

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 11, 2020
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME

OPENING MUSIC

"Sonata in D - dur"
Juergen Tempel, cellist

by Giuseppe Torelli

THE CALL

Leader: You have been called to the banquet.

People: This is the feast.

Leader: You have been summoned to the wedding.

People: This is the feast of life and light.

Leader: From the streets and the byways, God has invited us.

People: We have come to the banquet that has no end. Alleluia, Amen!

BLUE HYMNAL #487

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

1. When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Alike at work and prayer to Jesus I repair:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

3. Let earth's wide circle round in joyful notes resound:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Let air and sea and sky from depth to height reply:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You invite us to your feast, O God, and we do not come. You beg us to give thanks for life, and we fail in our thanksgiving. You have made for us a wonderful earth, and we neglect the gift. Forgive us for what we have done and for abandoning the path you desire for us. Give us hearts to devote ourselves to all that is true, honorable, just, pure, pleasing, commendable, excellent and praiseworthy, that we may rest in your peace. 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

Philippians 4:4-9

4 Rejoice in the Savior always; again I will say, Rejoice. 5 Let your gentleness be known to everyone. Our Savior is near. 6 Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. 8 Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. 9 Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 22:1-14

1 Once again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: 2 "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a ruler who gave a wedding banquet for the royal family's heir. 3 The ruler sent out workers to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. 4 The ruler sent out other workers, saying to them, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my feast, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the

wedding banquet.’ 5 But the guests made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to her business, 6 while the rest seized the royal workers, mistreated them, and killed them. 7 The monarch was enraged, sending troops who destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. 8 Then the ruler said to the royal workers, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. 9 Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ 10 Those workers went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. 11 “But the ruler came in to see the guests, and noticed one guest there who was not wearing a wedding robe. 12 ‘Friend,’ said the ruler, ‘how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ But the guest was silent. 13 Then the ruler said to the attendants, ‘Bind this guest hand and foot, and throw this person into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ 14 Many are called, but few are chosen.”

SERMON

“Put on Your Sunday Clothes”

Rev. Martin McGeachy

WE SEAL THE WORD

SILENT MEDITATION

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 #516 “Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation”

1. Lord, we have come at your own invitation,
chosen by you, to be counted your friends;
yours is the strength that sustains dedication;
ours, a commitment we know never ends.

2. Here, at your table, confirm our intention;
give it your seal of forgiveness and grace;
teach us to serve without pride or pretension,
Lord, in your kingdom, whatever our place.

BENEDICTION and PASSING OF THE PEACE

The flowers today are donated by Margery Amato,
to the glory of God and in memory of Greg Amato on his birthday.

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