

GATHERING WITH JOY

Prelude

Welcome & call to worship

*Time of praise

(Ushers available for seating)

“My Lips Will Praise You”

“Be Unto Your Name”

*God's greeting and greeting each other

*Time of praise

“Here I Am to Worship”

“Song of Love”

OPENING OURSELVES TO GOD

Scripture readings:

John 6:1-15; John 11:17-36; John 4:5-14

Song “Imagine”

Morning prayer: KathiJo DeYoung

Pastoral Blessing

(Children Pre-K – 2nd grade may be escorted to Children in Worship)

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture: John 5:1-18 (page 971)

Message: The Word in Conversation

RESPONDING IN FAITH AND SERVICE

*Song of response “The Power Of Your Love”

Our gifts to the Lord:

Ministries of Brookside and Debt Reduction

Offertory

*God's blessing

*Closing song “Shine, Jesus, Shine”

Postlude

* - stand, if you are able

Preaching: Pastor Brian Ochsner

Pianist: Janet Krosschell

Praise Team: Bob Alsum, Dave Douma, Cynthia Olson
Connie Porte, Bruce Vermeer

Drums: Dane Olson

Bass: Cal Rozeboom

Guitar: Matt Scott

Flute: Stephanie Netland

John 5:1-18

¹ Some time later, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish festivals. ² Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda and which is surrounded by five covered colonnades.

³ ^[4] Here a great number of disabled people used to lie—the blind, the lame, the paralyzed. ⁵ One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. ⁶ When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, “Do you want to get well?” ⁷ “Sir,” the invalid replied, “I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me.” ⁸ Then Jesus said to him, “Get up! Pick up your mat and walk.” ⁹ At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked. The day on which this took place was a Sabbath, ¹⁰ and so the Jewish leaders said to the man who had been healed, “It is the Sabbath; the law forbids you to carry your mat.” ¹¹ But he replied, “The man who made me well said to me, ‘Pick up your mat and walk.’” ¹² So they asked him, “Who is this fellow who told you to pick it up and walk?” ¹³ The man who was healed had no idea who it was, for Jesus had slipped away into the crowd that was there. ¹⁴ Later Jesus found him at the temple and said to him, “See, you are well again. Stop sinning or something worse may happen to you.” ¹⁵ The man went away and told the Jewish leaders that it was Jesus who had made him well.

¹⁶ So, because Jesus was doing these things on the Sabbath, the Jewish leaders began to persecute him. ¹⁷ In his defense Jesus said to them, “My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I too am working.” ¹⁸ For this reason they tried all the more to kill him; not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God.