

GATHERING MUSIC
WELCOME

BALM IN GILEAD - African American Spiritual, Setting by Pam Gervais

CALL TO WORSHIP

I was glad when they said, **let us go to the Lord's house!**
May peace be within these walls **and may this place be a refuge.**
For the sake of our Lord, **let us seek good for one another.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

We confess our sins before God and one another.

To you, O God,

all hearts are open, to you all desires known. We come to you, confessing our sins, the thoughts, words, and deeds that have damaged our relationship with you, our neighbors, and your creation. *silence for reflection* **Forgive us in your mercy, and remember us in your love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

God is gracious and pardons all our shortcomings. May the giver of life forgive us our sins and restore us to the joy of discipleship and service, for the sake of Jesus our faithful Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Merciful God,

You long for your people to bear the fruits of mercy and repentance. **Tend and guide our growth into a faithful people who serve you and the people you love, for the sake of Jesus. Amen.**

ACCLAMATION

"Listen To The Word"

ACS #974

Lis-ten to the word that God has spo-ken; lis-ten to the One who is
close at hand; lis-ten to the voice that be - gan cre - a - tion;
lis - ten e - ven if you don't un - der - stand.

READING: **Psalm 122**

Refrain by Bernadette Farrell



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1 I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the LORD!"

2 Our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

3 Jerusalem — built as a city
that is bound firmly together.

4 To it the tribes go up,
the tribes of the LORD,
as was decreed for Israel,
to give thanks to the name of the LORD.

5 For there the thrones for judgment were set up,
the thrones of the house of David.

6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
"May they prosper who love you.

7 Peace be within your walls,
and security within your towers."

8 For the sake of my relatives and friends
I will say, "Peace be within you."

9 For the sake of the house of the LORD our God,
I will seek your good. *REFRAIN*

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke
PREACHING TEXT: **Luke 13:1-9, 31-35**

Glory to you, O Lord.
The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Trudy Stoffel

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SPECIAL MUSIC

"End Theme" - Tenmon

Matt Slifka, piano

APOSTLES CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS After each petition: God of mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

Refrain

There is a balm in Gil-e - ad to make the wound - ed whole;



there is a balm in Gil-e - ad to heal the sin - sick soul.



- 1 Some - times I feel dis - cour-aged and think my work's in vain,
- 2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can - not pray like Paul,
- 3 Don't ev - er be dis - cour-aged, for Je - sus is your friend;

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but then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.
 you can tell the love of Je - sus and say, "He died for all."
 and if you lack for knowl - edge, he'll ne'er re - fuse to lend.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: BALM IN GILEAD, African American spiritual

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SENDING MUSIC

"Lullaby From Valdres" - Edvard Grieg