

St. John's United Church of Christ, Weldon Spring
September 18, 2022, 10 a.m.
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude, Ringing of the Bell, and Announcements

***Hymn: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" NCH 304**

Call to Worship (Jeremiah 8, Psalm 79)

Leader: Is God not in Zion?

Is there no ruler to lead us?

**People: Search for the Lord,
for God waits where we least expect it.**

Leader: Is there no balm in Gilead?

Is there no healer to help us?

**People: Cry out to the Lord,
for God hears our pleas.**

Leader: Is there no hope left to be found?

Is there nowhere to turn?

**People: Place your trust in the Lord,
whose compassion comes speedily to meet us.**

Leader: Come, worship the one who hears our pleas.

**People: We will enter God's gates
with hope and gladness.**

Unison Opening Prayer

Elusive One, the scoffers say, "Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there?" Why do you tarry when your people need you? Why do you hide your face when our need is great? Speed your compassion to our side, for our souls have become wellsprings of sorrow, and our eyes have become rivers of tears. Help us, O God of our salvation, for in you alone do we find our strength to revive our souls; in you alone do we find nourishment to meet the needs for the journey. Come speedily to us once more, that we may see your glory and know where our true help lies. Amen.

Children's Time

Cares Chorus (Sung)

**I cast all my cares upon you,
I lay all my burdens down at your feet,**

**And anytime that I don't know what to do,
I will cast all my cares upon you.**

Scripture Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

Special Music: *"Jesus, Name above All Names"*

Sermon: *"Prayerful Living"*

by Rev. David W. Poe, Intentional Interim

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Leader: *Let us pray to the Lord:*

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Offertory

***Doxology (Sung)**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Holy Communion

***Hymn:** *"More Love to You, O Christ" NCH 456*

Blessing and Response (Sung)

The congregation is invited to hold hands as we sing the response.

Alleluia, Alleluia

God be with you, Alleluia

Postlude

**The congregation may stand.*

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