

Gilead Presbyterian Church
September 26, 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

"Tis the Gift to be Simple"
Mary Temple, keyboards

American Folk Song

OPENING SCRIPTURE Psalms 1:1-3

Leader: Happy are those who take delight in the law of the Lord.

People: On the Word of the Lord they meditate day and night.

Leader: They are like trees planted by streams of water.

People: In all that they do they prosper.

BLUE HYMNAL #469 "Morning Has Broken"

**1. Morning has broken Like the first morning,
Blackbird has spoken Like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing Fresh from the Word!**

**3. Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
Born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, Praise every morning,
God's recreation Of the new day!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION Psalm 51

Against you, you alone, have I sinned, O Lord, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit. O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. For you have no delight in sacrifice; if I were to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased. The sacrifice acceptable to God is a humble spirit; a humble and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

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

⁷ The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple; ⁸ the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes; ⁹ the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether. ¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb. ¹¹ Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. *Psalm 19:7-11*

²² But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. ²³ For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; ²⁴ for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. ²⁵ But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. *James 1:22-25*

SERMON “The B-I-B-L-E” Rev. Martin McGeachy

MEDITATION “Jesus Knows Me, This I Love” by Will Bradbury and Fred Bock

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 #255 “Now Praise the Lord”

- 1. Now praise the Lord, all living saints, Sing praises that endure.
Our children God does surely bless, Our future is secure.**
- 3. God's Word runs swiftly o'er the earth, The seasons to command.
Spring, summer, winter, autumn, all Display that wondrous hand.**
- 4. Your life-filled Word brings order to The chaos of our days.
In love You claim us as Your own; What better cause for praise?**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“I’ll Fly Away”
Mary Temple, keyboards

by Albert E. Brumley

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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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