

COSSO SPIRITUAL FORMATION
WORSHIP SCHEDULE, September 26-27, 2014

FRIDAY, September 26, 2014

Friday 3:15-3:55 pm Opening Gathering

Saturday 7:45-7:55 am Morning Prayers

✦ 11:25 am Celebration of Eucharist

Gathering Music

WELCOME

Community Announcements

"Are any among you sick or in trouble?"

A SERVICE OF HEALING

INTRODUCTION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God of life,

People: You are as near to us as our breath.

L: Touch our eyes

P: That we may see you;

L: Open our ears

P: That we may hear your voice;

L: Enter our hearts

P: That we may know your love.

L: Grace our souls and bodies with your presence,

P: That we might feel your strength and your healing touch.

L: Come, God of breath and wholeness, in the name of Jesus Christ we pray,

PRAYER

We ask your presence among us, O God, Creator and Redeemer; bring your healing light and power into our wounded hearts, bodies, minds, and souls; clear the way for each of us to discover within us the fullness of your power and wondrous blessings; help us, Healer God, to respond to your love and mercy, that we may be your light in a broken world. Amen.

****HYMN 117 "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"***

SCRIPTURE READING James 5:13-16

CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

Healing comes in many forms, and for this we pray to our merciful God, Holy God, we are yours. You breathed your life into us.

Forgive us when we have abused the gift of life. Forgive us when we have ignored or injured the suffering bodies of others.

Heal us from the power of our addictions. Heal us when we carry the brokenness of our past.

Forgive us for those we have injured or ignored. Reconcile us with you, not because of your absence but through your healing presence.

(silent prayers of confession)

Hear the good news: God is merciful and gracious, showing mercy to all, forgiving and granting pardon. Broken, we are made whole.

The peace of God be with you.

And also with you.

SCRIPTURE

Mark 5:21-43(Homily or Devotion may be given here)

PRAYERS FOR HEALING (Anointing with oil/ Laying-on of hands)

(prayers of the people also may be included in the service)

L: Let us pray, responding to the phrase "Jesus Christ, lover of all" with the words "**bring healing, bring peace.**"

Christ, long ago many who were sick and suffering needed friends to bring them to your side. Confident of your goodness, we now bring to you those who need your healing touch. We name before you those who are ill in body: whose illness is long, painful or difficult to cure; who suffer restless days and sleepless nights

(names of people may be said aloud)

Jesus Christ, lover of all,

P: bring healing, bring peace.

L: We name before you those who are troubled in mind, distressed about the past, dreading the future, unable to cope with the present

(names of people may be said aloud)

Jesus Christ, lover of all,

P: bring healing, bring peace.

L: We name before you those who cannot see your light, because of death of a loved one, broken friendships, fading hope

(names may be said aloud)

P: bring healing, bring peace.

L: Loving God, the care of every soul is in your hands, the cure of sickness comes from you through the blessing and wisdom of medical agents. We know you are always with us, and your grace is made known in us, through us, and in

spite of us, for this we pray that your kingdom comes on earth and in heaven,
through the words that Jesus said, *(additional prayers as needed)*

OUR FATHER..

***HYMN UMH 454 "Open My Eyes, That I May See"**

MINISTRY OF HEALING

BLESSING OF OIL

O Lord, giver of health and salvation, send your Holy Spirit to sanctify and bless this oil, that as your apostles anointed many that were sick, so may those who receive this blessing be made whole and know the fullness of your saving grace. **Amen.**

COMMISSIONING OF HEALERS

Bless, O God, each one here as we pray for one another and anoint one another with Holy Oil.

(You may go to Healing Stations for a blessing of healing, you may share a joy or concern in need of healing attention; you may come in pairs or receive the blessing from the one at the station and then bless another, dipping your thumb in the oil and making the sign of the cross on the forehead or hand.

Healers may use words similar to:

"_____ I anoint you with this oil, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, I pray for.... that you may know the healing power of God's love."

LAYING-ON OF HANDS

(You may choose to come to the kneeler and kneel or stand for a blessing with the laying-on of hands, with or without the anointing with oil; a healing prayer is said for yourself or for someone else.)

