

**Gilead Presbyterian Church
October 10, 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

"Immortal, Invisible"
Mary Temple, organ

traditional Welsh melody

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.

PURPLE HYMNAL #774

"There Is Now a New Creation"

1. There is now a new creation through the grace of Jesus Christ, peace and reconciliation with the God of endless life.

2. Call the lost and found together; tell the news to everyone: now the past is gone forever and a new life has begun.

4. Come and join the celebration; come and join this happy feast; Jesus makes an invitation to the greatest and the least.

5. There is now a new creation through the grace of Jesus Christ. Sing, with thanks and adoration, to the God of endless life!

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

All Are Welcome by Alexandra Penfold and Suzanne Kaufman

PURPLE HYMNAL #399

“God Welcomes All”

**God welcomes all, strangers and friends;
God's love is strong and it never ends.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

³⁴ You shall treat the stranger who travels to your land as a native among you, and you shall love that one as yourself, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God. *Leviticus 19:34*

⁵ May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, ⁶ so that together you may with one voice glorify the God of our Savior Jesus Christ. ⁷ Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. *Romans 15:5-7*

SERMON

“Acceptance”

Hadley Behan

MEDITATION

“Family of God”
Mary Temple, organ

by William & Gloria Gaither

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 #772, BLUE #332 “Live into Hope”

**1. Live into hope of captives freed, of sight regained, the end of greed.
The oppressed shall be the first to see the year of God's own jubilee!**

**3. Live into hope of liberty, the right to speak, the right to be,
the right to have one's daily bread, to hear God's word and thus be fed.**

**4. Live into hope of captives freed from chains of fear or want or greed.
God now proclaims our full release to faith and hope and joy and peace.**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Wonderful Grace of Jesus”
Mary Temple, organ

by Haldor Lillenas

*The flowers this morning are donated to the glory of God
by Mary Temple in honor of the birthdays of
John Temple III, Zoe Temple and Della Temple.*

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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