

John 1:1-4 - In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through Him, all things were made; without Him, nothing was made that has been made. In Him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.

Today is a day of new beginnings, our very first Christian Healing Prayer service in Rose Chapel of Methodist - The Woodlands Hospital. Our team has prepared for this moment for quite some time - but how astonishing it is to know that God had it planned long before we ever even thought of it. In fact, He had prepared this moment in time before we were even conceived in our mothers' wombs. And He has brought you here today to this hospital chapel, to this womb of healing.

The Bible tells us in Ephesians 2:10 that we - all those who are followers of Christ - are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Have you ever thought of yourself as a masterpiece, a priceless, one-of-a-kind creation that is absolutely unique, irreplaceable and treasured? That there is no one else on earth who has the same purpose and destiny as you? That's how God sees you. And He has brought you here today to receive what He has already purposed for you to have as His beloved child and heir of His kingdom - restoration and wholeness in your spirit, soul and body.

Jesus, the Word who was with God in the beginning, became flesh and made His dwelling among us. God sent forth His Word to save us, to heal us, to deliver us from evil - to destroy the works of the enemy. Jesus, the Living Word, has never stopped healing all who come to Him. He is here today, alive by the power of the Holy Spirit in all who have received Him, and wants to bring reconciliation to all of the broken places in your life, whether they be physical, emotional, relational or spiritual.

Our hallmark verse for Christian Healing Prayer is Matthew 11:28 - "Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." Maybe you're feeling anxious, fearful, exhausted, overwhelmed - even hopeless. But you have taken the important first step of coming to Him today, whether you're here with us in the chapel or watching on television in your hospital room. Jesus never sent people away empty-handed. He is with you right now, eager to pour out His love that heals and restores.

Today, this is what Jesus wants you to know and hold in your heart.
Because He is faithful, He will never leave or forsake you.
Because He is forgiving, He has removed your sins as far as the east is
from the west, and He remembers them no more.
Because He is merciful, He desires to bring healing to you.
Because He is generous, all that He has is yours.
Because He is loving, He desires for you to be made holy and whole, to
become one with Him as He is One with the Father.

May God Himself, the One who makes all things holy and whole, make
you holy and whole; put you together- spirit, soul and body - and make
you fit for the coming of our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ. The One who
promised is faithful. If He said it, He will do it. Amen.