

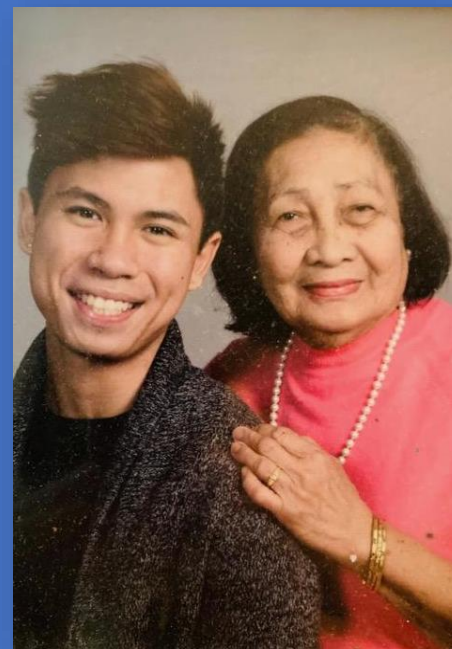


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Sunday, July 16, 2023

Culmore
United Methodist Church

Welcome and
Good Morning!



Our Beloved Rosalina Figuración

Remembrance Service: Saturday, July 22nd at noon

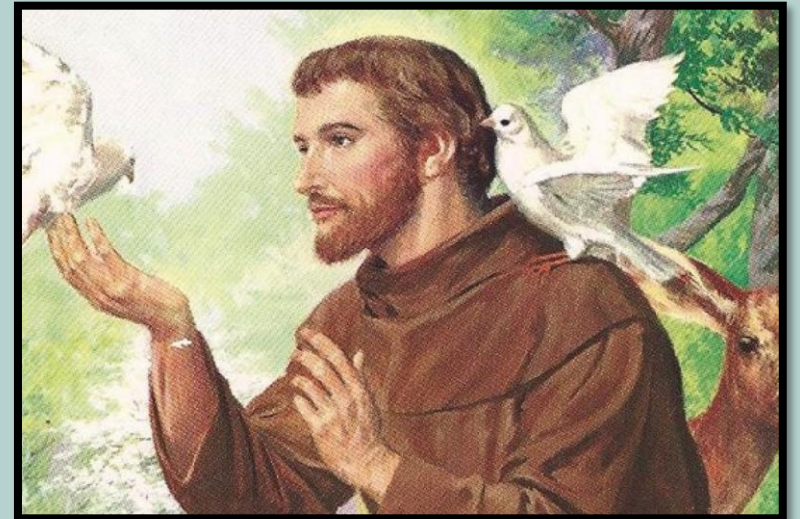
Happy Birthday, Hope!

Once again it's your birthday. Once again the time is here.
What a loving gift from Jesus, He has given you one more year.
Happy time is your birthday, happy time this year.
What a loving gift from Jesus, He has given you one more year.
Oh happy birthday to you, oh happy birthday to you.
For you have Jesus Christ everyday of your life.
Oh happy birthday to you, oh happy birthday to you.
The Lord bless and keep you.
Happy birthday to you. And to Jesus with you.
God bless you and keep you. Happy birthday to you.



We have been called to heal wounds, to unite what has fallen apart, and to bring home those who have lost their way.

—St. Francis of Assisi







I Love to Tell the Story - UMH 156

I love to tell the story of unseen things above
Of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;
It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.



**I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.**

I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat
What seems each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet.
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
The message of salvation from God's own Holy Word.

Opening Prayer:

Lord, help us love one another as you have loved us.

May we listen without interrupting and speak without judgment.

May we give without sparing and promise without forgetting.

May we pray without ceasing and enjoy without complaint.

May we answer without arguing and forgive without punishing.

May we listen for Your Word and answer when you call. ***Amen.***

Responsive Reading: Psalm 31 (selections)

In you, O LORD, I have taken refuge; deliver me in your righteousness.

Turn your ear to me, come quickly to my rescue; be my rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me.

Since you are my rock and my fortress, for the sake of your name lead and guide me.

