

## WEEKLY INSERT FOR ST. JAMES

Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost – August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025*For all of the blank headings, refer back to the Monthly Bulletin.*

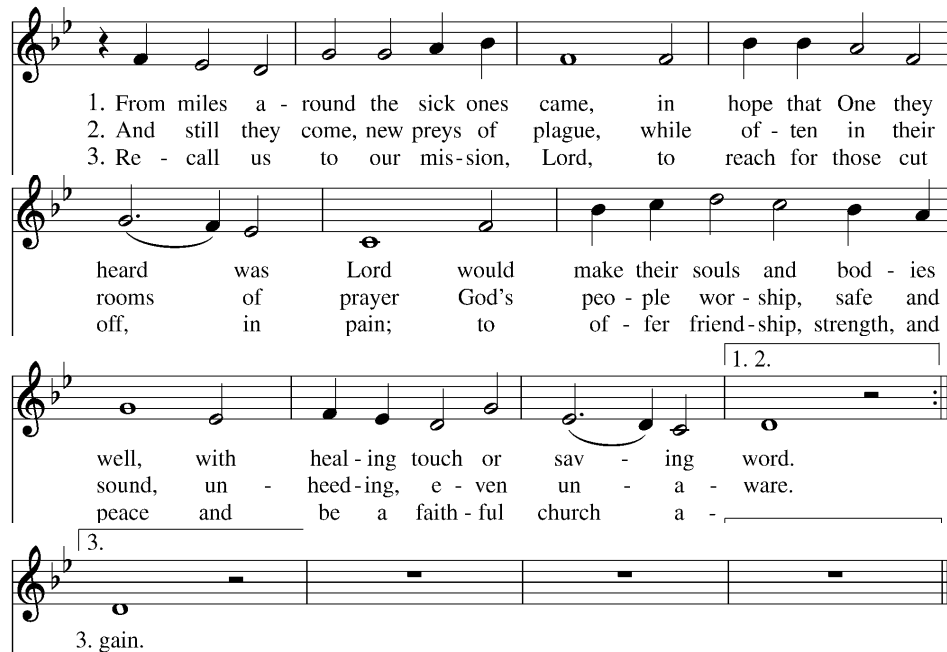
PRELUDE

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

“From miles around the sick ones came”

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1. From miles a - round the sick ones came, in hope that One they  
2. And still they come, new preys of plague, while of - ten in their  
3. Re - call us to our mis-sion, Lord, to reach for those cut  
heard was Lord would make their souls and bod - ies  
rooms of prayer God's peo - ple wor - ship, safe and  
off, in pain; to of - fer friend-ship, strength, and  
1. 2.  
well, with heal - ing touch or sav - ing word.  
sound, un - heed-ing, e - ven un - a - ware.  
peace and be a faith - ful church a -  
3.  
3. gain.

(TUCKER)

OPENING ACCLAMATION

COLLECT FOR PURITY

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.*People:* **And also with you.***Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 1:4-10

The word of the LORD came to me saying,  
"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,  
and before you were born I consecrated you;  
I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the LORD said to me,  
"Do not say, 'I am only a boy';  
for you shall go to all to whom I send you,  
and you shall speak whatever I command you,

Do not be afraid of them,  
for I am with you to deliver you,

says the LORD."

Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me,  
"Now I have put my words in your mouth.

See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,  
to pluck up and to pull down,  
to destroy and to overthrow,  
to build and to plant."

*Reader:* Hear what the spirit is saying to God's people.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM 71:1-6** *In te, Domine, speravi*

- 1 In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; \*  
let me never be ashamed.
- 2 In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; \*  
incline your ear to me and save me.
- 3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; \*  
you are my crag and my stronghold.
- 4 Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, \*  
from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.
- 5 For you are my hope, O Lord GOD, \*  
my confidence since I was young.
- 6 I have been sustained by you ever since I was born;  
from my mother's womb you have been my strength; \*  
my praise shall be always of you.

