

Gilead Presbyterian Church
February 7, 2021 5th 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

"Fairest Lord Jesus"
Mary Temple, piano

author unknown

OPENING SCRIPTURE

Psalms 147:1-11

Leader: Let us worship and sing praises to God,

People: for the Lord is gracious and worthy of praise!

Leader: God gathers the outcasts and heals the brokenhearted.

People: God gives the stars their names and makes grass grow on the hills.

Leader: Let us hope in God's steadfast love,

People: and worship God together!

BLUE HYMNAL #483

"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

1. Sing praise to God, who reigns above, The God of all creation,

The God of power, the God of love, The God of our salvation;

With healing balm my soul is filled, And every faithless murmur stilled:

To God all praise and glory!

3. The Lord is never far away, But through all grief distressing,

An ever present help and stay, Our peace, and joy, and blessing;

As with a mother's tender hand, God gently leads the chosen band:

To God all praise and glory!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

UNISON CONFESSION OF SIN

God, you are everlasting, the creator of all that is, and you have made us and named us Good. We confess that we have not acted in goodness, but have chosen fear, anger and self-preservation to guide our thoughts and deeds. You have named us Beloved, but we have turned away, trusting in the treasures of the world for our fulfillment. But you have also named us Forgiven, and we ask that you help us to embrace your gracious names for us, in the name of the one you named our Brother, your Beloved, Jesus the Christ. 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

Isaiah 40:21-31

²¹ Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? ²² Yahweh sits above the vaulted roof of the world, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; God stretches out the skies like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; ²³ It is God who brings the privileged to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. ²⁴ Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when God blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. ²⁵ To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. ²⁶ Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? It is the One who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because God is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. ²⁷ Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My destiny is hidden from Yahweh, and my rights are disregarded by my God"? ²⁸ Have you not known? Have you not heard? Yahweh is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. God does not faint or grow weary; God's depth of understanding is unsearchable, ²⁹ and gives power to the faint, strengthens the powerless. ³⁰ Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; ³¹ but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 1:29-39

²⁹ As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰ Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. ³¹ He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. ³² That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. ³³ And the whole city was gathered around the door. ³⁴ And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. ³⁵ In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ³⁶ And Simon and his companions hunted for him. ³⁷ When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." ³⁸ He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." ³⁹ And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

SERMON

"Name 'em and Claim 'em"

Rev. Martin McGeachy

MEDITATION

"On Eagle's Wings"
John Vangor, guitar -- Mary Temple, piano

by Michael Joncas

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

For those joining virtually, all are invited to partake of bread and wine, or any substance that feels appropriate, or prayerfully take in the sacrifice of the Lord symbolically.

INVITATION, PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

COMMUNION MEDITATION "Finlandia/Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"
John Vangor, guitar

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 #411

"Arise, Your Light Is Come!"

**1. Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey;
Show forth the glory of your God, Which shines on you today.**

**4. Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.**

BENEDICTION and PASSING OF THE PEACE

POSTLUDE

"He Leadeth Me"
Mary Temple, piano

by William Bradbury

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ▶ Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held via Zoom on February 21, 2021.
- ▶ 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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