

Gilead Presbyterian Church
August 16, 2020; 20th 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

OPENING SCRIPTURE **Psalms 133** **arr. by Pat McGeachy**
(to the tune of "In Christ There Is No East or West," *St. Peter*)

**O see how good it makes us feel when children live in peace.
It's like the taste of bread and wine, served at the joyful feast.
Or like the early morning rain on hill and lake and shore,
Baptizing us with God's own gift: life forevermore.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLUE HYMNAL #391 **"Take My Life"**

- 1. Take my life, and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee.
Take my moments and my days;
Let them flow in ceaseless praise,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

- 2. Take my hands, and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee,
Swift and beautiful for Thee.**

- 5. Take my will, and make it Thine;
It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is Thine own;
It shall be Thy royal throne,
It shall be Thy royal throne.**

OPENING PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgiving God, we confess that we are conformed to this world. We conform to this world's frantic pace, too hectic to notice all the blessings you provide. We

conform to this world's reckless waste, exploiting what you entrust to our care. We conform to this world's shallow values, oblivious to the giftedness of people different from us. We conform to this world's impatient attitudes, preferring the latest instead of the lasting. Forgive our conformity and transform us, O God. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE OFFERING

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

SCRIPTURE READING Romans 12:1-9

¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual act of worship. ² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God--what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has given you. ⁴ For just as each one of us has one body with many parts, and not all the parts have the same function, ⁵ so all of us, though we may be many, form one body in Christ, and each of us is part of one another. ⁶ We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸ the preacher, in preaching; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

⁹ Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good;

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 15:10-20

¹⁰ Jesus called to the crowd and said to them, **"Listen and understand: ¹¹ it is not what enters your mouth that defiles you; it is what comes out of your mouth that defiles you."**

¹² Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you realize that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" ¹³ Jesus answered, **"Every plant that my Abba God in heaven has not planted will be pulled up by the roots. ¹⁴ Ignore them; they are blind people leading other blind people. And when the blind lead the blind, they will all fall into a ditch."** ¹⁵ But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." ¹⁶ Then Jesus said, **"Are you still without understanding? ¹⁷ Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸ But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹ For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, infidelity, promiscuity, theft, lying, and foul language. ²⁰ These are what defile a person, not eating with unwashed hands."**

SERMON

“Inside Out, Outside In”

Rev. Martin McGeachy

WE SEAL THE WORD

MUSIC & MEDITATION

"Rhapsodie"
Elizabeth Ojeda, Harp

by Marcel Grandjany

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.

HYMN

“It Is Well with My Soul”

1. When peace like a river attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll,
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
it is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain: It is well with my soul; it is well; it is well with my soul.

4. Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;
even so it is well with my soul.

Refrain: It is well with my soul; it is well; it is well with my soul.

BENEDICTION and PASSING OF THE PEACE