

Gilead Presbyterian Church
February 21, 2021 1st Sunday in Lent, Year B
Scout Appreciation Sunday

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

"Peace Prelude"
Mary Temple, piano

by Michael Scott

OPENING SCRIPTURE

Psalms 25:1, 4-6

Leader: To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

People: Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.

Leader: Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation.

People: Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

BLUE HYMNAL #81

"Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

**1. Lord, who throughout these forty days For us didst fast and pray,
Teach us with Thee to mourn our sins, And close by Thee to stay.**

**3. And through these days of penitence, And through Thy Passiontide,
Yea, evermore, in life and death, O Lord, with us abide.**

**4. Abide with us, that so, this life Of suffering over-past,
An Easter of unending joy We may attain at last!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Great and merciful God: You created us in Your own divine image, but we would rather make You over in our image, expecting and demanding far less of ourselves. During this season of penitence, we pray for courage and honesty, that our self-examination may be searching and specific. Save us, Holy Creator, from being satisfied with just feeling sorry for the evil we have done – or condoned, or ignored – and for the good we have failed to do. Move us, rather, to explore what we can do to make amends; to undo harm we may have caused; to make up for whatever good we have left undone. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, our compassionate Lord.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

† THE OFFERING AND 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.**

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART, APPRECIATION OF OUR SCOUTS

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 1:9-13

⁹ In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

¹² And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³ He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 9:8-17

⁸ Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹ "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰ and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹ I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." ¹² God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³ I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴ When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵ I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶ When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." ¹⁷ God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

MUSINGS ON SCOUTS AND RAINBOWS

Rev. Martin McGeachy

SERMON

"Learning to Live the Scout Law"

Hannah Behan

*A scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind,
obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent.*

MEDITATION

"On Eagle's Wings"

by Michael Joncas

Mary Temple, 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 #276

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

**2. Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.
Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!**

**3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!**

BENEDICTION and PASSING OF THE PEACE

POSTLUDE "Jesus Walked that Lonesome Valley" arr. by Strohman & Schaum
Mary Temple, piano

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ▶ Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held via Zoom on Feb. 21, 2021 at 11am.
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ Zoom Lenten Devotional Study each Thursday during Lent at 7:30 p.m. The link is in the weekly bulletin email, with Daily Scripture Devotions for Lent.

† 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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