Gilead Presbyterian Church August 1, 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 "Faith of Our Fathers" by Faber, Henry & Walton

Penny Cameron, piano

OPENING SCRIPTURE Psalms 105:1-4

Leader: O give thanks to the LORD! Praise God's deeds among the peoples. **People: Sing to God, sing praise, and tell of God's wonderful works.**

Leader: Glory in God's holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice. **People: Let us continually seek the LORD, and rest in the presence of the LORD.**

BLUE HYMNAL #145 "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!"

1. Rejoice, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing! Your festal banner wave on high, The cross of Christ your King. Rejoice! rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

2. Yes, on through life's long path, Still chanting as ye go; From youth to age, by night and day, In gladness and in woe. Rejoice! rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, Creator and Lover, we confess that we have not relied on you and your love. We have not rested in your providence or trusted in your grace. We have been anxious, joyless, unloving, and so busy with our own plans and schemes that we have failed to relax and enjoy the creation you have entrusted to our care. Help us to remember that you are our sovereign source of all that is, and all is Good in your name. Grant us the faith to trust in what we say we believe, that we might see you in ourselves, our neighbors, and the world around us, so that we can become one with you and all that you are.

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

²⁸ We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. ²⁹ For those whom God foreknew God also predestined to share the image of the Only Begotten, in order that Christ might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰ And those whom God predestined God also called; and those whom God called have also been justified; and those whom God justified have, in turn, been glorified.

³¹ What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³² Since God did not spare the Only Begotten, but gave Christ up for all of us, we may be certain, after such a gift, that God will freely give us everything. ³³ Who will bring any charge against God's chosen? Since God is the one who justifies, ³⁴ who has the power to condemn? Only Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, and who now intercedes for us. ³⁵ Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all day long;

we are looked upon as sheep to be slaughtered."

³⁷ Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors because of God who has loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:28-39

²⁷ Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ²⁸ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will God clothe you—you of little faith! ²⁹ And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. ³⁰ For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Beloved knows that you need them. ³¹ Instead, strive for God's kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

Luke 12:27-31

SERMON "Tell Me Something Happy" Rev. Martin McGeachy

MEDITATION "Jesus, Priceless Treasure" by Johann Crüger, 1653

Juergen Tempel, cello; Penny Cameron, piano

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

COMMUNION MUSIC

"Sweet Hour of Prayer" Penny Cameron, piano by William B. Bradbury

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 #368 "I've Got Peace Like a River"

- 1. I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river in-a my soul. *(repeat)*
- 2. I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain in-a my soul. *(repeat)*
- 3. I've got love like an ocean, l've got love like an ocean, l've got love like an ocean in-a my soul. *(repeat)*

BENEDICTION POSTLUDE

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" Penny Cameron, piano

by Martin Luther

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.
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[†] 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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