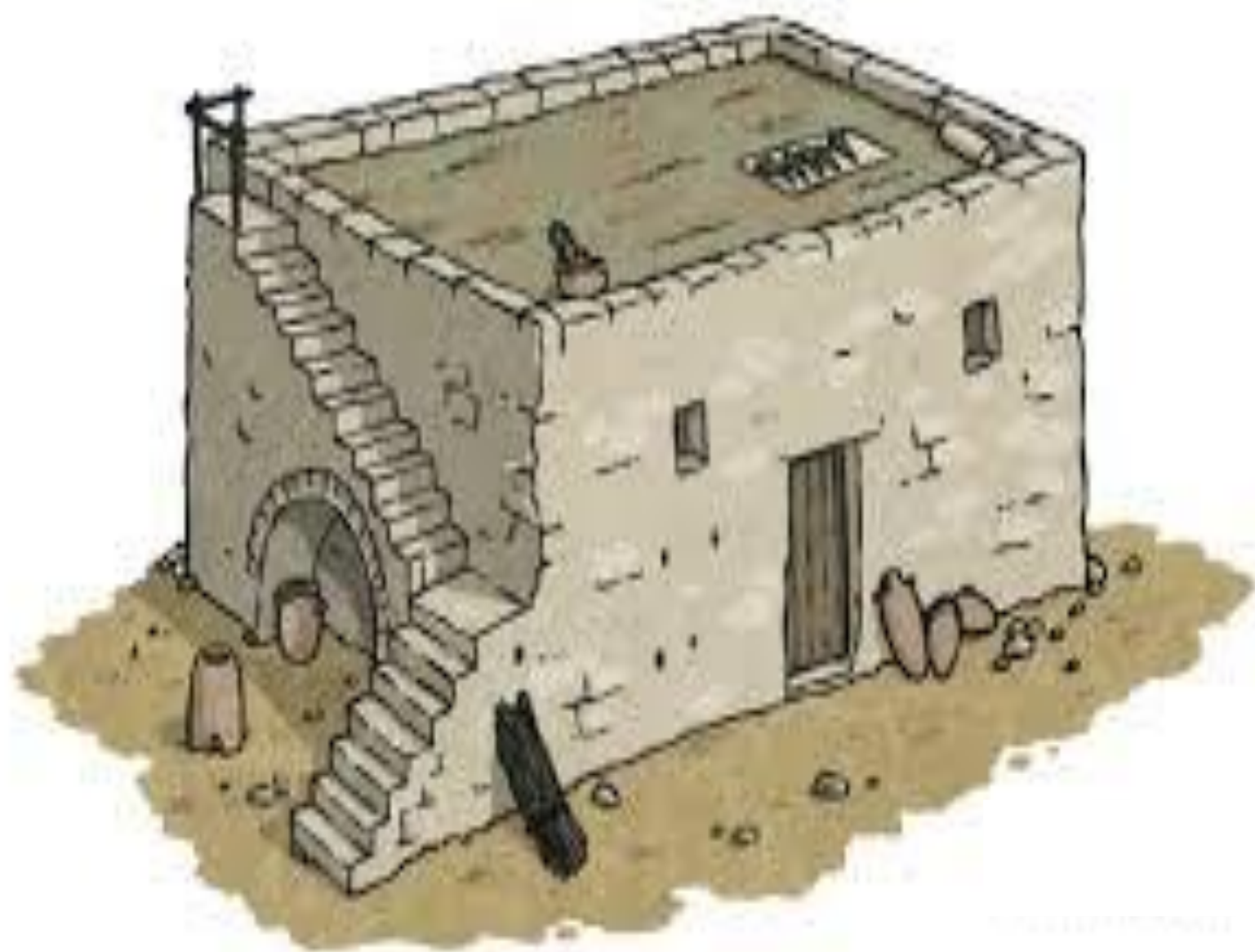
Into your hands I commit my spirit; redeem me, O LORD, the God of truth.

I will be glad and rejoice in your love, for you saw my affliction and knew the anguish of my soul.

My life is consumed by anguish and my years by groaning; my strength fails because of my affliction, and my bones grow weak.

But I trust in you, O LORD; I say, “You are my God.” Let your face shine on your servant; save me in your unfailing love.

How great is your goodness, which you have stored up for those who fear you, which you bestow in the sight of all who take refuge in you.



Mark 2: 2-12



When Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home. They gathered in such large numbers that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them.

Some men came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus by digging through it and then lowered the mat the man was lying on.

