**"A Balm in Gilead--The Great Physician" ~ April 25, 2021**

Prelude………………………………………………………….Marilyn Machmer, Director of Music

Ring the Bells -- Light the Candles………………….………Maks Schnerr, Assistant Sexton

Call to Worship

Hymn 115………………………………………………………"Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain"

Confession of Faith - Psalm 23  KJV:

The Lord is my Shepherd . . .  I shall not want . .  .  He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;  He leadeth me beside the still waters.   .   .  .  He restoreth my soul.  He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.  .  .  .   Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,   .   .  .  I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me;  Thy rod and Thy staff  they comfort me  .  .  . Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies.  Thou anointest my head with oil.   My cup runneth over.  Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life.  And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.   Amen.

Declaration of God's Love & Forgiveness

Prayers for Ourselves and Others and the Lord's prayer in unison

Anthem: "There is a Balm in Gilead"………………………….Soloist, Elder Warren Briggs

Old Testament Scripture……………………………………………………Jeremiah 8:18-22 NRSV

Time for Children and Teens   ~  "Anointing with Oil"

New Testament Scripture……………………………………………….………..Luke 7:11-17 NRSV

Message for Today: "The Great Physician"………….……………..Rev. Dr. Rob Morrison

Nicene Creed (traditional)

Minute for Mission……………..…"Habitat for Humanity"………..………..Outreach Team

Giving Thanks in our Offerings

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn 118………………………………………………………….………..."The Day of Resurrection!"

Benediction

Postlude

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Our thanks today** for the participation of Elder Warren Briggs for singing, and the Outreach Team in their Mission work and Evangelism growth.   Elder Joe Goodfriend is Chair, along with Team members:   Jim Dixon, Tony Nami, Bill Sullivan, Pat Anthony, and Tom Zeyack.   Welcome more team members too.

**Our Condolences to the family of Helen Wood**, who passed away on Friday, April 16, 2021. A memorial service was held on Saturday, April 24 at Hassler Funeral Home in Jackson, NJ. Family has requested that Memorial Gifts go to the church.

**VBS – The Knights of North Castle** – **August 16-August 20**

**Thank you to this week’s greeter:**  Irene Mason

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