St. James Worship Service

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 15, 2026

Serving Today

Minister	Pastor Don Knowles
Organist/Pianist	Dr. John Hildreth
Worship Assistant	Stacy Miles
Lector	Terrill Johnson
Video	Dave Renneke

Today's Music

614	***There is a Balm in Gilead***
520	***Dearest Jesus, at Your Word***
793	***Be Thou My Vision***

614

There is a Balm in Gilead

Refrain

There is a balm in Gilead
to make the wounded whole;
there is a balm in Gilead
to heal the sin-sick soul.

1. **Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work's in vain, but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.**

Refrain

There is a balm in Gilead
to make the wounded whole;
there is a balm in Gilead
to heal the sin-sick soul.

2. **If you cannot preach like Peter,**
   if you cannot pray like Paul,
   you can tell the love of Jesus
   and say, “He died for all.”

Refrain

There is a balm in Gilead
to make the wounded whole;
there is a balm in Gilead
to heal the sin-sick soul.

3. **Don’t ever be discouraged,**
   for Jesus is your friend;
   and if you lack for knowledge
   he’ll ne’er refuse to lend.

Refrain

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to make the wounded whole;
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to heal the sin-sick soul.

Text: African American spiritual

520

Dearest Jesus, at Your Word

1. **Dearest Jesus, at your word**
we have come again to hear you;
let our thoughts and hearts be stirred
and in glowing faith be near you
as the promises here given
draw us wholly up to heaven.

2. **All our knowledge, sense, and sight**
lie in deepest darkness shrouded
till your Spirit breaks the night,
filling us with light unclouded.
All good thoughts and all good living
come but by your gracious giving.

3. **Radiance of God's glory bright,**
Light of light from God proceeding,
Jesus, send your blessed light;
help our hearing, speaking heeding,
that our prayers and songs may please you,
as with grateful hearts we praise you.

4. **Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,**
praise to you and adoration!
Grant us what we need the most:
all your gospel's consolation
while we here on earth await you,
till in heav'n with praise we greet you.

Text: Tobias Clausnitzer, 1619-1684, sts. 1-3;
Gesangbuch, Berlin, 1707, st. 4;
tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, adapt.

793

Be Thou My Vision

1. **Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;**
   naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
   thou my best thought both by day and by night,
   waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2. **Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;**
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r,
raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

3. **Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, the first in my heart,
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.**

4. **Light of my soul, after victory won,**
may I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Text: Irish, 8th cent.;
vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860-1935, alt.;
tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880-1931

Go in peace. Believe the good news.

Thanks be to God.

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