

Sermon

Offering

Prayers of the Church

P Let us pray for the Church, for all in need, and for the whole of God’s creation. That throughout these forty days of Lent, you may give your people hope that it is Jesus, our Lord, who leads the way and takes into his body on the cross the sins of the whole world. **C Heal us, O God.**

P That we may cherish your Word and know that our souls are restless unless they rest in you. **C Heal us, O God.**

P That all who are restless because of the pains and wounds in body or mind or spirit may find relief in the consolation of your love. **C Heal us, O God.**

P That we may be your fearless people who know no bounds to the expression of your mercies and never feel ashamed of your extending your love to the stranger. **C Heal us, O God.**

P For all the saints who are now at rest, that we may learn from their example of wholeness in your grace. **C Heal us, O God.**

P Into your healing, wounded hands for our sake, we commend all for whom we pray.

C By Christ’s wounds, we are healed. Amen.

Lord’s Prayer

Blessing

P May the healing presence of almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you now and always.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn *“O Savior, Precious Savior”*

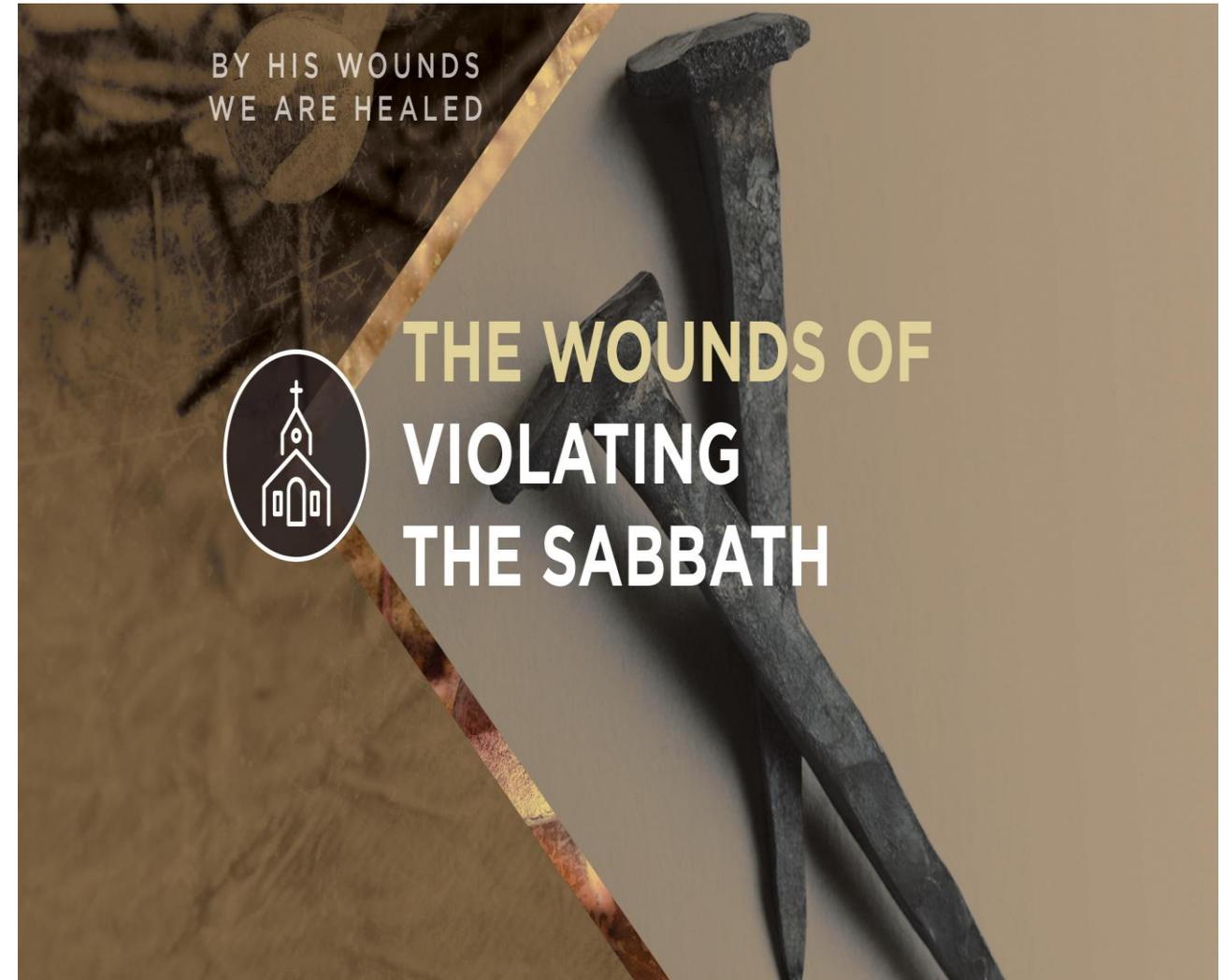
O Savior, precious Savior, whom yet unseen we love; O name of might and favor, all other names above: We worship thee, we bless thee; to thee alone we sing; We praise thee and confess thee, our holy Lord and King.

