

**Gilead Presbyterian Church
June 20, 2021; Father's Day**

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

"Faith of Our Fathers"
Mary Temple, organ

by David Hegarty

OPENING SCRIPTURE

Psalms 20:1, 4-5

Leader: May Our Loving God answer you in the day of trouble.

People: May the name of the God of our ancestors protect you.

Leader: May God grant you your heart's desire, and fulfill all your plans.

People: May we shout for joy in God's victory!

In the name of God, let our banners fly!

BLUE HYMNAL #262 "God of Our Fathers"

Zoey Temple, trumpet; Della Temple, flute

- 1. God of our fathers, whose almighty hand
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
Our grateful songs before Thy throne arise.**
- 2. Thy love divine hath led us in the past;
In this free land by Thee our lot is cast;
Be Thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay;
Thy word our law, Thy paths our chosen way.**
- 4. Refresh Thy people on their toilsome way,
Lead us from night to never-ending day;
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
And glory, laud, and praise be ever Thine.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we so often miss your kingdom at work among us. Captivated by power and prestige, we overlook the mustard seeds you have planted all around. Forgive us for failing to notice where and how you are at work. Forgive us when

we work against your plans and purposes—fostering divisions when you have called us to a ministry of reconciliation; beset by apathy when the world has such deep needs; building walls to keep people out when your branches offer generous nests. Help us to grow in faithfulness, we pray, so that we might reach our fullest height of faith. In Christ’s name we pray. 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

“A Salute to Dad”

sung to the tune of "This Land is Your Land"

**This day is Dad's day, We'll show our love today,
We'll sing this song for you, In praise of all you do.
We plan to entertain, And sing a glad refrain,
This day is ma-de just for you.**

**You helped with toys and bikes, When we were little tykes.
You tucked us in and night Then read and kissed goodnight.
Driving us to our school, You stressed the "Golden Rule",
This day is ma-de just for you!**

**When we went on a date, You stayed up really late.
Through all the trips and falls, You always heard our calls.
With arms so big and strong, You taught us right from wrong.
Yes Dad, it's true you're really cool!**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

¹ The spirit of the Almighty God is upon me, because the Almighty has anointed me; God has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; ² to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, the day of justice of our God; to comfort all who mourn; ³ to provide for those who mourn in Zion— to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Almighty One, displaying the glory of God.

Isaiah 61:1-3

The resurrected Christ appeared to the disciples, saying:

¹⁵ "Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation.

Mark 16:15

SERMON

“Juneteenth”

Rev. Martin McGeachy

MEDITATION

“Though I May Speak”
Rebekah McGeachy, soprano

by Hal Hopson
English folk melody

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 #355

“Hear the Good News of Salvation”

1. Hear the good news of salvation: Jesus died to show God’s love.
Such great kindness! Such great mercy! Come to us from heaven above.
Jesus Christ, how much I love You! Jesus Christ, You save from sin!
How I love You! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“St. Anthony Chorale”
Mary Temple, organ

by Johannes Brahms
arr. by Rick Parks

The flowers this morning are donated to the glory of God by Margery and Laura Amato, in memory of their fathers, John Knapp and Greg Amato.

Thank you to our videographers, Alexis and Stephanie Gould.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ▶ The Bell Chimes rehearse today after worship, and next Sunday after worship, to play on July 4.
- ▶ The Food Pantry can use monetary donations, as well as all non-perishable foods and toiletries. 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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