### **THE SECOND LESSON**

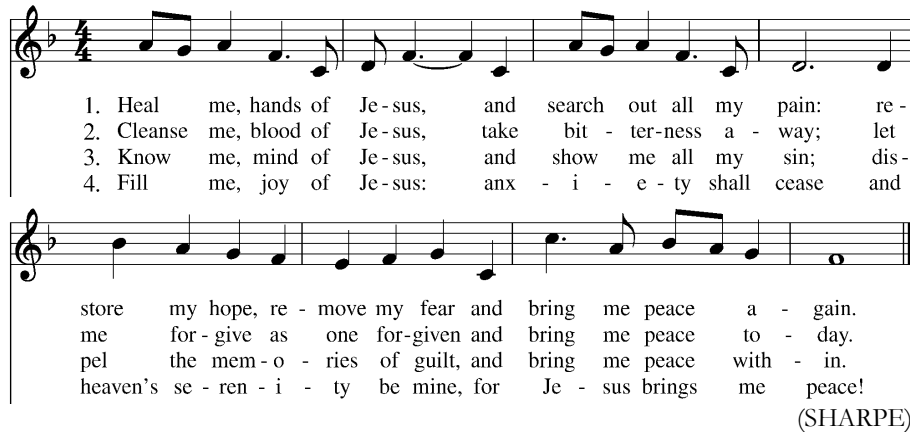
Hebrews 12-18-29

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken-- that is, created things-- so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

*Reader:* Hear what the spirit is saying to God's people.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**



1. Heal me, hands of Je-sus, and search out all my pain: re -  
 2. Cleanse me, blood of Je-sus, take bit - ter-ness a - way; let  
 3. Know me, mind of Je-sus, and show me all my sin; dis -  
 4. Fill me, joy of Je-sus: anx - i - e - ty shall cease and  
 store my hope, re - move my fear and bring me peace a - gain.  
 me for - give as one for-given and bring me peace to - day.  
 pel the mem - o - ries of guilt, and bring me peace with - in.  
 heaven's se - ren - i - ty be mine, for Je - sus brings me peace!  
 (SHARPE)

## THE GOSPEL

Luke 13:10-17

*Celebrant:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
*People:* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## SERMON

The Rev. D Gregory Smith

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## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Hear Our Prayer*

Healing God, as we gather to express the longings of our hearts, shower on us your mercy and grace as we say,  
**Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Holy Lord, shake your church; tumble us out into the world to continue the ministry of Jesus and bring wholeness to a broken world. **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Move the hearts of this nation and its leaders that we and they might see clearly both what holds us together and what pulls us apart, that in joining together, we might build a just and merciful society. **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Open our ears, our eyes, and our hearts to hear your call, and empower our hands and feet to move closer to you through our service to others. **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Fill us with awe in contemplation of the glory of your Creation and shake us out of our complacency, that we might be effective stewards and champions of our natural world. **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Tend to those who suffer, bring to wholeness what is broken, reconciliation to what has been separated, and lift up what has been pressed down. **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Fulfill your promises to the dying, care for the grieving, and grant us all an entrance into your eternal loving presence. **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant:* You have allowed no barriers to your loving action. Hear and fulfill our longings as may be best for us, and grant us your salvation. All these we ask in the name of Jesus, our Lord, who abides with you and the Holy Spirit forever. **Amen.**

**THE CONFESSION**

**THE PEACE**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRAYERS FOR BIRTHDAYS, TRAVELERS, AND ANNIVERSARIES**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

**DOXOLOGY**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

**THE INVITATION**

**COMMUNION HYMN I**

**COMMUNION HYMN II**

“Just as I am”

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1 Just as I am, with - out one plea,  
2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout  
3 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind;  
4 Just as I am: thou wilt re - ceive;  
5 Just as I am, thy love un - known  
6 Just as I am, of thy great love

but that thy blood was shed for me,  
with man - y a con - flict, man - y a doubt;  
sight, rich - y es, heal - ing, of the mind,  
wilt wel - come, par - don, cleanse, re - lieve,  
has bro - ken ev - ery bar - rier down;  
the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,

and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,  
fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,  
yea, all I need, in thee to find,  
be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve,  
now to be thine, yea, thine a - lone,  
here for a sea - son, then a - bove:

O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

(WOODWORTH)

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**THE BLESSING**

**CLOSING HYMN**

**THE DISMISSAL**

**POSTLUDE**

**THOSE IN SERVICE**

Acolyte: Ty Sherwood  
Readers: Alison Counts, Meta Smith  
Eucharistic Minister: Nancy Blake  
Ushers: Vicki Van Renssalaer, Tim Wilson  
Videographer: Mike Miller  
Altar Guild: Julie Videon, Nancy Blake

