

**Gilead Presbyterian Church
September 12, 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

"The Family of God"
Mary Temple, organ

by William and Gloria Gaither

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 #108

"Of the Father's Love Begotten"

**1. Of the Father's love begotten, ere the worlds began to be,
he is Alpha and Omega; he the source, the ending he,
of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see,
evermore and evermore!**

**4. This is he whom seers in old time chanted of with one accord,
whom the voices of the prophets promised in their faithful word.
Now he shines, the long-expected. Let creation praise its Lord,
evermore and evermore!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we forget all we have been given, and from whom it comes. We hoard our blessings, fearing they will slip through our fingers and never come again. We hold on to dark things as well, believing that what we know and is comfortable is better than nothing. Help us to release our fears, let go of the darkness, and even let go of the good gifts, trusting in your limitless grace and bounty. Help us to believe so strongly in you and your providence that we may give away what we have, knowing that in giving, we will receive. We pray in Christ's 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

¹⁵ On the seventh day they rose early, at dawn, and marched around the city in the same manner seven times. It was only on that day that they marched around the city seven times. ¹⁶ And at the seventh time, when the priests had blown the trumpets, Joshua said to the people, "Shout! For the LORD has given you the city. ¹⁷ The city and all that is in it shall be devoted to the LORD for destruction. Only Rahab the prostitute and all who are with her in her house shall live because she hid the messengers we sent. ¹⁸ As for you, keep away from the things devoted to destruction, so as not to covet and take any of the devoted things and make the camp of Israel an object for destruction, bringing trouble upon it. ¹⁹ But all silver and gold, and vessels of bronze and iron, are sacred to the LORD; they shall go into the treasury of the LORD." ²⁰ So the people shouted, and the trumpets were blown. As soon as the people heard the sound of the trumpets, they raised a great shout, and the wall fell down flat; so the people charged straight ahead into the city and captured it. *Joshua 6:15-20*

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴ in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. ⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸ He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹ The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹² But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of human will, but of God. ¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a parent's only child, full of grace and truth. *John 1:1-14*

SERMON "The Walls Come Tumbling Down" Rev. Martin McGeachy

MEDITATION "Joshua Fought the Battle of Jericho" spiritual
Zoe Temple, trumpet; Della Temple, flute
vocalists Lucy Temple, Zoe Temple, Della Temple, and Annina Celli

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.

PURPLE HYMNAL #248 “Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”

**1 Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed.
In the desert all-surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.**

**2 Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.
Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend.
Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.**

BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE “He Keeps Me Singing” by Luther B. Bridgers
Zoe Temple, trumpet; Della Temple, flute arr. by Chris Cooke**

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

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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