

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of freedom, justice, and liberty, we confess that we have not lived lives of Christ-like freedom, for we are slaves to our own desires and plans. We seek justice for ourselves, but are complacent about justice for others. We proclaim liberty, but mean only our own vision of liberty; we work to free only those who further our own needs and pleasures. Grant us a vision of freedom in obedience to the Divine will, and the ability to seek liberty and justice for all, in the name of 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

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

¹⁴ For we know that the law is spiritual; but I am of the flesh, sold into slavery under sin. ¹⁵ I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶ Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷ But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸ For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ²¹ So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²² For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³ but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴ Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ²⁵ Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with my mind I am a slave to the law of God, but with my flesh I am a slave to the law of sin.
Romans 7:14-25

SERMON "In Dependence Day" Rev. Martin McGeachy

MEDITATION "Battle Hymn of the Republic" trad. American melody
Gilead Bell Chimes

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 #564 "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"

- 1. O beautiful for spacious skies, For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties Above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood From sea to shining sea!**
- 2. O beautiful for pilgrim feet, Whose stern, impassioned stress
A thoroughfare for freedom beat Across the wilderness!
America! America! God mend thine every flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control, Thy liberty in law!**

CHORAL BLESSING "God Bless America" Words & Music by Irving Berlin

**God bless America, land that I love
Stand beside her and guide her
Through the night with the light from above
From the mountains to the prairies To the oceans white with foam
God bless America, my home sweet home—
God bless America, my home sweet home!**

**God bless our family, all humankind (verse by Pastor Martin)
We will labor to love our neighbor
That Thy Grace in our face they may find
We're created to be related; all God's children, where'er we roam
God bless America, our home sweet home—
God bless America, our home sweet home!**

POSTLUDE "My Country, 'Tis of Thee" by Samuel F. Smith
Penny Cameron, piano; Mary Temple, organ arr. by Robert Graham

Thank you to our videographers, Alexis and Stephanie Gould.

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- ▶ 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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