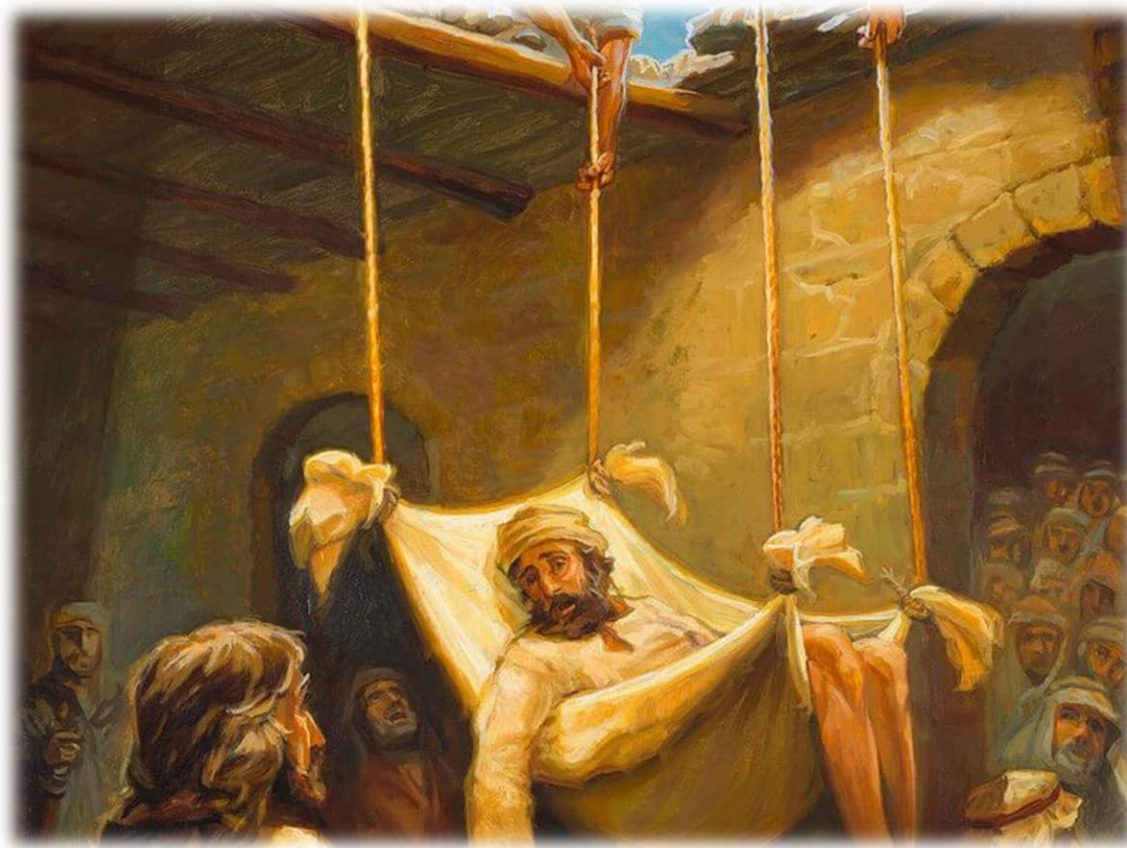




"I couldn't have done it alone."



When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man,
"Son, your sins are forgiven."