O Bringer of salvation, who wondrously has wrought, Thyself the revelation of love beyond our thought. We worship thee, we bless thee; to thee alone we sing; We praise thee and confess thee, our gracious Lord and King.

Oh, grant the consummation of this our song above, In endless adoration and everlasting love; Then shall we praise and bless thee where perfect praises ring, And evermore confess thee, our Savior and our Kin

Postlude

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By His Wounds We Are Healed

WEEK 1: THE WOUNDS OF VIOLATING THE SABBATH

WEDNESDAY: MARCH 4, 2020

Jesus is accused of violating the Sabbath.

Pastor: Solveig A.H. Zamzow Organist: Charlotte Cole

Prelude

Opening Hymn *"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"*

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest;
Lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was, so weary worn and sad;
I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give
The living water, thirsty one; stoop down and drink and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark-world's light;
Look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun;
And in that light of life I'll walk till trav'ling days are done.

Response

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. C Amen.
P Surely Christ has borne our infirmities C and carried our diseases.
P Yet we accounted him stricken, C struck down by God, and afflicted.
P Christ was wounded for our transgressions, C crushed for our iniquities;
P upon him was the punishment that made us whole, C and by his wounds we are healed.

Confession and Forgiveness

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
C Most merciful God, we confess to you that we have broken your commandments by our own thoughts, words, and deeds. We have failed to find our rest in you and have lived in

disobedience to your commandment to worship you as our one true God. We have not loved our brothers and sisters as we ought, and we have not cared for your creation. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us, and give us the healing power of your love that we may walk again in your ways and live to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P God is gracious and merciful, and he desires that we be made free of the burden of our sins. Through Jesus Christ, who bore the cross for our sake and for the sake of the whole world, there is healing, hope, and life. Your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. C Amen.

Hymn..... *"Glory Be to Jesus"*

Glory be to Jesus, who, in bitter pains,
Poured for me the life-blood from his sacred veins.

Grace and life eternal in that blood I find;
Blest be his compassion, infinitely kind.

Blest through endless ages be the precious stream
Which from endless torment did the world redeem.

Lift we then our voices, swell the mighty flood;
Louder still and louder praise the precious blood.

Old Testament Reading ... Exodus 20:8-11

Epistle Reading ... Colossians 2:16-19

Gospel Reading ... Luke 6:6-11

Sermon Hymn..... *"By Your Wounds We All Are Healed"*

Jesus, Savior of the people, giver of unending grace,
Heal our lives that now are feeble; bless us in this holy place.
You have come to earth convicted as a child of gentle reign.
By your wounds we all are heal-ed; sing the song of glad refrain!

Jesus, by your teaching, healing, sharing meal with one and all,
You invite all those believing, everyone who hears your call,
Warming hearts in hope unbounded, spreading love throughout the plain.
By your wounds we all are heal-ed; sing the song of glad refrain!

When the cries to crucify you were the wounding words to hear,
Even then, you made all things new with forgiveness, love, and cheer!
By our sin you were afflicted, on the cross you bore death's pain,
By your wounds we all are heal-ed; sing the song of glad refrain!

