

**Sunday, March 29, 2020**

**Worship with The Presbyterian Church of Okemos**



**Prelude**                There Is a Balm in Gilead                [Robert Powell]

**Opening Prayer**

Lord, grant to us, if it be Your pleasure:

spontaneity and discipline, laughter and reverence, energy and rest;

Grant us patience to take each day an hour at a time, and the wisdom to handle whatever happens with common sense and trust in Your grace.

May our spirits be free from fear and irritability, self-doubt and dark clouds. Make of each one of us a window through whom light shines. Keep each of us ever mindful of the good we know, as well as of the needs of others. Through Christ, we pray. **Amen.**

**Prayer of Confession**

Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. In penitence and faith, let us confess our sin before Almighty God. Let us pray together:

**Holy God, You are the Word behind all words, the calm at the eye of the storm, the energy that calls forth and sustains creation. You are present in the midst of our pain and our laughter; You are the end of the yearning in our hearts. You share many blessings with us, yet Your gift to us is much more. Open us, Lord; we whose lives are locked, whose thoughts are well-rehearsed, whose prayer is predictable. Open us to depths we have not explored, truths we have avoided, paths we have not followed, beauty we have yet to notice. Open us to Jesus Christ, in whom all things are held together for God and for our good.**

*(silent prayers)*

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. **And grant us Your peace. Amen.**

**The Promise of the Gospel**

**Sacred Song**                We Come to You for Healing, Lord                Connor Koppin, soloist

We come to You for healing, Lord, of body mind and soul,  
And pray that by your Spirit's touch we may again be whole.  
As once you walked through ancient streets and reached toward those in pain,  
We know you come among us still with power to heal again.  
You touch us through physicians' skills, through nurses' gifts of care,  
And through the love of faithful friends who lift our lives in prayer.  
Through nights of pain and wakefulness, through days when strength runs low,  
Grant us your gift of patience, Lord, your calming peace to know.

**Scripture Lesson**                John 11 selected verses

**Sermon**                                Unbound

**Musical Interlude**                What Wondrous Love Is This                [Dale Wood]

**Prayers of the People**

**Benediction**

**Postlude**                                Rondeau                                [Mouret]