



March 8, 2020

prepare : healing
Isaiah 58:1-9a

Rev. Kevin Howe, preaching

Connect

❖ The scriptures record several healing stories. These healing offer restoration to individuals broken and to social systems divided by sickness.

Engage

- ❖ Read *Isaiah 58: 1 – 9a*.
- ❖ In verse 8, the text says that healing will quickly spring up. If we were to take Isaiah 58 seriously, what healing might come...
 - To our spirit? (worship, prayer, and other spiritual disciplines)
 - To our mind? (study, discussion, thought, theology)
 - To our bodies? (actions, mission, care of self and of other persons' beings)
- ❖ In the gospels, we see that the healing ministry of Jesus was connected to the great commandments of loving God and neighbor. Pick and read a healing story in the gospels. What are the social dimension and implications of the healing?
- ❖ In light of the healings that take place in the gospels, what are some of the differences, in your view, between *healing* and *curing*?

Next Steps

- ❖ Christ does not just heal us *from* something, Christ heals us *for* something! Make a list of things that you feel called serve.
- ❖ Plan to take action on one of those things during our congregation's Week of Service (Mon., March 30th – Sat., April 4th)

Pray

Almighty God, whether I be strong or fragile, may I come to trust the ways that You work towards the healing of our sin-sick souls. May my actions today bring forth healing for others who also need the balm of your grace and mercy.

HARVARD AVENUE HIGHLIGHTS

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Koinonia Dinners
Tuesday March 24
6:30pm

Koinonia dinners are a one-night event for adults during Lent where church friends will gather – and those who aren't friends yet will be soon! Arrange for childcare, meet church friends and 'break bread' at a table filled with Harvard Avenue family! Sign up on your bulletin insert as a host and provide the place and main dish, or as a guest and bring something to share.



Week of Service
March 30 – April 4

Join us as we embark on a **Week of Service!** Individuals, families, small groups of friends, entire classes are encouraged to serve within the Tulsa community. Maybe you would like to plan an outreach venture with your Sunday School class or community group. Perhaps you already serve weekly at a benevolent organization – great! Whatever the case, capture a photo to share on our gallery wall.



Spring Cleaning
Saturday March 28 9am

Get Harvard Avenue polished and shined for the arrival of our Lead Pastor, and the many guests we'll welcome at Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter! Coordinated by Facilities Manager Marcia Whitaker and our Property Ministry Team, there will be work for men, women, children ... inside and out ... at every skill level. Coffee and donuts will be ready, and many hands will make light work! RSVP to marcia@hacctulsa.org to let us know you can join in.