Gilead Presbyterian Church September 5, 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 "Amazing Grace" arr. by Ted Smith & Don Hustad Penny Cameron, piano; Mary Temple, organ Amer. Folk Melody

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.**

PURPLE HYMNAL #761 "Called as Partners in Christ's Service" 1. Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace, we respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace. May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend, equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.

2. Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth, let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth. Men and women, richer, poorer, all God's people, young and old, blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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.

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

⁸ God has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Micah 6:8

³⁶ "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" ³⁷ Jesus said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' ³⁸ This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' ⁴⁰ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." *Matthew 22:36-40*

SERMON	"What You and God Want"	Rev. Martin McGeachy
MEDITATION	"All Night, All Day"	spiritual
	Rebekah and Martin McGeachy, duet	arr. by Patsy Ford Simms

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.

HYMN"Let There Be Peace on Earth"by Jill Jackson and Sy MillerLet there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.With God, our creator, we are family.*Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now. With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow: to take each moment, and live each moment in peace eternally. Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Fantasia on 'America the Beautiful" by Rex Koury Penny Cameron, piano; Mary Temple, organ based on a tune "Materna" by Samuel S. Ward 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.

Rev. Martin McGeachy, Pastor Mary Temple, Music Director Diana Drake Behan, Church School Superintendent

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