Music is played softly during the ministry...

CLOSING PRAYER

The grace of God that brings salvation has come to us, (Titus 2:11)

Eternal God, comfort of the sick, and healer of the broken,
we thank you that you have come to us in our time of need in this anointing and laying-on of hands.

Grant that we, who are being made whole, may channel your healing love to your broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***HYMN UMH 451 "Be Thou My Vision"**

***BLESSING**

REFERENCE SOURCES: See "Healing Services" in UM Book of Worship: Healing Liturgies for the Seasons of Life, by Abigail Rian Evans (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2004);
"A Healing Service" by Richard J. Fairchild (2003), www.rockies.net/~spirit/sermons/sr-healing-service-1.php;
"All Shall Be Well: Conducting Worship Services for Healing and Wholeness" by Worship Ways of the United Church of Christ, <http://www.ucc.org/assets/pdfs/01-All-Shall-Be-Well.pdf>;
"An Order of Service for Healing and Wholeness" by the Methodist Church in Ireland, www.irishmethodist.org/sites/default/files/pdf/resources/healing/healing_liturgy_2011.pdf
The Pattern of Our Days: Liturgies & Resources for Worship, Kathy Galloway, ed. (Glasgow, Scotland: Wild Goose Pub., 1996).

Gathering Music

READ: "Lord of the morning" (Iona, p. 120)

UMH 145 "Morning has broken"

PRAYER: "Your kingdom come, your will be done" (Iona, p. 123)

TFWS 2086 "Open our eyes" (sing 2 times)

BLESSING

Jesus says, 'pick up your bed and walk'

Pick up the bed of your sorrow and fears

Pick up the bed of your grief and sin

***Pick up your life and follow the One who calls you into this day,
and into your class...***

Sources: prayers adapted from The Pattern of Our Days, ed. by Kathy Galloway, Wild Goose Publications: Glasgow, UK, 1997.

COS SPIRITUAL FORMATION

**SATURDAY, 11:25 AM
27 September 2014**

GOD'S HEALING TOUCH
Liturgies of Healing and Eucharist

Gathering Music

WELCOME

Community Announcements

GREETING

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

P: And also with you.

***HYMN 211 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"**

***PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

**Holy Spirit, come and be with us, guide and inspire us,
Let us know your power to heal, to comfort, and to console.
Holy Spirit, come and be with us.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you know us as we are and still love us, we confess that we are afraid to admit some fear that lies in our souls. Help us to face that which we want to hide even from ourselves. Give us courage to find what we each need to continue to be spiritual leaders in your church. Awaken us to your presence so that we do not judge illness as a sign of your absence. Lead us into healing. Forgive our sins,

Lead us to be people of Faith, channels of Hope, and vessels of your Love. Amen.

Hear the good news: God gives us courage for Faith, support for Hope, and compassion for Love. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING *Mark 2:1-12*

"The Long Way Home" - A reading with pauses for singing

HYMN 338 "Where He Leads Me" (verses sung between readings)

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Gracious God, in your Son Jesus Christ, you reach out to the sick and touch them with your healing power.

Be with us now in this same healing power.

You hear the desires of each one who comes before you in hope and in trust. You see us gathered here in love before you.

Show yourself once more, for you are a God who blesses and cares and gives peace.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

(silent prayers for healing for yourself, the church, or others; you may write your prayer for healing on the small piece of paper)

Holy God, we pray that we may be comforted in our suffering and made whole. When we are afraid, give us courage; when we feel weak, grant us strength; when we are troubled, give us patience; when we are lost, offer us hope; when we are alone, move us to each other's side. This we pray for your healing mercy. Amen.

****HYMN 347 "Spirit Song"***

***SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION
(Order of Service, UMH p 9)***

A Prayer Petition for Healing

(You may wish to write your request for healing on a piece of paper, and when you come to communion place it in one of the paper bags, which will be burnt after the service, lifting our prayers into God's hands.)

Hymns during Communion

SENDING FORTH

****HYMN UMH 399 "Take My Life, and Let It Be"***

****BLESSING***

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