

**Gilead Presbyterian Church
July 25, 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

"Ave Maria"
Elizabeth Ojeda, harp; Billy Petito, organ

by Bach/Gounod

OPENING SCRIPTURE

Psalms 37:3-4

Leader: Trust in the LORD, and do good.

People: Then you shall live in the land, and enjoy security.

Leader: Take delight in our loving God,

People: and God will give you the desires of your heart.

BLUE HYMNAL #361

"How Firm a Foundation"

- 1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?**
- 2. "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

UNISON CONFESSION OF SIN

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. 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

“In the morning, as He was returning to Jerusalem, He was hungry, and noticed a fig tree on the road. He went over to see if there were any figs, but there were only leaves. Then He said to it, ‘Never bear fruit again!’ And soon, the fig tree withered up. The disciples were utterly amazed and asked, ‘How did the fig tree wither so quickly?’ Then, Jesus told them, ‘Truly, if you have faith, and don’t doubt, you can do things like this and much more. You can even say to this Mount of Olives, move over into the ocean, and it will. You can get anything - anything you ask for in prayer – if you believe.”

Mathew 21:18-22

“That evening, as usual, they left the city. Next morning, as the disciples passed the fig tree he had cursed, they saw that it was withered from its roots! Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said to the tree on the previous day, and exclaimed, ‘Look Teacher! The fig tree you cursed has withered!’ In reply, Jesus said to the disciples, ‘If you only have faith in God – this is the absolute truth – you can say to this Mount of Olives, raise up and fall into the Mediterranean, and your command will be obeyed. All that is required is that you really believe and have no doubt! Listen to me! You can pray for ANYTHING, and if you believe, you have it – it is yours!’

Mark 11:19-24

SERMON

“FAITH”

Elder José Ojeda

We welcome to the pulpit today Gilead Elder and educator José Ojeda, with gratitude from Pastor Martín, who will return to the pulpit next Sunday.

MEDITATION

“The Lord’s Prayer”

Margaret Karell, soprano; Mary Temple, piano

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 #455

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

1. All creatures of our God and King, Lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam, Thou silver moon with softer gleam,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

2. Thou rushing wind that art so strong, Ye clouds that sail in heaven along,
O sing ye! Alleluia!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice, Ye lights of evening, find a voice!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

6. All creatures, your Creator bless, And worship God in humbleness.
O sing ye! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, And praise the Spirit, Three in One!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Allegro from 6th Cello Sonata”
Mary Temple, organ

by J.S. Bach
arr. by Rick Parks

Thank you to our videographers, Alexis and Stephanie Gould.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ▶ Pastor Martin McGeachy is on vacation, but will be back in the office on Wednesday, and joining the Wednesday 8:30 Prayer Zoom.
- ▶ Prayer Zoom each Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. The link is in the weekly bulletin email.

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