

## Active Prayer Stations

### 1:Candles to be lit as sensory offering of prayer

-Individuals may come forward to the communion table and light one or more candles to represent a prayer they bring before God.

### 2:Written prayer inserts in bulletin for private prayer

### 3:Laying on of hands/intercessory prayer

-When a person approaches the Deacon/Elder for healing prayer, they may offer a specific request for healing, or may present themselves in silence. The deacon/Elder places hands on the person's head or shoulders and says a brief blessing appropriate to the request (if applicable), the one receiving healing prayer may respond "Amen."

### 4:Anointing with oil by Pastor

-The pastor dips a thumb into the oil (a small quantity is sufficient) and then makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of the one being anointed, saying a blessing, again the one anointed may respond "Amen."

### 5:Remembrance of God's love

-Individuals may approach the baptismal font and reaching into the waters take a stone to serve as a reminder that they are a child of God, created in the divine image and loved unconditionally.

Silence

**Hymn** **There Is a Place of Quiet Rest #824**

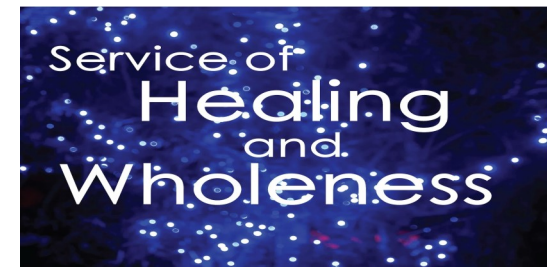
**Sentence of Scripture:** Isaiah 41:10 Pastor Brian

**Collective Prayer: Mighty God, you rise with healing in your wings, to scatter all enemies that assault us. As we wait in hope for the coming of that day when crying and pain shall be no more, help us by your Holy Spirit to receive your power into our lives and to trust in your eternal love, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

**\*Hymn** **God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me #543**

**Blessing:** May The Holy One bless you and keep you. The Lord be kind and gracious to you. May God smile upon you and give you peace.

Go with the grace of God: + Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
Amen. +



**"Healing was an integral part of the ministry of Jesus which the church has been called to continue as one dimension of its concern for the wholeness of people.**

Through services for wholeness, the church enacts in worship its ministry as a healing community.

**Healing is to be understood not as the result of the holiness, earnestness, or skill of those enacting the prayers, or of the faith of the ones seeking healing, but as the gift of God through the power of the Holy Spirit."**

**Buffalo Presbyterian Church** **January 6, 2019 4:30 PM**

Leading worship today

Brian Entz, Pastor  
Ralph Johansen  
Elaine Thole

Julie Long  
Diane Ellis  
Kathy Quady

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Sentence of Scripture:** Psalm 130: 1-4 Pastor Brian

**\*Hymn** **O Savior, in This Quiet Place #794**

**\*Prayer of Confession: Merciful God, we confess we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart, mind, and strength; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

**Response:** **Come, Bring Your Burdens to God #851 x2**

**Assurance of Pardon:** The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free.

May the God of mercy, who forgives all our sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

**Hymn** **I Will Come to You #177**

**Sentence of Scripture:** Psalm 46:10 Elaine Thole

**Prayer of Intercession** Julie Long

Leader: Christ our Lord, long ago in Galilee 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.

**All: Look on our faith, even our little faith.**

Leader: We name before you those who are ill in body: whose illness is long or painful or too difficult to cure; who suffer restless days and sleepless nights. *Here names may be said aloud.*

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, lover of all,  
**People: Bring healing, bring peace. Silence**

Leader: We name before you those who are troubled in mind, distressed by the past, or dreading the future; those who are trapped and cast down by fear. *Here names may be said aloud.*

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, lover of all,  
**People: Bring healing, bring peace. Silence**

Leader: We name before you those for whom light has turned to darkness: by the death of a loved one; the breaking of a friendship; the fading of hope. *Here names may be said aloud.*

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, lover of all,  
**People: Bring healing, bring peace. Silence**

Leader: In silence we name before you those whose names we may not say aloud. *Here silence is kept.*

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, lover of all,  
**People: Bring healing, bring peace. Silence**

Leader: We ask your blessing on doctors and nurses; for therapists and counselors; on all who look after those who are ill, who give friendship to those who are distressed, or sit with those who are near to death.

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, lover of all,  
**People: Bring healing, bring peace. Silence**

Leader: We ask your guidance for those who are engaged in research, that they may persevere with vision and energy; and for those who administer the agencies of health and welfare, that they may have wisdom and compassion.

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, lover of all,  
**People: Bring healing, bring peace. Silence**

Leader: Loving God, the care of every soul is in your hands, the cure of every sickness comes from you. We do not know your will for us. If by our lives your grace may be made known, then in us, through us, or even in spite of us, may your kingdom come,

**All: Your will be done. Amen.**

*Extended Silence*

**Response** **My Soul Is at Rest #843 x3**

**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 11:28-30 Pastor Brian

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**Sentence of Scripture:** James 5:13-16 Elaine Thole