

Gilead Presbyterian Church

September 27, 2020; 26th 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

OPENING MUSIC

"Grazioso"
Mary Temple, organ

by J.S. Bach
Arr. by Rick Parks

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.

BLUE HYMNAL #446 "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken "

**1. Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God;
God, whose word cannot be broken, Formed thee for a blest abode.
On the rock of ages founded, What can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded, Thou may'st smile at all thy foes.**

**3. Round each habitation hovering, See the cloud and fire appear
For a glory and a covering, Showing that the Lord in near.
Thus deriving from their banner Light by night and shade by day,
Safe they feed upon the manna Which God gives them when they pray.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

Elder Paul Francis, lay reader

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we have sought after things, but we have not sought after you. We have expected generosity, but we have not shown generosity. We have not been gracious or grateful. We have failed to remember all that you have done. Forgive us and fill our hearts with gratitude. Help us to share our gifts and strengthen our legs so that we can run after you, O God. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

† THE OFFERING

THE GLORIA

Glory to the Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 16:2-21

² The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³ The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of Yahweh in the land of Egypt, when we sat by pots of meat and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

⁴ Then God said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. ⁵ On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." ⁶ So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was Yahweh who brought you out of the land of Egypt, ⁷ and in the morning you shall witness the glory of God, the One who has heard your complaining. For what are we, that you complain against us?" ⁸ And Moses said, "When Yahweh gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, it is because Yahweh has heard your complaining—for who are we? Your complaining is not against us but against Yahweh."

⁹ Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to Yahweh, who has heard your complaining.'" ¹⁰ And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of God appeared in the cloud. ¹¹ And Yahweh spoke to Moses and said, ¹² "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am your God.'"

¹³ In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴ When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵ When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that God has given you to eat. ¹⁶ This is what Yahweh has commanded: 'Gather as much of it as you need, a two-quart measure to each person according to the number of persons in your own tents.'" ¹⁷ The Israelites did so, some gathering more, some less. ¹⁸ But when they measured it with a two-quart measure, those who gathered much had nothing over, and those who gathered little had no shortage; they gathered as much as each of them needed. ¹⁹ And Moses said to them, "Let no one leave any of it over until morning." ²⁰ But they did not listen to Moses; some left part of it until morning, and it bred worms and became foul. And Moses was angry with them. ²¹ Morning by morning they gathered it, as much as each needed; but when the sun grew hot, it melted away.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 20:1-16

¹ "For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for the vineyard. ² After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, the owner sent them into the vineyard. ³ About nine o'clock, the owner went out, and seeing others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴ said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. ⁵ At about noon, and again at about three o'clock, the owner went out and did the same. ⁶ Still again at about five o'clock the owner went out and found others standing around, and said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' ⁷ They replied, 'Because no one has hired us.' The owner said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' ⁸ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to the manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' ⁹ When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰ Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹ And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹² saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' ¹³ But the owner replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage?' ¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' ¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

SERMON

"Enough Already!"

Rev. Martin McGeachy

WE SEAL THE WORD

SILENT MEDITATION

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 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 #281

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

**1. Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;**

**Hold me with Thy powerful hand;
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more,
Feed me till I want no more.**

- 3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side;
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to Thee,
I will ever give to Thee.**

BENEDICTION and PASSING OF THE PEACE

Peace be with you. Amen.

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