

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 8, 2020
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME

OPENING MUSIC

"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"

by Johann Sebastian Bach

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 #481

"Praise the Lord, God's Glories Show"

1. Praise the Lord, God's glories show, Alleluia!

Saints within God's courts below, Alleluia!

Angels round the throne above, Alleluia!

All that see and share God's love. Alleluia!

2. Earth to heaven and heaven to earth, Alleluia!

Tell the wonders, sing God's worth, Alleluia!

Age to age and shore to shore, Alleluia!

Praise God, praise forevermore! Alleluia!

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 25:1-13

¹ "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten attendants took their lamps and went to meet the bridal party. ² Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³ When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; ⁴ but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵ As the bridal party was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. ⁶ But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridal party! Come out to meet them.' ⁷ Then all those attendants got up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸ The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' ⁹ But the wise replied, 'No; there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' ¹⁰ And while they went to buy it, the bridal party came, and those who were ready went with them into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. ¹¹ Later the other attendants came also, pleading to be let in. ¹² But the doorkeeper replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' ¹³ Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 22:14

Many are called, but few are chosen."

SERMON

"Choosing to Be Chosen"

Rev. Martin McGeachy

WE SEAL THE WORD

REMEMBERING 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

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BLUE HYMNAL #467 "How Great Thou Art"

1. O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder
 Consider all the *worlds Thy hands have made,
 I see the stars, I hear the *rolling thunder,
 Thy power throughout the universe displayed;
 Refrain:
 Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
 How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
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2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander
 And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
 When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
 And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;
 (Refrain)
4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
 And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
 Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
 And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!
 (Refrain)

BENEDICTION and PASSING OF THE PEACE

POSTLUDE

"Send the Light"

by Charles Gabriel

The flowers this week are given to the glory of God with thanks for the military service of Phil Engler, Billy Stroud-Boutte, and Tom Knapp (Margery's brother).

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, 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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