

**Getting Ready for
“A Service of Healing”
Wednesday, March 3, at 7 p.m.**

The Pastors and Deacons are pleased to introduce a new kind of prayer experience to our worship service on Wednesday, March 3rd. Worship that night will conclude with “A Service of Healing.”

God invites Christians to Pray for Healing that is...
physical emotional spiritual relational

What does Scripture Say about Healing and Prayer??

¹⁴ Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to *pray over him* and *anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord*. ¹⁵ And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven.

¹⁶ Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective. *James 5:14-16*

What do we expect when we pray for healing?

Jesus gives complete and perfect healing, as demonstrated by the miracles He performed and His resurrection from the dead. One day, when Jesus returns, we will be raised and our bodies will be perfectly healed and restored. When we pray for healing today, we ask that God would bring this healing ahead of time, in the here and now, if it is His will. We pray confidently that God hears our prayer, grants complete and perfect healing, and will heal us in His time, according to His good and gracious will.

The Laying on of Hands and Anointing with Oil...What does this mean?

Each person at the altar rail will be “prayed over” as mentioned in James 5:14, which includes the laying on of hands and anointing with oil. In the laying on of hands and anointing, we proclaim the good news that God desires us to be healthy and whole. You are invited to offer yourself, whatever your brokenness, and receive a sign of healing and wholeness in the name of the triune God.

Why did the ancient Church pray this way?

Jesus and His disciples often practiced caring touch during prayer and especially when praying for healing. The oil is a symbol of the healing power of God, the Holy Spirit. In James 5:14-16, no miraculous power is ascribed to the oil or the laying on of hands. In other words, neither makes our prayers more effective before God, but both serve as reminders of God’s healing power and peace.

Details about “A Service of Healing”

Introduction to “A Service of Healing”

Jesus offers healing for broken spirits, troubled minds, sick bodies, and torn relationships. Those desiring any such healing are invited to come forward and kneel for prayer and anointing with oil. As you kneel at the altar rail, you will be offered a blessing. When you are finished praying, you may return to your seat.

When to Come to the Altar Rail for Prayer

Those desiring to be “prayed over” will come forward as they are moved by the Spirit. If the altar rail is full, please follow the direction of an usher, who will help you find a place at the rail as others return to their seats.

Private and Personal Prayers by the Pastors at the Altar Rail

No information will be shared by those coming forward for prayer. The Pastor will ask God to grant you all the healing that you need, whether it is physical healing, emotional healing, spiritual healing, or relational healing. After the Pastor’s prayer to God on your behalf, an appropriate response is, “Amen.”

