

**Gilead Presbyterian Church
October 24, 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

PURPLE HYMNAL #399 "God Welcomes All"
God welcomes all, strangers and friends;
God's love is strong and it never ends.

PRELUDE "A Joyful Ring" by Barbara C. Kinyon
Gilead Bell Chimes

OPENING SCRIPTURE Psalms 131:2-3
Leader: I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother.
People: My soul is like the weaned child that is with me.
Leader: O Israel, hope in the LORD!
People: We will hope in the LORD from this time on and evermore.

BLUE HYMNAL #527 "Near to the Heart of God"

- 1. There is a place of quiet rest, Near to the heart of God,
A place where sin cannot molest, Near to the heart of God.
O Jesus, blest Redeemer, Sent from the heart of God,
Hold us, who wait before Thee, Near to the heart of God.**
- 2. There is a place of comfort sweet, Near to the heart of God,
A place where we our Savior meet, Near to the heart of God.
O Jesus, blest Redeemer, Sent from the heart of God,
Hold us, who wait before Thee, Near to the heart of God.**
- 3. There is a place of full release, Near to the heart of God,
A place where all is joy and peace, Near to the heart of God.
O Jesus, blest Redeemer, Sent from the heart of God,
Hold us, who wait before Thee, Near to the heart of God.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dearest Lord, you have given all things into our care, yet we focus our hearts on wanting more and more. You have promised to fill us, yet we insist on feasting upon the bread which does not satisfy. You have provided manna and quail in our wilderness, yet we still doubt you will be there for us. Open our eyes to the miracles of plenty that surround us. Forgive our lack of trust in you, and grant us faith in your sovereign goodness, that we may share from our abundance. In Christ's name we pray, amen.

SILENT PRAYER

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

²⁵ Anxiety weighs down the human heart, but a good word cheers it up. *Proverbs 12:25*

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. *Philippians 4:4-7*

SERMON

"God Will Stand Guard"

Rev. Martin McGeachy

MEDITATION

"God Will Take Care of You"
Mary Temple

by W. Stillman Martin

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 #260

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

lyrics by Martin Luther and Omer Westendorf, Blue Hymnal #259

1. **A mighty fortress is our God, A bulwark never failing;
Protecting us with staff and rod, And power all prevailing.
What if the nations rage And surging seas rampage;
What though the mountains fall, The Lord is God of all;
The Lord of hosts is with us.**

2. The waters of God's goodness flow Throughout the holy city,
And gladden hearts of those who know God's tenderness and pity.
Though nations stand unsure, God's kingdom shall endure;
God's power shall remain, And peace shall ever reign,
The Lord of hosts is with us.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "What A Friend We Have in Jesus" adapted by Willis Ray
Mary Temple, organ

*The flowers this morning are donated to the glory of God
by Katherine Foote in honor of Jim Foote's birthday.*

Thank you to our videographers, Alexis and Stephanie Gould.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ▶ The Lo-Tones will practice right after worship today.
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ Prayer Zoom each Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. The link is in the weekly bulletin email.
- ▶ If you would like to build a Shoebox for Operation Christmas Child, find instructions at <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/pack-a-shoe-box/>
- ▶ Join us for a family Pumpkin Pot-luck Picnic at 3:00 p.m., Saturday, October 30.
- ▶ Bible Study in the lounge and Zoom, Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. The link is in the weekly bulletin email.

† 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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