

**Gilead Presbyterian Church
February 14, 2021 Transfiguration Sunday, 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 "Love Was When" by Don Wyrzten
 Penny Cameron, organ; Mary Temple, piano arr. by Fred Bock

OPENING SCRIPTURE Psalms 99:3-4, 9

Leader: Extol the LORD our God, and worship at God's holy mountain;

People: For the LORD our God is holy!

Leader: Let us praise the LORD's great and awesome name.

People: Our Mighty Ruler, lover of justice, has established equity;

Leader: Our Ruler has executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

People: Holy is the LORD!

BLUE HYMNAL #376 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

**1. Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, All Thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, Thou art all compassion, Pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation, Enter every trembling heart.**

**4. Finish, then, Thy new creation; Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation Perfectly restored in Thee;
Changed from glory into glory, Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee, Lost in wonder, love, and praise.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

UNISON CONFESSION OF SIN

God of all glory, beauty and grace, we have tried to hide from you—to hide our faces, to hide our sin—yet you have never hidden your love for us. We have tried to search for you—in temples, in clouds, on mountaintops—yet you have already revealed yourself to us in the face of Jesus Christ. Forgive us, and transform us so that our lives may shine with your glory, beauty and grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen. SILENT PRAYER

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† 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 2 Corinthians 4:5-6

⁵ For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶ For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 9:2-9

² Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³ and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴ And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵ Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁶ He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷ Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" ⁸ Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. ⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

SERMON "Just Around the Next Bend" Rev. Martin McGeachy

MEDITATION "Climb Ev'ry Mountain" by Richard Rodgers
Billy Stroud-Boutté, soloist; Duane Stroud-Boutté, piano

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 #258 "Praise Ye the Lord"

**Refrain: Praise ye the Lord, Hallelujah!
Everybody praise the Lord. (repeat)**

- 1. Praise God with the sound of the trumpet,
Praise God with the lute and the harp;
Praise God with timbrel and dancing,
Praise God wherever you are. (Refrain)**

**4. Praise God on top of the mountains,
Praise God both day and night;
Praise God down in the low valleys,
Praise God because it's alright. (Refrain)**

BENEDICTION and PASSING OF THE PEACE

POSTLUDE "Healer of Broken Hearts" by Georgia Stiffler
Penny Cameron, organ; Mary Temple, piano arr. by Fred Bock

The flowers this week are given by Mary Temple to the glory of God and in celebration of the birthdays of Lisa Temple and Tim Stan.

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 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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