

Gilead Presbyterian Church

July 11, 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

PRELUDE

“For All the Saints”
Mary Temple, organ

by Ralph Vaughan Williams

OPENING SCRIPTURE

Psalms 30:2-5

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: Dearest God, we cried to you for help, and you have healed us.

People: You have brought up our souls from the grave and restored us to life.

Leader: Sing praises to God, you faithful saints, give thanks in the holy name of God.

People: For the time of trial is but a moment, and God’s favor is for a lifetime.

Leader: Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

PURPLE HYMNAL #375

"Shall We Gather at the River"

**1. Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?**

Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;

gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

**4. Soon we'll reach the shining river; soon our pilgrimage will cease;
soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.**

Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;

gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

GATHERING PRAYER

Holy God, grant that your Holy Spirit may intercede for us with sighs too deep for human words. Heal our wounded hearts made heavy by our sorrow. Through the veil of our tears and the silence of our emptiness, assure us again that ear has not heard, nor eye seen, nor human imagination envisioned, what you have prepared for those who love you; through Jesus Christ, Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE GLORIA

Glory to the Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

SCRIPTURE READINGS

¹ "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ² In my loving God's house there are many mansions. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also."

John 14:1-3

⁸ The voice of my beloved! Look, my lover comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills. ⁹ My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Look, standing there behind our wall, gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice, ¹⁰ my beloved calls and says to me: "Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; ¹¹ for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. ¹² The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. ¹³ The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

Song of Songs 2:8-13

SERMON

"Summer Funerals"

Rev. Martin McGeachy

MEDITATION

"He Is With Me"
Duane Stroud-Boulté, piano

by John W. Peterson
arr. by Fred Bock

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.

GRAY HYMNAL #554

"I'll Fly Away"

- 1. Some glad morning when this life is o'er, I'll fly away;
To a home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away.
I'll fly away, Oh Glory, I'll fly away; (in the morning)
When I die, Hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away.**
- 3. Just a few more weary days and then, I'll fly away;
To a land where joy shall never end, I'll fly away.
I'll fly away, Oh Glory, I'll fly away; (in the morning)
When I die, Hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away.**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Moon River”
Mary Temple, piano

by Henry Mancini

*The flowers this morning are donated to the glory of God
by the family of Carole Sciallo, in her loving memory.*

Thank you to our videographers, Alexis and Stephanie Gould.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ▶ 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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