

15th Sunday after Pentecost – September 18, 2022 – 10:30am

Order of Worship

The Community Gathers

Lighting of Altar Candles

Gathering Music -

A Word of Greeting and Welcome/Centering Words ~

Jane Matsumoto

You are far more talented than you give yourself credit for. Be faithful in what you have been given, and God will bless you with more. But be unfaithful in what you have been given, and God will take it away. May we, who are asked to give an accounting of our talents, be found faithful.

Opening Hymn* - *“There is a Balm in Gilead”*

Amy Higa

Giving God Glory As We Come To Worship

Call to Worship (L: Leader P: People)-

Jane Matsumoto

L: Is God not in Zion? Is there no ruler to lead us?

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

L: Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no healer to help us?

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

L: Is there no hope left to be found? Is there nowhere to turn?

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

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

P: We will enter God’s gates with hope and gladness.

Opening Prayer

Jane Matsumoto

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.

Message for the Children (In Us All)

Darrell Mark

Special Music – *“O Come to the Altar”*

Wade, Danny & Derek Inouye

The Word of God for the people of God

Scripture Lesson: Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

Jane Matsumoto

¹⁸No healing, only grief; my heart is broken. ¹⁹Listen to the weeping of my people all across the land: “Isn’t the Lord in Zion? Is her king no longer there?” Why then did they anger me with their images, with pointless foreign gods? ²⁰“The harvest is past, the summer has ended, yet we aren’t saved.” ²¹Because my people are crushed, I am crushed; darkness and despair overwhelm me. ²²Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then have my people not been restored to health?

If only my head were a spring of water, and my eyes a fountain of tears, I would weep day and night for the wounds of my people.

L: The Word of God for all people

P: Thanks be to God

Sermon: ~ “ME to WE”

Rev. ‘Amelia Sivi Finau & Minister Ainise Isama’u

Pastoral Prayer/Lord’s Prayer

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We Respond to God’s grace

Offering Our Gifts ~

Minister Ainise Isama’u

Doxology*

Amy Higa

***Offertory – Prayer of Dedication**

Jane Matsumoto

Source of every good gift, you call us to be wise with the true riches of your kingdom. May this offering show such wisdom, that having been found faithful in a little, you will trust us to be faithful in much. We offer you these gifts in gratitude for your love, that they may bring healing and light to those who need your balm of Gilead. Amen.

Going Forth in God's Holy Name

Faith In Action – The Ministry of Faith UMC –

Minister Ainise Isama’u

Closing Hymn* ~ *“For the Healing of the Nations”*

Amy Higa

Commission and Blessings * -

Rev. ‘Amelia Sivi Finau & Minister Ainise Isama’u

Passing of the Peace* - Postlude