

A SERVICE OF LAMENT AND HEALING

Sunday, March 14, 2021, 4:00 p.m.

One year ago, the COVID-19 pandemic began its rapid spread across the United States. In response, churches, universities, and schools suspended in-person activities and began the shift to online services and courses. We mark the anniversary of the pandemic in this brief service. We lament the things that we have lost—lives, incomes, stability—and pray for God's healing and restoration: of ourselves, our communities, and our world.

Opening Voluntary

Jesus Loves Me

William Bolcom (b. 1938)

Choral Introit (Virtual)

Nurture (Words from Two Women, No. 1)

Jane Marshall (1924–2019)

Heal the broken with comforting words of God. Cheer them gently with earthly joys. Be merry; laugh with the broken and carry their secret needs in the deepest silence of your heart.

Text: Mechtild of Magdeburg (c.1207–c.1282)

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Prayer Collect

Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, with mercy you look upon our weaknesses. Stretch out your wondrous hand to protect us from danger and restore us to health, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Reading

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

Given by the Rev. Dr. Luke A. Powery

Hymn | See hymn at the back of the worship guide.

There Is A Balm in Gilead

BALM IN GILEAD

Prayers for Healing

After each petition, the congregation responds:

Hear our prayer.

Benediction

May the God of hope who hears our prayer and holds us in love, bless and keep you now and always.
In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Anthem (Virtual)

God's Got the Whole World

spiritual, arr. Mark A. Miller

God's got the whole world in God's hands. God has you and me in those hands. God's got the whole world, the whole world, the whole world in God's hands.

TODAY IN WORSHIP

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HYMN FOR MARCH 14, 2021

Response Hymn

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Text: African American spiritual Music: BALM IN GILEAD, African American spiritual