

**Gilead Presbyterian Church
April 4, 2021; Easter 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

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is Risen! **People: He is Risen indeed!**

OPENING MUSIC "Low in the Grave He Lay" by Robert Lowery
Penny Cameron, piano; Mary Temple, organ

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SCRIPTURE Psalms 118:24; Isaiah 65:17-18

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made!

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Leader: Heaven and earth will never be the same!

People: Let us rejoice and be glad!

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

People: He is Risen indeed!

THE FLOWERING OF THE CROSS The Temple and Stan Families

BLUE HYMNAL #123 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

Zoe Temple, Trumpet; Della Temple, Flute

**1. Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!**

**2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!**

OPENING PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, lift up strength, earthly power and status as gods, and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

“Shout Out for Joy” (tune: *I’ve Got the Joy, Joy, Joy Joy...*)

**On Easter we remember Christ is Risen, shout out for joy!
Shout out for joy! Shout out for joy!
On Easter we remember Christ is Risen, shout out for joy!
Shout out for joy today!**

**We shout out Alleluia, Alleluia! Shout out for joy!
Shout out for joy! Shout out for joy!
We shout out Alleluia, Alleluia! Shout out for joy!
Shout out for joy today! (Shout: *“Alleluia!”*)**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 31:1-6

¹ I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people.

² Thus says our Creator:

The people who survive the enemy
will find grace in the wilderness;

I will come to give rest to Israel.

³ They will say, “Yahweh appeared to us in the past, and proclaimed,
‘In everlasting love I conceived you.’”

And now I continue to show my love for you.

⁴ Again I will build you, you shall be built up,
O beloved Israel!

Again you shall take your tambourines,
and go forth in the dance of the merry-makers.

⁵ Again you shall plant vineyards
on the mountains of Samaria;

the planters shall plant,
and shall enjoy the fruit.

⁶ For there shall be a day when sentinels will call
in the hill country of Ephraim:

"Come, let us go up to Zion,
to our everlasting God."

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 28:1-10

¹ After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel God, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ The angel's appearance was like lightning, with garments gleaming like snow. ⁴ The guards shook with fear, and fell to the ground as though they were dead. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." ⁸ So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "**Glad tidings!**" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, "**Do not be afraid; go and tell my disciples to go to Galilee; there they will see me.**"

SERMON

"Arrhythmia"

Rev. Martin McGeachy

MEDITATION

"Lead On, O King Eternal"
Gilead Bell Chimes

by Henry Smart
arr. by Frances L. Callahan

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

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 #108

"Christ Is Alive!"

1. Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky.

Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

5. Christ is alive, and comes to bring Good news to this and every age,

Till earth and sky and ocean ring With joy, with justice, love and praise.

BENEDICTION and PASSING OF THE PEACE

POSTLUDE

"Alleluia the Strife Is O'er"
Penny Cameron, piano; Mary Temple, organ

Palestrina 1588

Easter Lilies

Donated by:

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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.
- ▶ PRPH will be holding its annual flower sale for Mother's Day. Look for details soon!

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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