

**Gilead Presbyterian Church
May 9, 2021; 6th 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

OPENING MUSIC “The Little Family of Bethany” by Stewart London
Mary Temple, organ Traditional American ballad

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SCRIPTURE Isaiah 66:13

Leader: Thus says the LORD: “As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you;
People: you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.”

BLUE HYMNAL #555 “Now Thank We All Our God”

- 1. Now thank we all our God With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done, In whom this world rejoices;
Who, from our mothers' arms, Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, And still is ours today.**
- 2. O may this bounteous God Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts And blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in God's grace, And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills In this world and the next.**

OPENING PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we confess that we have disobeyed your commandment to honor our father and mother. You are God our Father, and our Holy Mother. You have guided our every step, and yet we push away from you. We follow our own path. Like unruly children, we listen to our own selfish desires, seek our own comfort, and work for our own ends. We do not heed your voice to reach out to others, share all we have been given, and love as you have loved us. As a mother who never forsakes her children, forgive us Lord, and hold us close. We turn to you now and listen in silence for your Love. Amen.

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

God: "It was I who taught Ephraim to walk, I who took them up in my arms; but they did not know that I healed them. I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love. I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks. I bent down to them and fed them."

Hosea 11:3-4

SCRIPTURE READINGS

"You were unmindful of the Rock that bore you; you forgot the God who gave you birth."

Deuteronomy 32:18

God: "As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem."

Isaiah 66:13

God: "Can a woman forget her nursing child, or show no compassion for the child of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you."

Isaiah 49:15

"But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother; my soul is like the weaned child that is with me."

Psalms 131:2

Jesus: "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!"

Matthew 23:37 and Luke 13:34

SERMON

"Honor Your Mother"

Rev. Martin McGeachy

MEDITATION

"God Bless the Mothers"
Mary Temple, organ

by Donald Lee Moore
arr. by Martha Lynn Thompson

WELCOMING OUR NEWEST MEMBER

Cassie Occhino

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.

PURPLE HYMNAL #300 (GRAY #284) "We Are One in the Spirit"

**1. We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;
we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:**

**Refrain: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

**2. We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand;
we will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand,
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land: (Refrain)**

BENEDICTION and PASSING OF THE PEACE

POSTLUDE

"Allegro"
Mary Temple, organ

by J.S. Bach
arr.by Rick Parks

**Our Mother's Day Flowers are dedicated to the glory of God
In honor or memory of:**

**Cousin Mary
Toni Simpson and Sylvia Nielsen
All the mothers of the world
Barbara Backus and Nicole Geiger
Nanny McLean, Seda Reardon,
Lizzie Oliver, and Joan Lawerance
Ester Williams
Marion Knapp
Loved ones
Alice McGeachy**

Given by:

**Katherine Foote
Ellie and Dave Nielsen
Cindy Kosacz
Tina Annunziato
Emma McLean
Marj Williams
Margery Amato
Annina Celli
Liz and Martin McGeachy**

All the "Mothers" of the Temple/Stan Clan

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ▶ The Food Pantry can still use donations of non-perishables, as well as diapers (children & adult), and bags. Leave in the outside bin or call Martin for appointment.
- ▶ Zoom Prayer each Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. The link is in 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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