



OUTSIDE ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 26th, 2021 10:00 am 18th Sunday after Pentecost

Rain Location: Bethel Sanctuary

* please stand - in body or in spirit *

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC(audio selection; music prerecorded)

WESTMINSTER CHIMES

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTSPenny Lee, Worship Leader

WE APPROACH GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP (Isaiah 30:19-21)Penny Lee

Leader: O people of Zion, who live in Jerusalem you will weep no more.

People: How gracious he will be when you cry for help!

Leader: As soon as he hears, he will answer you.

People: Although the Lord gives you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction,

Leader: your teachers will be hidden no more,

People: with your own eyes you will see them,

Leader: whether you turn to the right or to the left,

People: your ears will hear a voice behind you saying "This is the way, walk in it".

(please stand)

*OPENING HYMN "O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!"

(see page 4 for text & music)

JoAnn Pendley, Keyboardist

* CALL TO CONFESSION (Psalm 32:3-5)Penny Lee

When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer. Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord" - and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

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* ~ PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)All

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgement.

Set us free from a past we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

~ "Book of Common Worship"
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* MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

* ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Psalm 32:1-2)Penny Lee

Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord does not count against him and in whose spirit is no deceit.

And all God's people joyfully say, "Amen".

(please be seated)

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATIONDerek Almarode, Ruling Elder

SCRIPTURE READINGJoshua 1:1-11

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Facing Adversity"
Derek Almarode, Ruling Elder

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN OF REFLECTION "There Is a Balm in Gilead"
(see page 5 for text & music)
JoAnn Pendley, Keyboardist

(please stand)

(worship service continues)

* STATEMENT OF FAITH - APOSTLES CREED (unison)All

Let us confess the faith of our Baptism.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

(please be seated)

JOYS & CONCERNSPenny Lee

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)Derek Almarode

... 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SENDING

(please stand)

*CLOSING HYMN "How Firm a Foundation"
(see page 6 for text & music)
JoAnn Pendley, Keyboardist

* CHARGE & BENEDICTIONDerek Almarode

CLOSING MUSIC(audio selection; music prerecorded)

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THANK YOU FOR JOINING US FOR WORSHIP THIS MORNING!
HAVE A FABULOUS & BLESSED WEEK!

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41 O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

1 O wor - ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove!
 2 O tell of God's might; O sing of God's grace,
 3 The earth with its store of won - ders un - told,
 4 Your boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite?
 5 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,

O grate - ful - ly sing God's power and God's love:
 whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space,
 Al - might - y, your power has found - ed of old;
 It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
 in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;

our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
 whose char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form;
 es - tab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,
 it streams from the hills; it de - scends to the plain,
 your mer - cies, how ten - der, how firm to the end,

pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.
 and bright is God's path on the wings of the storm.
 and round it has cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
 and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
 our Mak - er, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend.

Addressing the first two stanzas to the singers of the hymn and the last three to God, this free paraphrase of Psalm 104 recasts the psalmist's imagery with baroque verve. Though it was first published in England, the tune has been more popular in North America than there.

There Is a Balm in Gilead 792

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.

Fine

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

then the Ho-ly Spir - it re-vives my soul a - gain. There is a
 if you lack for knowl-edge, he'll not re-fuse to lend. There is a
 tell the love of Je - sus and say, "He died for all." There is a

to Refrain

This African American spiritual offers a long-delayed answer to the prophet Jeremiah's question, "Is there no balm in Gilead?" (Jeremiah 8:22). No earthly remedy can compare with the healing that comes from a sense of God's presence; nothing else can heal "the sin-sick soul."

TEXT: African American spiritual
 MUSIC: African American spiritual; arr. Melva Wilson Costen, 1989, alt.
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BALM IN GILEAD
 7.6.7.6 with refrain

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1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis - mayed,
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
 5 "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose,

is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!
 for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
 the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;
 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

What more can be said than to you God hath said,
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 for I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

It seems odd now to think of singing this text to ADESTE FIDELES, but mainline churches did so well into the 20th century because of a cultural bias against shape note music. The vigor of the present tune seems especially right for the final line's reference to Hebrews 13:5.