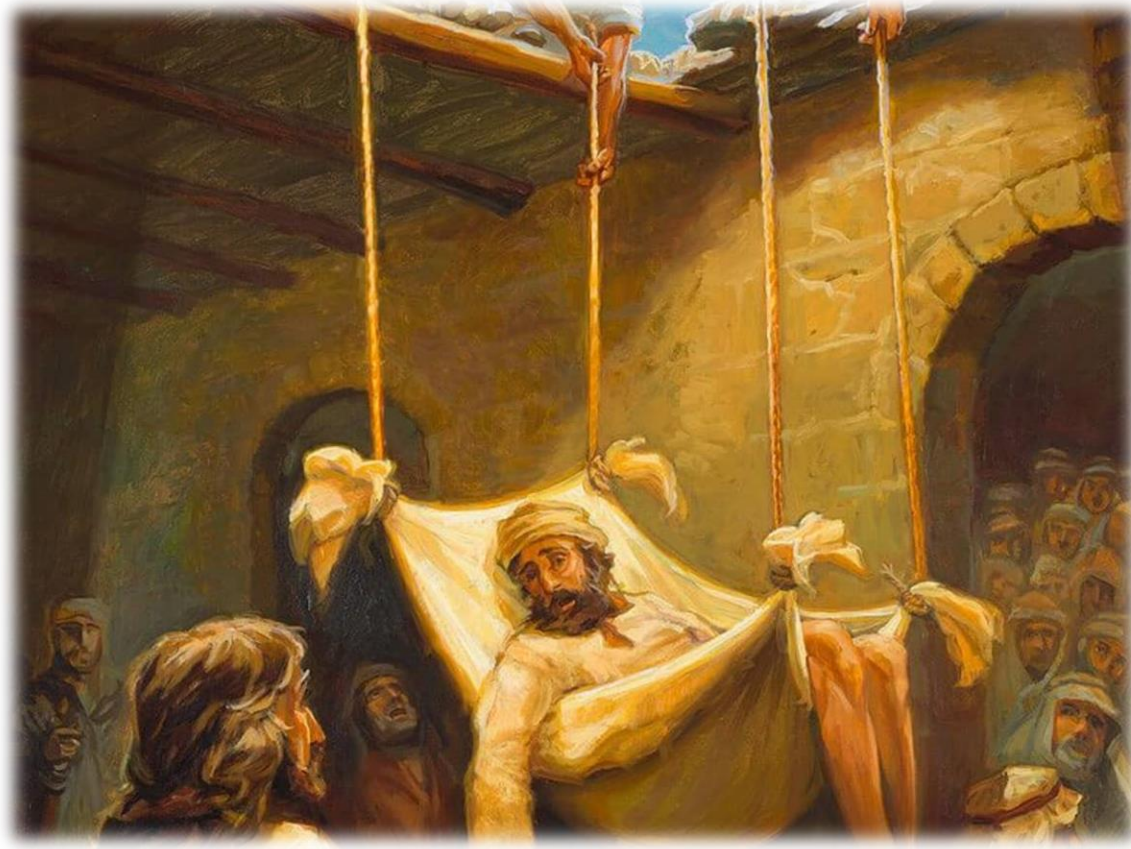


Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves, "*Why does this fellow talk like that? He's blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?*"



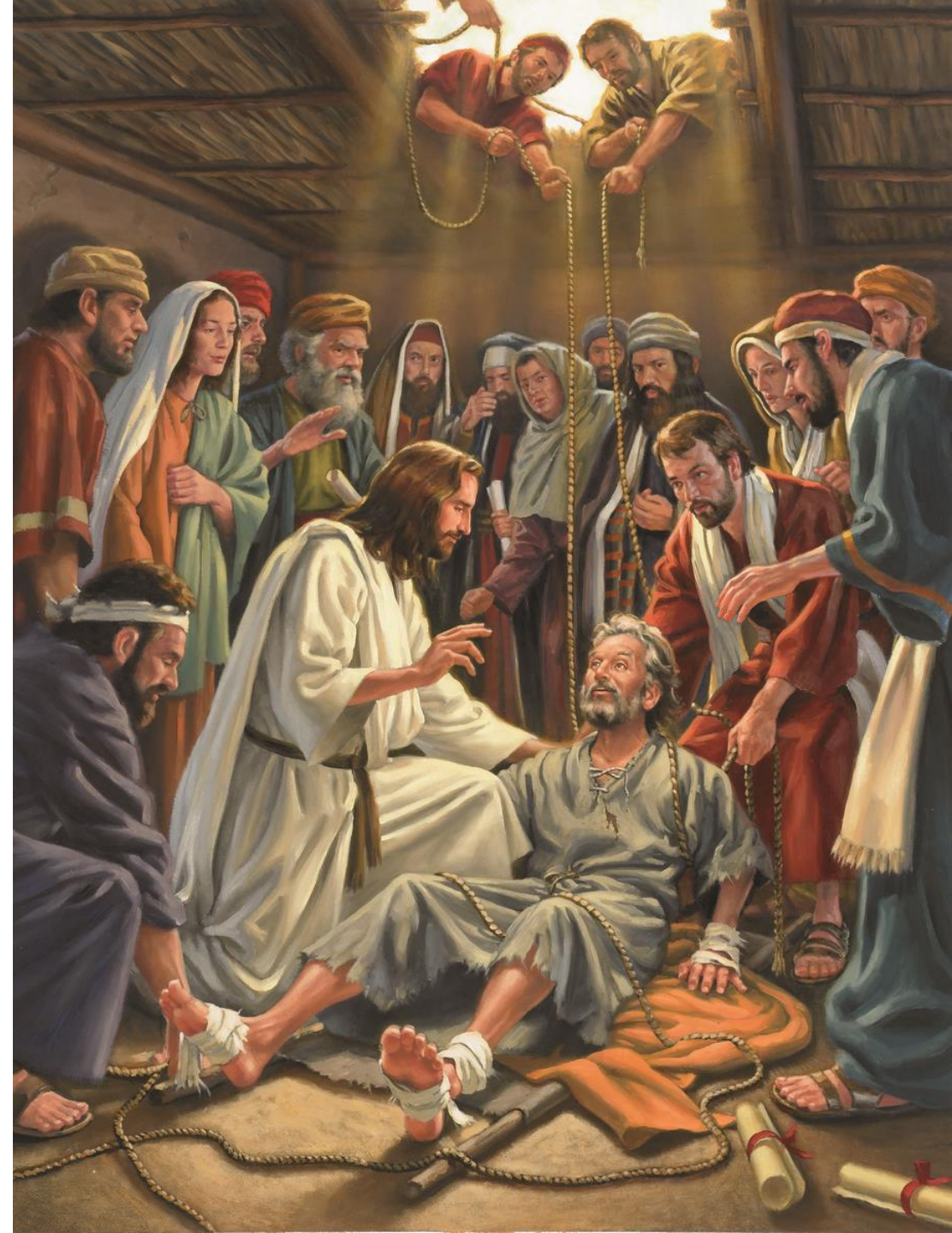
Immediately Jesus knew in his spirit that this was what they were thinking in their hearts, and he said to them, "Why are you thinking these things?"

