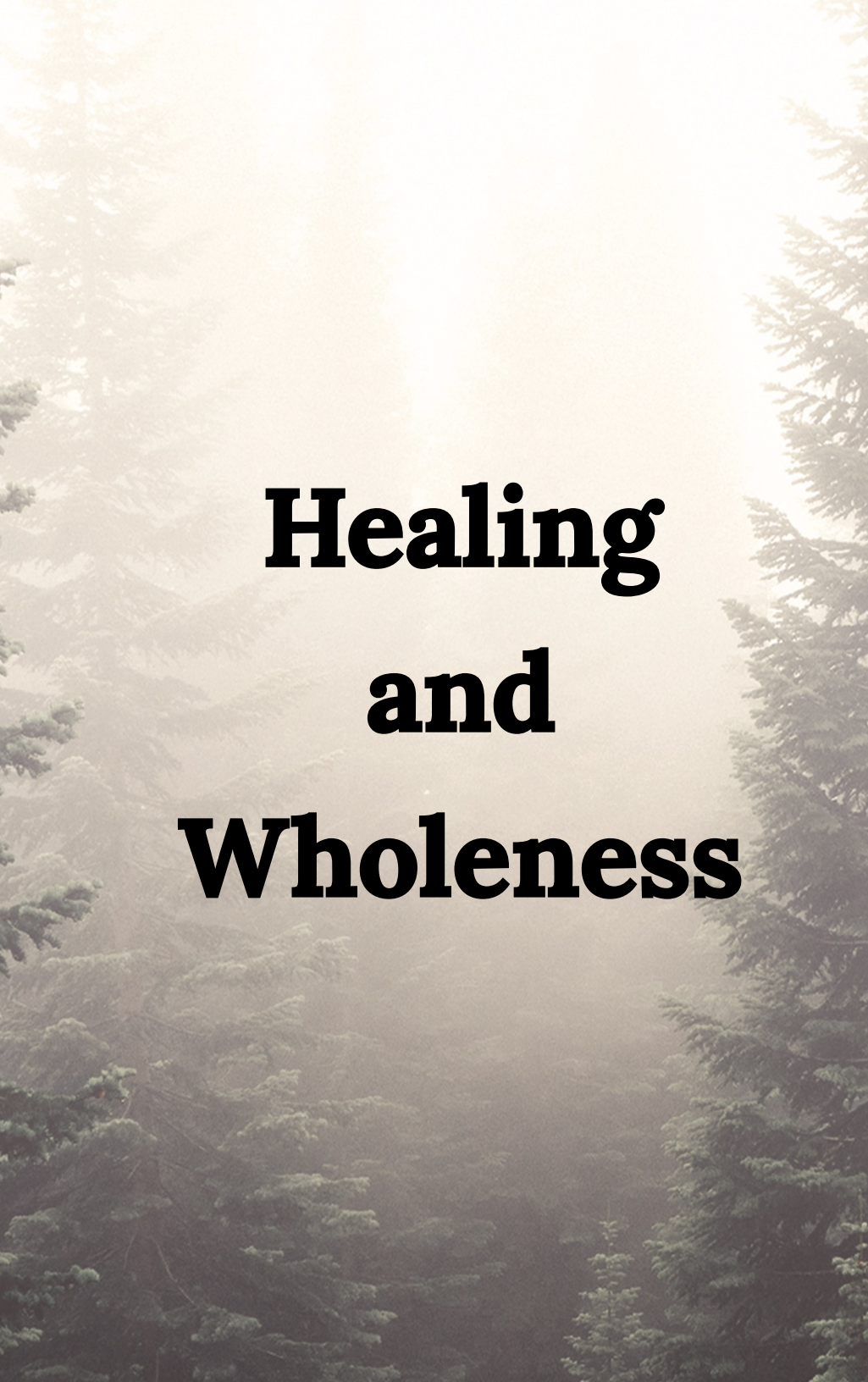


He was oppressed and afflicted,
yet He did not open his mouth;
He was led like a lamb to the slaughter,
and as a sheep before its shearers is silent,
so He did not open His mouth.
By oppression and judgment He was taken away.
Yet who of His generation protested?

For He was cut off from the land of the living;
for the transgression of my people He was punished.
He was assigned a grave with the wicked,
and with the rich in His death,
though He had done no violence,
nor was any deceit in His mouth.

Yet it was the LORD's will to crush Him and cause Him to suffer,
and though the LORD makes His life an offering for sin,
He will see His offspring and prolong His days,
and the will of the LORD will prosper in His hand.
After He has suffered,
He will see the light of life and be satisfied;
by His knowledge my righteous servant will justify many,
and He will bear their iniquities.
Therefore I will give Him a portion among the great,
and He will divide the spoils with the strong,
because He poured out His life unto death,
and was numbered with the transgressors.
For He bore the sin of many,
and made intercession for the transgressors.



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There are four ways to participate at this station. These flow well one into the next, however feel free to do as many as you want.

Meditation on the Cross: Read Isaiah 53 asking the Holy Spirit to open your eyes to what He would want you to see. What does this Old Testament prophecy about the death of Jesus prompt you to pray?

Confession of Sin: The cross reminds us that sin matters. Sin costs. Sin always robs life. The Holy Spirit convicts us of sin because He loves us and is working to make us more like Jesus, the one who gives new and abundant life.

You may want to pray this prayer with the Psalmist in Psalm 139: *Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.*

If the Spirit brings something specific to your mind that you want to confess you can write it on one of the dissolving papers and put it in the water, claiming God's promise that you are washed from all sin by the blood of Jesus shed for you. Thank Jesus for cleansing you from all sin.

Taking Communion: Communion is the remembrance of the sacrifice Jesus made for us and giving thanks to Him for what He has done.

He took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after the supper He took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you". Luke 22:19-20.

Take time again to thank Jesus for His sacrifice for you.

Prayers for Healing and Wholeness: All of us have areas of pain, brokenness and wounding in our lives. Jesus, the one who conquered sin and death invites us to pray for healing and wholeness. Tonight you may want prayer for a need that is physical, emotional, spiritual, mental, or relational. There are people at this station who would be honored to pray with you and to anoint you with oil if you so choose.

Isaiah 53

Who has believed our message
and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?
He grew up before Him like a tender shoot,
and like a root out of dry ground.
He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to Him,
nothing in His appearance that we should desire Him.
He was despised and rejected by mankind,
a man of suffering, and familiar with pain.
Like one from whom people hide their faces
He was despised, and we held Him in low esteem.

Surely He took up our pain
and bore our suffering,
yet we considered Him punished by God,
stricken by Him, and afflicted.
But He was pierced for our transgressions,
He was crushed for our iniquities;
the punishment that brought us peace was on Him,
and by His wounds we are healed.
We all, like sheep, have gone astray,
each of us has turned to our own way;
and the LORD has laid on Him
the iniquity of us all.