

Gilead Presbyterian Church
August 22, 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

Welcome to Gilead Presbyterian Church, a community of the universal love and light of Jesus Christ. I'm Pastor Martin McGeachy. We welcome all at Gilead... and especially today, we welcome YOU. May you be filled with the awareness of God all around and in you, wherever you are. Let us worship God.

PRELUDE

"Lead On, O King Eternal"
Mary Temple, organ

OPENING SCRIPTURE Psalms 33:1-3

Leader: Rejoice in the reign of God, O you righteous.

People: Praise adorns the upright in beauty.

Leader: Praise God with the lyre; make melody to God with the harp of ten strings.

People: Sing to the Beloved a new song;

Leader: play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

GRAY HYMNAL #479 "Onward, Christian Soldiers"

- 1. Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus going on before!
Christ, the royal Master, leads against the foe;
Forward into battle, see his banner go!
Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus going on before!**

- 3. Like a mighty army moves the church of God;
Brothers, we are treading where the saints have trod;
We are not divided; all one body we,
One in hope and doctrine, one in charity.
Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus going on before!**

- 4. Onward, then, ye people, join our happy throng,
Blend with ours your voices in the triumph song;
Glory, laud, and honor, unto Christ the King;
This through countless ages men and angels sing.
Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus going on before!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Divine love, forgive us for not having courageous hearts of faith and joy. We claim to believe in you and your promises, but we are weighed down by stress, resentments, and doubt. We lose patience with each other and ourselves, and do not act in loving ways to all we meet. We jealously hold on to our portion of grace as though it were the last morsel of food in a famine, when in reality it is the first bite in a never-ending feast of plenty for all who believe and are willing to give away what they have been given. Help us to know we are filled, and will never run empty when we return to the source of all grace and goodness. In Jesus' name we pray, 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

³⁸ Saul clothed David with his armor; he put a bronze helmet on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail. ³⁹ David strapped Saul's sword over the armor, and he tried in vain to walk, for he was not used to them. Then David said to Saul, "I cannot walk with these; for I am not used to them." So David removed them. ⁴⁰ Then he took his staff in his hand, and chose five smooth stones from the wadi, and put them in his shepherd's bag, in the pouch; his sling was in his hand, and he drew near to the Philistine.

⁴¹ The Philistine came on and drew near to David, with his shield-bearer in front of him. ⁴² When the Philistine looked and saw David, he disdained him, for he was only a youth, ruddy and handsome in appearance. ⁴³ The Philistine said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. ⁴⁴ The Philistine said to David, "Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the field." ⁴⁵ But David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with sword and spear and javelin; but I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. ⁴⁶ This very day the LORD will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head; and I will give the dead bodies of the Philistine army this very day to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the earth, so that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, ⁴⁷ and that all this assembly may know that the LORD does not save by sword and spear; for the battle is the LORD's and the LORD will give you into our hand."

⁴⁸ When the Philistine drew nearer to meet David, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine. ⁴⁹ David put his hand in his bag, took out a stone, slung it, and struck the Philistine on his forehead; the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell face down on the ground.

1 Sam 17:38-49

³⁵ On that day, when evening had come, Jesus said to the disciples, "Let us go across to the other side." ³⁶ And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. ³⁷ A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. ³⁸ But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" ³⁹ He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. ⁴⁰ He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" ⁴¹ And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"
Mark 4:35-41

SERMON

"Defeating Goliath"

Rev. Martin McGeachy

MEDITATION

theme from "UP"
Zoe 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.

GRAY HYMNAL #478 "Soldiers of Christ, Arise"

**1. Soldiers of Christ, arise, and put your armor on,
strong in the strength which God supplies through his eternal Son.
Strong in the Lord of hosts, and in his mighty pow'r,
who in the strength of Jesus trusts is more than conqueror.**

**2. Stand then in his great might, with all his strength endued;
but take, to arm you for the fight, the panoply of God.
Leave no unguarded place, no weakness of the soul;
take ev'ry virtue, ev'ry grace, and fortify the whole.**

**3. To keep your armor bright, attend with constant care;
still walking in your Captain's sight, and watching unto prayer.
From strength to strength go on; wrestle and fight and pray;
tread all the pow'rs of darkness down, and win the well-fought day.**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"
Mary Temple, organ

by John Hughes
arr. by Don Hustad

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.
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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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