

Gilead Presbyterian Church
January 31, 2021 4th Sunday after Epiphany, Year B

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, ability, gender, marital status, sexual orientation, or socioeconomic standing; and we encourage the full participation of all in the life of our congregation.

WELCOME

OPENING MUSIC

"Andante in C"
Mary Temple, organ

by Mozart

OPENING SCRIPTURE

Psalms 111:1, 9

Leader: Praise the LORD!

People: We give thanks to the LORD with our whole hearts, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

Leader: The LORD has sent redemption to the people.

People: The LORD has commanded the Divine covenant forever.

ALL: Holy and awesome is the name of the LORD.

BLUE HYMNAL #263

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,

In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,

Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,

Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

4. Thou reignest in glory, Thou rulest in light,

Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;

All praise we would render; O help us to see

'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

UNISON CONFESSION OF SIN

Holy and all-powerful God, who commands all spirits, comforts those in distress, and casts out destructive forces, we confess that we are unable to do your will.

We protect what is familiar and reject what is unknown. We admire those with courage but excuse ourselves when we falter from the truth. We forget that you are always with us, and that with you all things are possible. Forgive us, lead us, make us new. Remove our desire to heed the false prophets of fear, anger, and isolation; and show us your way. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

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 Mark 1:21-28

²¹ They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. ²² They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. ²³ Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, ²⁴ and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." ²⁵ But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" ²⁶ And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷ They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." ²⁸ At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

SCRIPTURE READING John 14:15-23

¹⁵ "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the One who sent me, who will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees nor recognizes this Spirit. But you can see, for it abides with you, and will be in you. ¹⁸ "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹ In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will know that I am in God, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹ They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my loving God, and I will love them and reveal myself to them." ²² Judas (not Iscariot) said, "Rabbi, how is it that you will reveal yourself to us, and not to the world?" ²³ Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my God will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.

SERMON

"Open a Window"

Rev. Martin McGeachy

MEDITATION

"Autumn Afternoon"
Elizabeth Ojeda, Harp

author unknown

PASTORAL PRAYER

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 #341 “Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!”

- 1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.
This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long.**

- 3. Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above, Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.
This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long.**

BENEDICTION and PASSING OF THE PEACE

POSTLUDE

**"Bourrée from ‘Suite XIX’
Mary Temple, organ**

by Mozart

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ▶ If you would like a hymnal for use at home, please contact Pastor Martin.
- ▶ Zoom Prayer, each Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. The link is in the weekly bulletin email.
- ▶ Ash Wednesday service, 7:30 p.m. February 17 on Facebook Live. If you would like to pick up ashes for your family, please contact Pastor Martin.
- ▶ Lenten Devotional Study each Thursday at 7:30 p.m. on Zoom starting February 18. Look for the link soon in the weekly bulletin email.
- ▶ Daily Scripture devotions for Lent will be available soon via the weekly bulletin email.

† 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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