GILEAD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Our Mission is to be a welcoming and caring church, committed to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit to do God's work in our community and beyond.

Second Sunday of Easter, Year A
April 23, 2017; 10:00 a.m.

WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING MUSIC "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" By: Ludwig van Beethoven
Organ Arr. By: Don Hustad

During the opening music, let us quiet the noise from outside, cease our conversations with the world, and begin listening for the music of God's voice.

EASTER LITANY
Leader: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
People: He is Risen indeed!
Leader: The Lord is Risen!
People: He is Risen indeed!

***GRAY HYMNAL #227 "Thine Is the Glory"**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER
UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, lift up strength, earthly power and status as gods, and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***THE GLORIA PATRI**
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

THE PEACE OF CHRIST Leader: Peace be with you. **People: And also with you.**

ANTHEM "Crown Him with Many Crowns" By: George J. Elvey
Jr. Bell Chimes

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Acts 2:14, 22-32 (Pages 111-12 in your Pew Bible OT)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING John 20:19-31 (Pages 108-09 in your Pew Bible NT)

SERMON "*Faithful Myopia*" Rev. Martin McGeachy

WE SEAL THE WORD

***GRAY HYMNAL #213 "Because He Lives"**

***THE APOSTLES' CREED I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

WE BEAR THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY "Hymn of Promise" By: Natalie Sleeth
Sr. Choir

***DOXOLOGY**
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***GRAY HYMNAL #220 "He Lives"**

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION "He is Risen" Traditional 19th Century Melody

POSTLUDE "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" ByJohn Hughes
Organ Arr. By: Don Hustad

*(Please stand if possible.)

Please keep in your prayers this week Mike, Meagan, Trish, Daniel, Penny Cameron, Joan Francis, Phil Engler, Dotty Whittier, Jim Stevens, Mike Healy, Carol Van Vlack, Jeanne Van Vlack, Elizabeth Ojeda, the family of Fred Krueger, thanksgiving for answered prayers; for beginnings and the strength to change; and prayers for love, compassion and Eternal Peace.

The Food Pantry needs your help! The Food Pantry could especially use donations of complete pancake mix, syrup, mayo, jelly, rice, tuna, coffee, tea, cake mix & frosting, cat food, dog food, soap (bath & dish), paper towels, toilet paper. *Current Food Pantry overstocks: Mac & cheese, Quick oats, toasted oats, canned green beans, chunky peanut butter, turkey gravy.* Donations by cash or check are always welcome. Checks should be made out to Gilead Presbyterian Church with Food Pantry on the memo line. Thank you!

This Week at Gilead

Today, 4/23
- 9:00 a.m. Sr. Choir
- 9:15 a.m. Jr. Bell Chimes (play in worship)
- Lay Reader: Tina Annunziato
- Ushers: Ann Clark

Monday 4/24
- 11 a.m. Stretch Exercise Class

Tuesday 4/25
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Wednesday 4/26
- 3:30 p.m. Junior Bell Chimes
- 6:30 p.m. Senior Bell Chimes
- 7:45 p.m. Senior Choir

Thursday 4/27
- 11 a.m. Stretch Class
- Faith Discussion Group

Friday, 4/28
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Saturday, 4/29
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Sunday, 4/30
- 8:30 a.m. Sr. Bell Chimes
- 9:00 a.m. Sr. Choir
- Lay Reader: Warren Behan
- Ushers: **NEEDED**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Saturday, May 6, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Gilead Church Community Volunteer Fair
Tuesday, May 9, 7:30 p.m. Session Meeting
May 9 – 11 Horizons Bible Study at Stony Point Center
Saturday May 20, 5:30 p.m. Saturday Evening Service

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