

**Gilead Presbyterian Church**  
**June 21, 2020; 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A**

Convinced of God's Grace, we affirm that there can be no exclusiveness in the body of Christ. We welcome all regardless of race, ethnic heritage, national origin, age, ability, gender, marital status, sexual orientation, or socioeconomic standing; and we encourage the full participation of all in the life of our congregation.

**WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD**

WELCOME

MUSIC                                      "This is My Father's World"                      by Franklin L. Shepherd  
Della Temple, flute; Zoe Temple, trumpet                      arr. Chris Cooke

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SCRIPTURE                      Psalms 86:4-7

Leader: Gladden the souls of your servants, O LORD!

**People: To you, O LORD, we lift up our souls.**

Leader: For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving.

**People: You abound in steadfast love to all who call on you.**

Leader: Give ear, O Lord, to our prayers; listen to our supplication.

**People: In the time of our need we call on you, for you will answer.**

**BLUE HYMNAL #282                      "If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee"**

- 1. If thou but trust in God to guide thee,  
    With hopeful heart through all thy ways,  
    God will give strength, whate'er betide thee,  
    To bear thee through the evil days.  
    Who trusts in God's unchanging love  
    Builds on the rock that nought can move.**
  
- 3. Sing, pray, and swerve not from God's ways,  
    But do thine own part faithfully;  
    Trust the rich promises of grace,  
    So shall they be fulfilled in thee.  
    God never yet forsook at need  
    The soul secured by trust indeed.**

OPENING PRAYER

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Hear our cries to you, O Lord: for our lack of compassion toward the poor, have mercy on us; for our failure to end the destruction of air, water, soil, and creatures on Earth, have mercy on us; for our disbelief in your power to make us whole, have mercy on us; for making war, have mercy on us; for mistrusting your**

**Word, have mercy on us; for all that we have done and have not done out of hardened hearts, have mercy on us. Forgive us and renew us. Guide us into ways that do not deny you but lead to peace. Amen.**

**SILENT PRAYER**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

### **WE PROCLAIM THE WORD**

**TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART**

**FATHER'S DAY SERENADE "Oh, My Father" by Mariah Warren  
(tune: "Oh, Susannah")**

**Oh, my father is a handsome man, he's smart and funny, too.  
He even is a champ at sports, there's nothing he can't do.  
Oh, my Father, you're Superman to me,  
Even though I slightly stretch the truth,  
The best you'll always be.**

**He taught me how to ride a bike, and how to drive a car,  
And when he says I'll drive him nuts, I tell him "that's not far!"  
Oh, my Father, it's hard work, I agree  
To raise us kids and teach us well  
And keep your sanity.**

**Now I'm grown, and I've moved on, and I got married, too.  
And if I ever have a son, I hope he's just like you!  
Oh, dear Father, you mean the world to me,  
I thank God for your gift of love  
To all our family.**

**Oh, dear Father, you suit me to a "tee."  
God bless you on this Father's Day  
And through eternity.**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**Ephesians 4:1-16**

**<sup>1</sup> I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, <sup>2</sup> with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup> making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup> There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, <sup>5</sup> one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup> one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.**

**<sup>7</sup> But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift.**

<sup>8</sup> Therefore it is said,  
"When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive;  
he gave gifts to his people."

<sup>9</sup> (When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? <sup>10</sup> He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) <sup>11</sup> The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup> to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup> until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. <sup>14</sup> We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. <sup>15</sup> But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, <sup>16</sup> from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

#### SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 10:24-39

<sup>24</sup> "A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; <sup>25</sup> it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

<sup>26</sup> "So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. <sup>27</sup> What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. <sup>28</sup> Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup> Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. <sup>30</sup> And even the hairs of your head are all counted. <sup>31</sup> So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

<sup>32</sup> "Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; <sup>33</sup> but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

<sup>34</sup> "Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

<sup>35</sup> For I have come to set a man against his father,  
and a daughter against her mother,  
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;

<sup>36</sup> and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

<sup>37</sup> Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; <sup>38</sup> and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup> Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

SERMON

*Life after Surgery*

Rev. Martin McGeachy

## WE SEAL THE WORD

### **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

### 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, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

### **BLUE HYMNAL #386                      "O for a World"**

1. O for a world where everyone  
Respects each other's ways,  
Where love is lived and all is done  
With justice and with praise.
  
2. O for a world where goods are shared  
And misery relieved,  
Where truth is spoken, children spared,  
Equality achieved.
  
3. We welcome one world family  
And struggle with each choice  
That opens us to unity  
And gives our vision voice.

BENEDICTION and PASSING OF THE PEACE