosts; Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All: God Incarnate, through the life of Jesus, you gave us reason to have hope in the service of others. Help us to learn to trust the long nights of our lives and ministries, that you are with us. May the gifts that we offer here today be blessed by the beauty of service, which allows us to build the kin-dom of God moment by moment, choice by choice, alone and together. Amen.

*SONG OF PARTING Help Us Accept Each Other #487

*BENEDICTION **All: Amen.**

*SONG OF BLESSING Blest Be the Tie That Binds #433, V. 1
*Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.*

POSTLUDE

END OF WORSHIP ♥ BEGINNING OF SERVICE

As a faith community created in God's image, we are called to love our neighbors as Jesus loves us. We seek to unite persons of all ages, family makeups, races, ethnicities, sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions, mental and physical abilities, economic statuses, and theological backgrounds. Everyone is welcome into all aspects of church life as we celebrate the image of God in every person. At Pilgrim United Church of Christ,
No Matter Who You Are Or Where You Are On Life's Journey, You're Welcome Here!

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