

Send our roots rain:

I wither away like grass.

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

8:00am - We gather for quiet meditation and prayer.

Words of Greeting:

Leader: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

***Call to Worship:**

Leader: With troubled hearts, we gather for worship.

In the midst of struggles, in pain or grief or despair,
we long for God's presence.

We need to know that God is with us.

Today we cry out to God for healing and peace.

**All: Lord of life, all our longings are known to you;
send our roots rain; refresh us and make us whole.**

***Hymn:** *From the depths of sin*

WB 136

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Prayer for illumination

A Prayer of Lament:

Psalm 102

Lord, hear my prayer! Listen to my plea!

Don't turn away from me in my time of distress.

Bend down to listen

and answer me quickly when I call to you.

For my days disappear like smoke,

and my bones burn like red-hot coals.

My heart is sick, withered like grass,

and I have lost my appetite.

Because of my groaning, I am reduced to skin and bones.

I eat ashes for food. My tears run down into my drink.

My life passes as swiftly as the evening shadows.

I am withering away like grass.

Words of Assurance

***Hymn:** *Spirit, come, dispel our sadness*

WB 290

Old Testament Reading:

Jeremiah 14:17-22

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading:

Luke 18:1-8

Leader: This is the Good News of salvation.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Song: *I sought the Lord*

Insert

Interpretation of scripture: *"Bitter tears"*

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Responses

***Offering**

***Song:** *In your sickness*

WB 585

Prayers of thanks:

Leader: For your goodness,

People: We give you thanks, O God.

Prayers of intercession:

Hear our pleas

. . . for our world.

. . . for our friends, families, fellow believers.

. . . for all in need of healing and comfort.

Leader: In the wave of Your mercy,

People: Wash away our pain and sorrow.

***The Peace:**

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

Introduction of visitors

Announcements

***Sending Song:** *Rain down*

STJ 49

***Benediction:**

*May the God who knows our sorrows
and gathers all our tears in compassion
bring healing and peace to every troubled soul
and to the world in which we live.*

*May the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,
guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Amen*

Worship Leader:	David Helmuth
Music Leader:	Tim Hershberger
Piano:	Kathy Holsopple
Scripture Reader:	Ruth Bauman, Naomi Helmuth
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SEND OUR ROOTS RAIN

Prayer for the Week:

Hear my prayer, O Lord;

Let my cry come to you.

My days pass away like smoke,
and my bones burn like a furnace.

My heart is stricken and withered like grass,

for I eat ashes like bread,

and mingle tears with my drink.

But you, O Lord, are enthroned forever;

Your name endures to all generations.

You will rise up and have compassion.

Psalm 102:1, 3-4, 9, 12-13

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