Which is easier: to say to this paralyzed man, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up, take your mat and walk'? But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins."



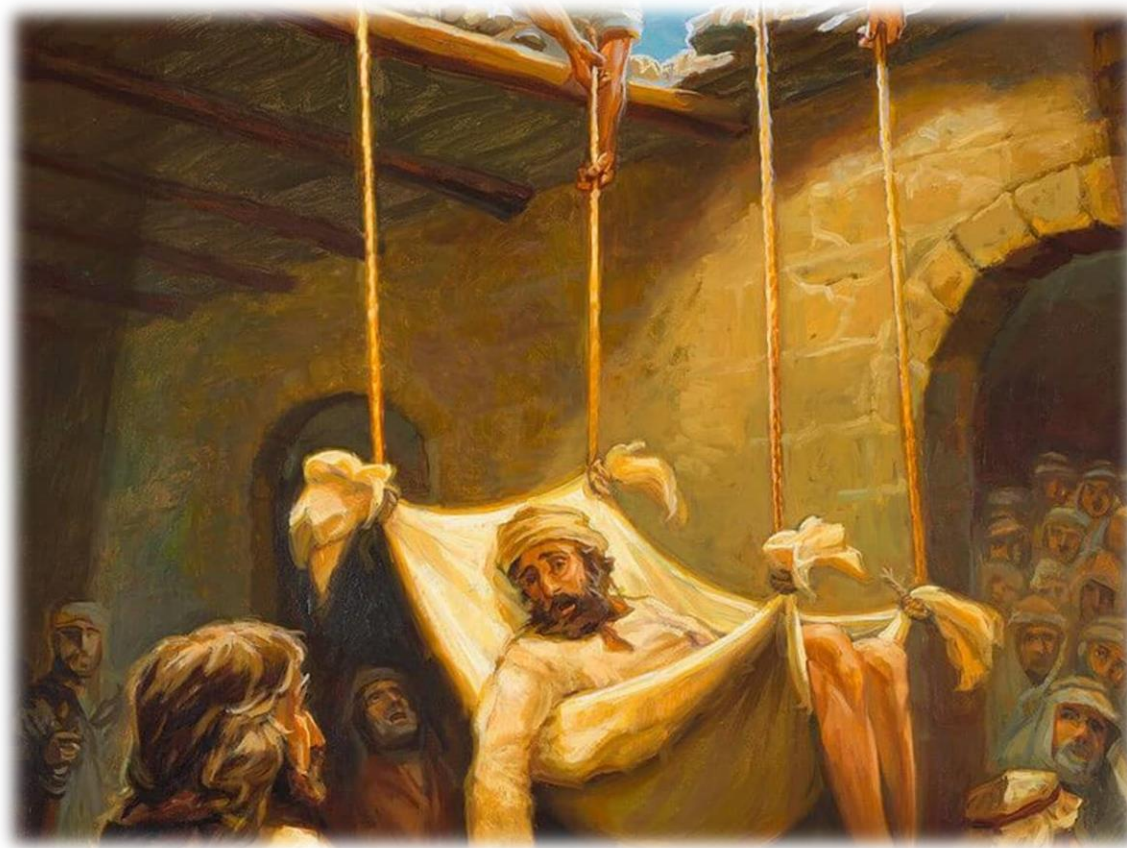
So he said to the man, *"I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home."*

He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all. This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"



This man sinned;
that's why he's paralyzed.

