

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 15, 2020 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

WELCOME

OPENING MUSIC

"Patriotic Medley"

piano/organ duet

THE CALL

Psalms 123

Leader: Lift up your eyes to the Lord—the exalted one, enthroned in the heavens.

People: Seeking compassion, seeking grace, we look to God, the giver of mercy.

Leader: Pour into God's temple; draw near to the throne of creation.

People: We worship the One who rules heaven and earth!

BLUE HYMNAL #422

"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

**1. God, whose giving knows no ending, From Your rich and endless store,
Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, Costly cross, grave's shattered door:
Gifted by You, we turn to You, Offering up ourselves in praise;
Thankful song shall rise forever, Gracious donor of our days.**

**2. Skills and time are ours for pressing Toward the goals of Christ, Your Son:
All at peace in health and freedom, Races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labor, Lest we strive for self alone;
Born with talents, make us servants Fit to answer at Your throne.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you love us, but we do not love you fully. You call, but we do not always listen. We often walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We often condone evil, hatred, warfare, and greed. God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as you move toward us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

† THE OFFERING

THE GLORIA

Glory to the Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

SCRIPTURE READING

Judges 4:1-7

¹ The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of Yahweh, after Ehud died. ² So once again, Yahweh allowed them to fall into the hands of a foreign ruler: this time, Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor. The commander of Jabin's army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goim, ³ and had nine hundred chariots of iron, cruelly oppressing the Israelites for twenty years. Then the Israelites cried out to Yahweh for help. ⁴ At that time the prophet Deborah, married to Lappidoth, was judging Israel. ⁵ She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. ⁶ She sent and summoned Barak ben-Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to Barak, "Yahweh, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. ⁷ I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with all their chariots and his troops; and I will give them into your hand.'"

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 25:14-30

¹⁴ "For it is as if a landowner, going on a journey, called in three workers and entrusted some funds to each of them; ¹⁵ to one was given five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to their ability. Then the landowner went away. ¹⁶ The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷ In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸ But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and buried the money. ¹⁹ After a long time the landowner came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰ Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Look, you handed over to me five talents; here, I have made five more talents.' ²¹ The owner said, 'Well done, you've been a good and trustworthy worker; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of my household.' ²² And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'You handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' ²³ The landowner said, 'Well done, you've been a good and trustworthy worker; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of my household.' ²⁴ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'I knew that you were harsh, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵ so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' ²⁶ But the landowner replied, 'You wicked and lazy lout! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter?' ²⁷ Then you ought to have invested

my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸ So I will take the talent from you, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹ For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰ Throw this worthless one into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

SERMON

“Banking on Jesus”

Rev. Martin McGeachy

REMEMBERING OUR VETERANS

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 #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!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
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

“God Bless Our Land”

by Jean Sibelius

The flowers this week are given by Billy and Duane Stroud-Boutté in honor and celebration of all Military Service Members, their families and Veterans.

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.

► If you would like a hymnal to use at home for our streaming worship, please contact Pastor Martin.

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