

# 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.

November 1, 2020  
All Saints Day

## WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME

OPENING MUSIC

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"      Black Gospel Hymn

THE CALL

Psalms 30:10-12, and 118:24

Leader: Hear, O LORD, and be gracious to us! O LORD, be our help! You have turned our mourning into dancing; you have taken off our sackcloth and clothed us with joy, so that our souls may praise you and not be silent. O LORD our God, we will give thanks to you forever. 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.**

PURPLE HYMNAL #375

"Shall We Gather at the River"

1. Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod,  
with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?  
Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;  
gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.
4. Soon we'll reach the shining river; soon our pilgrimage will cease;  
soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.  
Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;  
gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

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

Matthew 5:1-12

<sup>1</sup> When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup> Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: <sup>3</sup> "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup> "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. <sup>5</sup> "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. <sup>6</sup> "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. <sup>7</sup> "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. <sup>8</sup> "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. <sup>9</sup> "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. <sup>10</sup> "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>11</sup> "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 7:9-17

<sup>9</sup> After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup> They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

<sup>11</sup> And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup> singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

<sup>13</sup> Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" <sup>14</sup> I answered, "You are the one that knows." Then the elder said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup> For this reason they are before the throne of God, worshiping day and night within God's temple and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. <sup>16</sup> They will hunger

no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; <sup>17</sup> for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

SERMON

"Memorial for Mr. Hubbs"

Rev. Martin McGeachy

### WE SEAL THE WORD

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

#### THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*For those joining virtually, all are invited to partake of bread and wine, or any substance that feels appropriate, or prayerfully take in the sacrifice of the Lord symbolically.*

INVITATION, PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

COMMUNION MUSIC "For All the Saints"

### 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.

**GRAY HYMNAL #554**

**"I'll Fly Away"**

- 1. Some glad morning when this life is o'er, I'll fly away;  
To a home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away.  
I'll fly away, Oh Glory, I'll fly away; (in the morning)  
When I die, Hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away.**
- 3. Just a few more weary days and then, I'll fly away;  
To a land where joy shall never end, I'll fly away.  
I'll fly away, Oh Glory, I'll fly away; (in the morning)  
When I die, Hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away.**

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BENEDICTION and PASSING OF THE PEACE

POSTLUDE

“Be the Tie that Binds”

The flowers this week are given by Katherine Foote to the glory of God and in honor of cousin Mary on her 83<sup>rd</sup> birthday.

### **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. Please also let us know if you might be interested in a Christmas poinsettia this year.
- ▶ 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.

*† 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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