

October 8, 2023

Worship 9:30am

Fellowship 10:30am

Faith Formation for all ages 10:50am

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Janelle Arnett Campbell, organist

WELCOME AND PRAYER

Sallie Page-Goertz, worship leader

*HYMN VT 571

*O God, We Read the Holy Law***

WE LISTEN AND LEARN

MOMENT OF WONDER

Sara Mwangura

SCRIPTURE

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. -Ephesians 5:1

*Is there no balm in Gilead?
Is there no physician there?
Why then have my people
not been restored to health?
-Jeremiah 8:22*

SERMON

Ruth Harder

ANTHEM

There is a Balm in Gilead

traditional, arr. Kemmer
Vicky Kaufman, solo

WE RESPOND AND SHARE

SHARING JOY

We welcome the introduction of guests and visitors during this time. One way we get to know one another is by signing the friendship registers. Once the register reaches the center aisle, please pass it back to the outer aisle.

As we share our joys and concerns, please be mindful of those gathered remotely.

SHARING CONCERNS

PRAYING TOGETHER

Prayer hymn: VT 572 *Let This Mind Be in You*
Slips of paper are available in the pew racks for those who wish to offer joys and concerns silently and anonymously. These papers, if put in the offering plate, will be placed in the prayer bowl table at the front of the sanctuary.

OFFERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE GO INTO THE WORLD WITH LOVE

*HYMN VT 644

Healer of Our Every Ill

*SENDING FORTH

*POSTLUDE

*You are invited to stand

**Martin Luther composed this hymn tune in the early 16th century. While it is commonly sung in a more “equal” rhythm, this setting is closer to the original Renaissance version.

Anthem text: *There is a Balm in Gilead* Traditional, arr. George W. Kemmer

(Refrain)

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain,
But then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. (Refrain)

If you can preach like Peter, if you can pray like Paul,
Go home and tell your neighbor, "He died to save us all." (Refrain)

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