

**Gilead Presbyterian Church**  
**April 18, 2021; 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter, 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**

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"  
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!**

**BLUE HYMNAL #122**

"Thine Is the Glory"

**1. Thine is the glory, Risen, conquering Son;**

**Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won.**

**Angels in bright raiment Rolled the stone away,**

**Kept the folded grave-clothes Where Thy body lay.**

**Refrain: Thine is the glory, Risen, conquering Son;**

**Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won.**

**2. Lo! Jesus meets us, Risen from the tomb;**

**Lovingly He greets us, Scatters fear and gloom.**

**Let the church with gladness Hymns of triumph sing,**

**For the Lord now liveth; Death hath lost its sting.**

**Refrain: Thine is the glory, Risen, conquering Son;**

**Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won.**

**PRAYER**

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Glorious God, by your power is Christ raised from death to rule this world in love.**

**We confess that we have not believed in him, but fall into doubt and fear.**

**Gladness has no home in our hearts, and gratitude is slight. Forgive our dread of dying, our hopelessness, and set us free for joy in the victory of Jesus Christ,**

**who was dead but lives, and will put down every power to hurt or destroy, when your promised kingdom comes.**

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

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 2:4-9

<sup>4</sup> In the day that the CREATOR God made the earth and the heavens, <sup>5</sup> when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the CREATOR God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; <sup>6</sup> but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground— <sup>7</sup> then God formed a human from the dust of the ground, and breathed into its nostrils the breath of life; and the earth creature became a living being. <sup>8</sup> And the CREATOR God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there placed in it the human that had been formed. <sup>9</sup> Out of the ground God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:36-48

<sup>36</sup> Jesus suddenly came and stood among the disciples and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>37</sup> They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup> Jesus said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup> Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." <sup>40</sup> And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup> While in their joy they were still incredulous and wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" <sup>42</sup> They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup> and he took it and ate in their presence. <sup>44</sup> Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." <sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup> and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup> and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in the name of the Messiah to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things.

SERMON

*"Ghostbusters"*



Rev. Martin McGeachy

MEDITATION

*"Christ Is Arisen"*  
Juergen Tempel, cello

J.Klug, Geistliche Lieder, 1533

**PASTORAL PRAYER and 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 #106 "Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"**  
**Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.**  
**Alleluia, alleluia! Give Praise to His Name.**

**1. Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of creation.**  
**Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.**  
**Alleluia, alleluia! Give Praise to His Name.**

**4. Come, let us praise the living God,**  
**Joyfully sing to our Savior.**  
**Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.**  
**Alleluia, alleluia! Give Praise to His Name.**

**BENEDICTION and PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**POSTLUDE "Lead On, O King Eternal" by Henry Smart**  
**Penny Cameron, piano; Mary Temple, organ arr. by Fred Bock**

*Thank you to our videographers this morning, Alexis and Stephanie Gould.*

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- ▶ The church will reopen for worship starting Sunday, May 2, using the safety protocols that were in place last fall. Masks and social distancing will be required.
- ▶ Zoom Prayer each Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. The link is in the weekly bulletin email.
- ▶ PRPH is holding its annual Mother's Day Plant Sale. Orders are due by April 30. See [www.PRPHNY.org](http://www.PRPHNY.org). Contact Mary Temple with dedications.

† *We accept offerings through the "Online Giving" link on our website, [www.gileadchurch.org](http://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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