

# GILEAD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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, gender, marital status, sexual orientation, or socioeconomic standing; and we encourage the full participation of all in the life of our congregation.

October 25, 2020  
30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

## WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME

OPENING MUSIC                      “Air” from Water Music                      by George F. Handel  
Organ

THE CALL                      Psalms 118:24

Leader: Praise the Lord!

**People: The Lord's name be praised.**

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made!

**People: Let us be glad and rejoice in it.**

**BLUE HYMNAL #367                      "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"**

Refrain:

**Jesu, Jesu, fill us with Your love,**

**Show us how to serve the neighbors we have from You.**

- 1. Kneels at the feet of His friends, Silently washes their feet,  
Master who acts as a slave to them.    (Refrain)**
- 2. Neighbors are rich and poor, Varied in color and race,  
Neighbors are near and far away.   (Refrain)**
- 3. These are the ones we should serve, These are the ones we should love.  
All are neighbors to us and You.   (Refrain)**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OPENING PRAYER

#### **UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Heavenly Lord, we confess that we have not lived as beloved and loving people, believing the Good News of your love for us and all others. Instead, we doubt our worthiness, and abuse our bodies, minds, and spirits. Then, spirits flagging, we doubt the worth of our neighbors, and in fear, shut them out and turn away. Grant that we may grasp the gift of your grace, and know what it means to be so loved, that we may in turn love our neighbors. In Christ's 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 Micah 6:6-8

<sup>6</sup> "With what shall I come before the LORD,  
and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before God with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?

<sup>7</sup> Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,  
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,  
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"

<sup>8</sup> God has told you, O mortal, what is good;  
and what does the LORD require of you  
but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God?

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 22:34-40

<sup>34</sup> When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, <sup>35</sup> and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. <sup>36</sup> "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" <sup>37</sup> Jesus said to the lawyer, "'**You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.**' <sup>38</sup> This is the greatest and first commandment. <sup>39</sup> And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' <sup>40</sup> On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

SERMON "How Do I Love Thee? Let Me Not Count the Ways"  
Rev. Martin McGeachy

**WE SEAL THE WORD**

MEDITATION "Won't You Be My Neighbor?" by Fred M. Rogers  
Mary Temple, piano

**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 #436 "We Are Your People"**

- 1. We are Your people: Lord, by Your grace,  
You dare to make us Christ to our neighbors  
of every nation and race.**
- 4. Joined in community, breaking Your bread,  
May we discover gifts in each other,  
willing to lead and be led.**
- 5. Lord, as we minister in different ways,  
May all we're doing show that You're living,  
meeting Your love with our praise.**

BENEDICTION and PASSING OF THE PEACE

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- ▶ Flowers are available for the chancel to be dedicated in honor or memory of a loved one. Please contact Pastor Martin or Margery Amato to sign up.
- ▶ We will be dedicating shoeboxes full of gifts for children for Operation Christmas Child on Sunday, November 15.
- ▶ If you would like a hymnal to use at home for our streaming worship, please contact Pastor Martin.

The flowers this week are given by Margaret Karell to the glory of God and in memory of her parents, Robert and Carol Plumb.

*† We accept offerings through the "Online Giving" link on our website, [www.gileadchurch.org](http://www.gileadchurch.org), or mail checks made out to Gilead Presbyterian Church, 9 Church Street, Carmel, NY 10512. Or give elsewhere if you see a need. In doing so, we brighten the world, and brighten our hearts.*

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