

*Welcome to worship! Activity bags for children are available on the book shelf in the lobby if your little one would like to pack a bag of items to play with during worship. Children are always welcome in sanctuary, but a staffed nursery is also available at the end of the hall for any babies, toddlers, and preschoolers who prefer more space to wiggle and play. Large print bulletins are available near the entrance and hearing assistance devices are available at the sound board for those who need them. May God meet you here in this space as we worship together today!*

\* indicates you are invited to stand

**Bold text** indicates a unison prayer or response

## PRELUDE

## GREETING

## CALL TO PRAISE AND PRAYER

Leader: We often feel as if we are wandering through our lives, searching for something we cannot name. We come today to listen for hope, to pray for strength, and to experience God's love.

**People: Speak to us of faith, hope, and love, O Lord.**

Leader: As the deer longs for flowing water in the wilderness, we long to drink deeply of God's promise for us. Knowing God is here, we join together on our journey.

**People: Lead us to your still waters, O Lord.**

Leader: Imprisoned by rules of our own making, we come to remember and claim our faith. Assured by the vision of Christ, whose sacrifice leads us to heaven, we come in fellowship with one another.

**People: Clothe us in the love of Christ, O Lord.**

Leader: With shouts of praise and songs of thanksgiving,

we come to celebrate the God of hope, the Spirit of peace, and the Christ of redeeming love.

**People: We come to pray. We come to sing. We come to worship and praise.**

## \*OPENING SONG

"As the Deer"

Faith We Sing # 2025

## OPENING PRAYER

**Holy One, prepare us to receive your word. As we listen in faith and hope, open our souls to your quenching waters. Free us from the confinement of our hearts, that we may hear the promise of your love. Amen.**

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

1 Kings 19:1-15a

Luke 8:26-39

## MESSAGE

"Fear or Faith?"

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastoral Prayer

Silent Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

PRAYER HYMN

“Blessed Quietness”

Faith We Sing # 2142

OFFERING OF GRATITUDE

\*DOXOLOGY

Hymnal # 94

CLOSING PRAYER

God of power and might, as we offer our gifts to you this morning, we remember how dependent we are on your love and mercy for every good and helpful thing in our lives. We affirm in our giving that all the money and possessions in the world cannot rescue us from the demons that torment and tug at us every day. When we’ve tried to fix things on our own, we have failed; when we put our trust in your loving power made known to us in Christ, we have found our lifeline. Dedicate these gifts and our lives, that we might not only find our way but lead others toward Jesus, our rock and our redeemer. **Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN

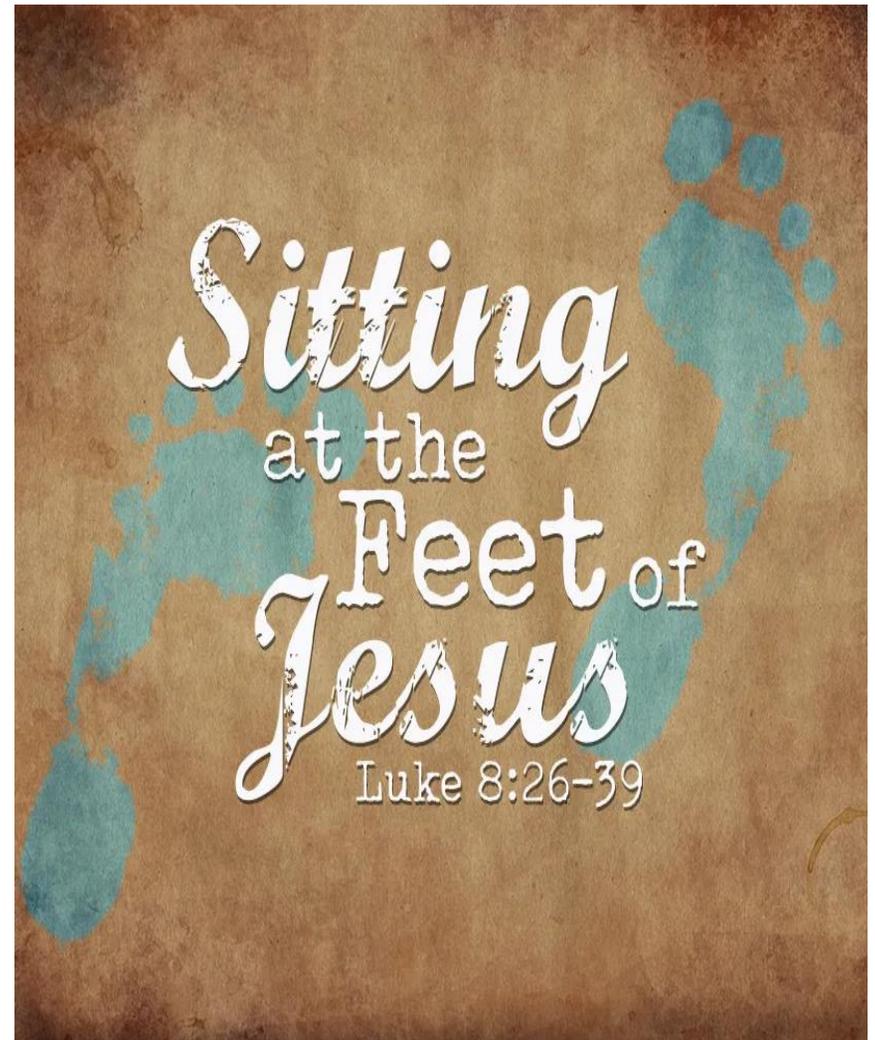
“There Is a Balm in Gilead”

Hymnal # 375

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE



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