

April 28, 2024



**WE SHARE A VISION TO BE A LOVING COMMUNITY OF HOPE AND HEALING WHERE ALL ARE WELCOME TO GATHER, GROW AND GO AS WHOLE-HEARTED DISCIPLES OF JESUS!**

Welcome, Announcements and Prayer Requests

Prelude                    “In Evening Air” (A. Copland)

Call to Worship

Call: O Lord, You bind us together as brothers and sisters,  
beloved in Christ.

**All: Fill our hearts, our lives, and our voices with Your praise,  
and make us bold to proclaim Your name to all people.**

Hymn #233                    “The Day of Resurrection”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Holy Love, first and last, You offer yourself to us completely and call us to Your life. Yet we are afraid, for Your Way demands much of us. We confess that we are often quick to judge and slow to forgive. We confess that we choose that which does not satisfy, even as You offer us abundant life. When our fear overrides Your call, forgive us. When we act from our own limited love rather than Your expansive grace, forgive us. Reach down to us again, lift us up as a mother lifts a child to her cheek. Cast out our fear and fill us with the breath of Your Spirit, that we may live the love we see in Your Son, Jesus the Christ, in whose perfect name we pray. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

God abides in you! God is breathing, living, forgiving, restoring you in this moment, and in the days to come. This is the good news for us!

Hymn #582      “Glory To God Whose Goodness Shines on Me”

Anthem

Scripture Reading              Acts 4:5-12 NLT

The Good News              “The Safety We Seek”

Hymn #792              “There Is a Balm in Gilead”  
\*See note on back of bulletin

Prayers of the People

Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Hymn #795              “Healer of Our Every Ill”

Benediction                      Words and Music by Jars of Clay  
**Go into the world, showing how much God loves you. Walk in the world, in merciful ways, God loves you. Emmanuel on earth. Yours is the body, the hands and the feet, and Yours are the eyes that look compassionately, to bless you and me, bless you and me, God will bless you and me.**

Postlude                      “Hallelujah” (L. Coen)



## Today's Worship Leaders

### Minister

All Gathered! 1 Peter 2:5  
Rev. Rich Gelson, Pastor

### Worship Music Leaders

Bud Martin  
Linda Pettinelli  
Children's Choir

### Livestream

Cortney Selander

### Liturgy

[www.liturgylink.com](http://www.liturgylink.com)  
The Presbyterian Outlook  
The Skit Guys

\*The phrase "a balm in Gilead" originates from the Old Testament, specifically from the book of Jeremiah. In ancient times, a **healing balm** was used as a medicinal solution to treat various ailments. This balm was likely administered by medicine men or wise women in villages to aid in curing illnesses. The balm of Gilead, mentioned in the Bible, holds special significance and serves as a metaphor for **Jesus Christ**, the only one who can save us from a disastrous fate.



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