When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man,
"Son, your sins are forgiven."



Nang makita ni Hesus ang kanilang pananampalataya , sinabi niya,
“Anak, pinatawad na ang iyong mga kasalanan.”

イエスは彼らの信仰を見てこう言われました。
「息子よ、あなたの罪は赦されました。」

当耶稣看到他们的信心时，他说：
“孩子，你的罪孽被赦免了。”

Mark 2: 5

Cuando Jesús vio su fe, dijo:
“Hijo, tus pecados te son perdonados.”

예수님께서 그들의 믿음을 보시고, “아들아,
네 죄는 용서받았다.”

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Gracious God,

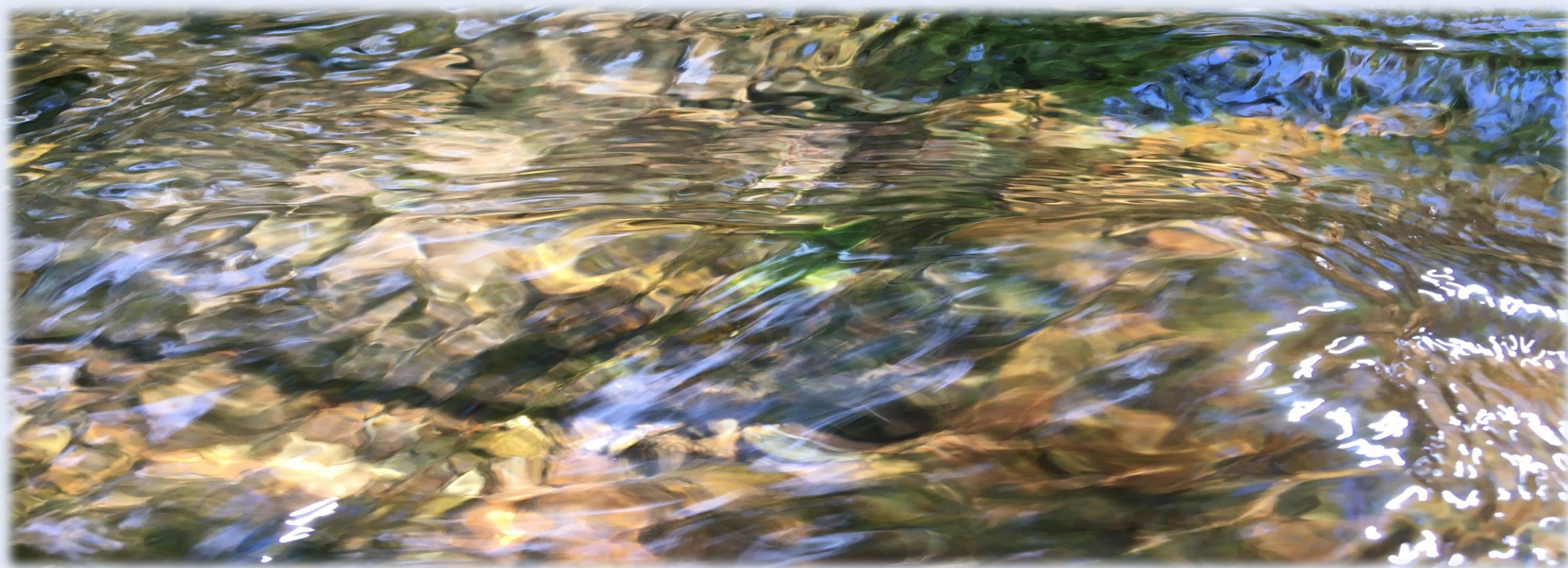
Opening Prayer:

We all come to you in need of all kinds of healing: healing of our relationships, healing of hearts, healing of our body. With you, we know that nothing is impossible, not even the healing and restoration of the entire world. Just as you forgave and healed the paralyzed man, so too we pray that you will heal us and our broken world,

Loving and merciful God, you know our hearts. Help us to be like the paralytic's friends, the embodiment of faith in action, always ready to bring others into the presence of your healing grace.

God who loves, heals and strengthens us – hear our prayers. *Amen.*

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Offering and Doxology

UM Hymnal 95



We give thanks for this wonderful,
generous community of faith.



Doxology - UM Hymnal 94

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!



Benediction

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