

# 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 18, 2020  
29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

## WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME

OPENING MUSIC      "Grace Greater Than our Sin"      by Daniel B. Towner  
Penny Cameron, piano/Mary Temple, organ      arr. Fred Bock

THE CALL      Psalms 96:2,9

Leader: Sing to the Lord and bless God's name.

**People: Tell of God's saving power from day to day.**

Leader: Worship the Lord in holy splendor.

**People: Tremble before God, all the earth.**

**BLUE HYMNAL #442      "The Church's One Foundation"**

- 1. The church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
She is His new creation By water and the word;  
From heaven He came and sought her To be His holy bride;  
With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.**
- 4. Mid toil and tribulation, And tumult of her war,  
She waits the consummation Of peace forevermore;  
Till with the vision glorious Her longing eyes are blest,  
And the great church victorious Shall be the church at rest.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**What a debt we owe to you, O God. You have given us all things in Christ and yet we withhold from you the honor and glory that are yours. Instead, we pray**

**tribute to empire, plot to entrap the innocent, mock your truth with empty praise, and put your patience to the test. Forgive us, O God, and by your grace restore in us the image of your face; through Christ Jesus our Lord. 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 22:15-22

<sup>15</sup> Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. <sup>16</sup> So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. <sup>17</sup> Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" <sup>18</sup> But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, **"Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? <sup>19</sup> Show me the coin used for the tax."** And they brought him a denarius. <sup>20</sup> Then he said to them, **"Whose head is this, and whose title?"** <sup>21</sup> They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, **"Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's."** <sup>22</sup> When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

<sup>1</sup> [From] Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, to the church of the Thessalonians, who belong to God the Creator and our Savior Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. <sup>2</sup> We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly <sup>3</sup> remembering before our God and Creator your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup> For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that you have been chosen, <sup>5</sup> because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among

you for your sake. <sup>6</sup> And you became imitators of us and of Christ, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, <sup>7</sup> so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. <sup>8</sup> For the word of the Christ has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. <sup>9</sup> For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, <sup>10</sup> and to wait for the appearance from heaven of Jesus, the Only Begotten, whom God raised from the dead--Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

SERMON

“The Eye Doctor”

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 #430**

**“Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!”**

- 1. Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!  
For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long!  
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!**
- 2. Long years have come and gone, And still God reigns supreme,  
Empowering us to catch the vision, dream the dream!  
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!**

BENEDICTION and PASSING OF THE PEACE

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- ▶ We will be dedicating shoeboxes full of gifts for children for Operation Christmas Child on Sunday, November 15.
- ▶ 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 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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