Preparing to Hear God’s Word

Prelude  
*Herzlich tut mich erfreuen*  
Johannes Brahms

Welcome  
Lynne Clements

Opening Prayer

God’s Word to Us

Psalter  
Psalm 90:13-17  
Annabelle Garth

Solo  
*All Who Love and Serve Your City*  
Sacred Harmony  
text: Erik Routley

Gospel  
Mark 9:14-29

Sermon  
How Long, O Lord?  
David Garth

Hymn  
*There Is a Balm in Gilead*  
*Balm in Gilead*

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Charge and Benediction

Postlude  
*Andante (Sonata VI)*  
Felix Mendelssohn
There Is a Balm in Gilead

Refrain

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;

there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

1 Sometimes I feel discour-aged, and think my work’s in vain, but
2 Don’t ever feel discour-aged, for Jesus is your friend, and
3 If you can-not preach like Peter, if you can-not pray like Paul, you can

then the Holy Spirit re-vives my soul again. There is a
if you lack for knowl-edge, he’ll not re-fuse to lend. There is a
tell the love of Jesus and say, “He died for all.” There is a

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.”
WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL
Prayer of Confession

Holy God, you set the standard for loving in your Son Jesus. We acknowledge on this day our failure to love daughters and sons, partners and spouses, and especially our siblings of a different race. The crisis upon our nation reveals our shortcomings in providing justice and in sharing resources. Open the eyes of our imagination to see what you require – to do justice, to love mercy and to walk humbly with you, for you alone can save us. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

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