

Gilead Presbyterian Church
October 3, 2021; World Communion Sunday

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

"They'll Know We Are Christians"
Mary Temple, organ

by Peter Scholtes

OPENING SCRIPTURE

Luke 13:29

Leader: People will come from the east and the west.

People: People will come from the north and the south.

ALL: Together we will all feast in the kingdom of God.

BLUE HYMNAL #507

"I Come with Joy"

1. I come with joy to meet my Lord, Forgiven, loved, and free,
In awe and wonder to recall His life laid down for me,
His life laid down for me.
2. I come with Christians far and near To find, as all are fed,
The new community of love In Christ's communion bread,
In Christ's communion bread.
5. Together met, together bound, We'll go our different ways,
And as His people in the world, We'll live and speak His praise,
We'll live and speak His praise.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of compassion and mercy, we are your wounded and wounding children. We bring our wounded selves, our divided society, and our broken world, seeking your healing and transforming grace. It is easy for us to point the finger at others, yet we know that we all need your forgiveness; so we lift up and into your presence today not only the victims of conflicts, but also those we have called enemies. Break down the walls of hatred, distrust and bitterness, and open a way for us to reach one another in truth and love. Enable us to build a society where all can belong; to share our gifts in mutual respect, and seek the new future which you offer us through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Adapted from a prayer of the Corrymeela Community in Northern Ireland.

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

¹ Again I saw all the oppressions that are practiced under the sun. Look, the tears of the oppressed—with no one to comfort them! On the side of their oppressors there was power—with no one to comfort them. ² And I thought the dead, who have already died, more fortunate than the living, who are still alive; ³ but better than both is the one who has not yet been, and has not seen the evil deeds that are done under the sun...

⁹ Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. ¹⁰ For if they fall, one will lift up the other; but woe to one who is alone and falls and does not have another to help. ¹¹ Again, if two lie together, they keep warm; but how can one keep warm alone? ¹² And though one might prevail against another, two will withstand one. A threefold cord is not quickly broken. *Ecclesiastes 4:1-12*

²³ For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, ²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵ In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. *1 Corinthians 11:23-26*

SERMON "Roustabouts and Elephants" Rev. Martin McGeachy

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

MEDITATION "Here I Am, Lord" by Daniel L. Schutte
Mary Temple, organ

SHARING OF THE CUP

MEDITATION "In Remembrance" by Buryl Red
Mary Temple, organ

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 #514

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

1. ***Let us talents and tongues employ, Reaching out with a shout of joy:
Bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard.
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!**

2. **Christ is able to make us one, At the table He sets the tone,
Teaching people to live to bless, Love in word and in deed express.
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!**

3. **Jesus calls us in, sends us out Bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
Gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) everywhere!
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

**“We Are God’s People”
Mary Temple, organ**

**by Johannes Brahms
arr. by Fred Bock**

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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