

Service of Lament – May 5, 2024 – Order of Worship

Welcome (Peter)

Call to Worship

Sarah: Some of us are weary, and we come in need of rest.

Peter: Some of us are grieving, and we come in need of space to mourn.

Sarah: Some of us are angry, and we come needing to cry out.

Peter: Some of us are anxious, and we come needing calm and hope.

Sarah: Some of us feel broken, and we come in need of healing.

Peter: To all of us, our God says: *Come, just as you are.*

Opening Songs

#644 – "Healer of our every ill"

#685 – "O Lord, hear my prayer"

Scripture – Psalm 13

Peter gives intro. Psalm read by 4 voices.

Act 1 – Crying Out to God

Sarah gives intro; explanation of circle process.

Round 1 question: As you think back on this past year—or these past few years—what griefs or pain or anger are you carrying that you'd like to express?

Sarah will close circle & introduce next song.

Song

#653 – "Nothing is lost on the breath of God"

Act 2 – Remembering God's Goodness

Sarah facilitates.

Round 2 question: Again thinking back on this past year, how have you experienced God's presence or help?

Sarah will close circle & introduce next "act."

Act 3 – Praising God in Song

#118 – "In the Lord I'll be ever thankful"

#203 – "O God our help in ages past"

Sending/Benediction

Peter & Sarah will lead.