

**Gilead Presbyterian Church  
June 27, 2021**

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                      "His Eye is on the Sparrow"                      by Charles H. Gabriel  
Mary Temple, organ

OPENING SCRIPTURE                      Psalms 33:18-22

Leader: Our hope is in you and your steadfast love, O Lord.

**People: Deliver us from the darkness and feed us with your love.**

Leader: Our hearts are glad as we trust in your Holy Being and steadfast love.

**People: O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you.**

**BLUE HYMNAL #282                      "If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee"**

- 1. If thou but trust in God to guide thee, With hopeful heart through all thy ways,  
God will give strength, whate'er betide thee, To bear thee through the evil days.  
Who trusts in God's unchanging love Builds on the rock that nought can move.**
- 2. Only be still, and wait God's leisure In cheerful hope, with heart content  
To take whate'er thy Keeper's pleasure And all discerning love hath sent.  
No doubt our inmost wants are clear To One who holds us always dear.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Gracious God, we confess that even though we believe in your Almighty Care, our belief is often shallow and shaking. We say we trust in you and your steadfast love, but too often we live in fear and anxiety. We say we trust in the forgiveness and grace of Christ given freely to all, but we judge our neighbors and ourselves harshly. We say we trust in your guidance and protection, but we go our own way and despair that the rest of the world does not follow us. Grant us your forgiveness, strengthen our faith, and encourage us to live into our hope and faith in you.**

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 READINGS

We who have taken refuge in God are strongly encouraged to seize the hope set before us. <sup>19</sup> We have this hope, a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters the inner shrine behind the curtain, <sup>20</sup> where Jesus, a forerunner on our behalf, has entered... *Hebrews 6:18-20*

Since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. <sup>9</sup> For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup> who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. *1 Thessalonians 5:8-10*

Truly the eye of the LORD is on those who stand in faith, on those who hope in God's steadfast love. *Psalms 33:18*

SERMON "The Whisper of Hope" Rev. Martin McGeachy

MEDITATION "Whispering Hope" by Alice Hawthorne

Martin Schuldt, tenor, Martin McGeachy, baritone  
*Soft as the voice of an angel, Breathing a lesson unheard  
Hope with a gentle persuasion, Whispers her comforting word  
Wait 'til the darkness is over, Wait 'til the tempest is done  
Hope for the sunshine tomorrow, After the darkness is gone  
Refrain: Whispering hope, oh, how welcome thy voice,  
Making my heart in its sorrow rejoice.*

*If in the dusk of the twilight Dim be the region afar  
Will not the deepening darkness Brighten the glimmering star  
Then when the night is upon us, Why should the heart sink away?  
When the dark midnight is over, Watch for the breaking of day  
Refrain: Whispering hope, oh, how welcome thy voice,  
Making my heart in its sorrow rejoice.*

### 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 #432                      “Song of Hope”**

- 1. May the God of hope go with us every day,  
Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.  
May the God of justice speed us on our way,  
Bringing light and hope to every land and race.  
Praying, let us work for peace, Singing, share our joy with all,  
Working for a world that's new, Faithful when we hear Christ's call.**

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE                                      “Now I Belong to Jesus”                                      by Norman J. Clayton**  
Mary Temple, organ

*The flowers this morning are donated to the glory of God by Mary Temple  
in honor of Teresa Araya, wishing her a speedy recovery.*

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- ▶ Bell Chimes rehearse today after worship, to play next Sunday, July 4, arriving 9 a.m.
- ▶ 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](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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