Gilead Presbyterian Church August 30, 2020; 22nd 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 105:1-4

Leader: O give thanks to the LORD! Praise God's deeds among the peoples.

People: Sing to God, sing praise, and tell of God's wonderful works.

Leader: Glory in God's holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice. People: Let us continually seek the LORD, and rest in the presence of the LORD.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLUE HYMNAL #50 "Rise up, Shepherd, and Follow"

1. There's a star in the East on every morn,

Rise up, shepherd, and follow,

It will lead to the place where the Christ is born,

Rise up, shepherd, and follow.

Follow, follow,

Rise up, shepherd, and follow,

Follow the Star of Bethlehem.

Rise up, shepherd, and follow.

2. If you take good heed to the angel's words,

Rise up, shepherd, and follow,

You'll forget your flocks, you'll forget your herds,

Rise up, shepherd, and follow.

Follow, follow,

Rise up, shepherd, and follow,

Follow the Star of Bethlehem,

Rise up, shepherd, and follow.

OPENING PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, we confess that, like the disciples, we set our minds not on divine things but on human things. Doubting your loving care, we grab for more than we need. Doubting your loving purposes, we shrink from living as your followers. Doubting your loving plan, we become stumbling blocks in your creation. Forgive us that we may gain new life in you, for it is in Jesus' forgiving name we pray. 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 12:1-8

- 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.

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 16:21-28

- ²¹ From that time on, Jesus began to explain to the disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you."

 ²³ But Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."
- ²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? What will they give in return for their very life?
- ²⁷ "For the Promised One is to come with the angels in the glory of the Almighty, and then will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸ Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the coming of the reign of the Promised One."

SERMON "Get in Line" Rev. Martin McGeachy

WE SEAL THE WORD

MEDITATION MUSIC

"All That I Am"
Mariah Warren, soloist

by William Himes

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 #371

"Lift High the Cross"

Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim

Till all the world adore His sacred name.

- 1. Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,
 The Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God.
 Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
 Till all the world adore His sacred name.
- 4. So shall our song of triumph ever be:

Praise to the Crucified for victory.

Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim Till all the world adore His sacred name.

BENEDICTION and PASSING OF THE PEACE

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