



January 31, 2021

**Farewell Service
Jesus the Healer**

Silent Meditation: Love isn't a perfect state of caring. It is an active noun like struggle. To love someone is to strive to accept that person exactly the way he or she is, here and now. ~Fred Rogers

Welcome to Worship, Opening Comments, & Ringing of the Bell

Call to Worship

One: Our God is a healing God.

ALL: Jesus Christ, as the embodiment of God, used the power of the Holy Spirit to heal.

One: Now, in our times, we have needed healing in body, mind and spirit.

ALL: As a church community we have sought healing for our communal woes.

One: Pastor Marijke has been God's representative, guiding us out of our fear and mistrust.

ALL: We are hopeful for our future, saying goodbye to one pastor and preparing to greet a new one.

One: We begin this Sunday's service in gratitude of what God has provided for us.

ALL: A pastor to help us bridge the gap from wounded to a Hopeful congregation. May God bless us all on our journey forward. Amen.

↑ Opening Song

"Shower the People"

James Taylor

Children's Time

Ruby Ostermann

Scripture

Mark 2:1-12

Homily

"Jesus, The Healer"

Rev Marijke Rossi

Liturgy of Farewell and Release

Jim Bale Moderator HUCC: *On November 4, 2019 Rev. Marijke Rossi began her ministry as Bridge Pastor at HUCC.*

Pastor Marijke: *I thank Holladay United Church of Christ, its members and friends, for the love, kindness, and support shown me this last year. I ask forgiveness for the mistakes I have made. I am grateful for the ways my leadership has been accepted. As I leave, I carry with me all that I have learned here.*

Jim Bale: *Members of the congregation, please repeat after me:*

We receive your thankfulness, offer forgiveness, and accept that you now leave to minister elsewhere. (pause)

We express our gratitude for your time among us. (pause)

We ask your forgiveness for our mistakes. (pause)

Your influence on our faith and faithfulness will not leave us at your departure. (pause)

Pastor Marijke: I forgive you and accept your gratitude, trusting that our time together and our parting are pleasing to God.

VOWS OF RELEASE (Please stand in body or spirit)

Jim Bale: Do you, the members and friends of the Holladay United Church of Christ, release Pastor Marijke from the duties of being our Bridge Pastor? If yes, please say, we do, with the help of God.

People: We do, with the help of God.

Jim Bale: Do you offer your encouragement for her ministry as it unfolds in new ways? If yes, please say, we do, with the help of God.

People: We do, with the help of God.

Roger Lamoni Intermountain Association Representative: Do you, Pastor Marijke, release this local church from turning to you and depending on you?

Pastor Marijke: I do, with the help of God.

Roger Lamoni: Do you offer your encouragement for the continued ministry here and on the relationship with another who will come to serve?

Pastor Marijke: I do, with the help of God.

WITNESS OF ASSOCIATION

Roger Lamoni: On behalf of the Intermountain Association of the Rocky Mountain Conference and the United Church of Christ, I witness the words spoken: words of thankfulness, forgiveness, and release. The member churches of our Association and Conference hold each of you in prayer. We pledge our support in the transitions signified in this service.

Everyone: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER:

Pastor Marijke: God, whose everlasting love for all is trustworthy, help each of us to trust the future which rests in your care. The time we were together in your name saw our laughter and tears, our hopes and disappointments. Guide us as we hold these cherished memories but move in new directions, until that time to come when we are completely one with you and with each other, in the name of Jesus Christ we pray.

↑Song of Response

“Love, I Will Go”

Aimee Ringle

Pastoral Prayer

Jesus Prayer

O Breathing Life, your Name shines everywhere!

Release a space to plant your Presence here.

Imagine your possibilities now.

Embody your desire in every light and form.

Grow through us this moment's bread and wisdom.

Untie the knots of failure binding us,

as we release the strands we hold of other's faults.

Help us not forget our Source,

yet free us from not being in the Present.

From you arises every Vision, Power and Song

from gathering to gathering. Amen

May our future actions grow from here!



↑ Words of Mission and Charge
Rev. Marijke Rossi

Sung Benediction When You
Walk From Here Linnea Good

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Participants in Worship:

Reader: Shesh Tipton, Video Production: Live service
Music: Jani Gamble, Shesh Tipton, Jim Wetzel, Twist of Faith
Children's Chat: Ruby Ostermann

PRAYER REQUESTS

The following are offered for your prayers both this morning and as you pray this week at home:

- **Prayers of strength and comfort for all those who live in fear of violence.**
- **Prayers of support and gratitude for our community of caregivers.**
- **Prayers of healing for all who are facing health issues**