#### Gilead Presbyterian Church November 7, 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

"Hymne" Penny Cameron, piano by Vangelis arr. by Lori Line

OPENING SCRIPTURE from Psalms 119

Leader: Happy are those whose footsteps follow the way of the Lord—

People: the path of justice and mercy that draws us toward wholeness.

Leader: Happy are those whose hearts delight in the law of the Lord—

**People:** teachings that root us in love, sustain us in hope, and nurture generous spirits within us.

Leader: Happy are our souls when we gather to worship the Living Lord— **People: the Fountainhead of Grace, the Giver of Life.** 

BLUE HYMNAL #367 "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love" Refrain: Jesu, Jesu, fill us with Your love, Show us how to serve the neighbors we have from You.

- 1. Kneels at the feet of His friends, Silently washes their feet, Master who acts as a slave to them. (Refrain)
- 2. Neighbors are rich and poor, Varied in color and race, Neighbors are near and far away. (Refrain)
- 3. These are the ones we should serve, These are the ones we should love. All are neighbors to us and You. (Refrain)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## OPENING PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess that we make choices in our lives that bring pain, anger, fear and adversity. We bow down before other gods; we have turned our hearts away from you. We worship our own ideas about right and wrong, and we focus our lives on work, consumerism, comfort and rising above our neighbor. Our choices disorder our love of you and each other. Forgive us, God, and mend what is broken, that we may be one with you, and find the life abundant you have promised. 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

<sup>15</sup> See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. <sup>16</sup> If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving and walking in the ways of the LORD your God, and observing the commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess.
<sup>17</sup> But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup> I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup> I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, <sup>20</sup> loving, obeying and holding fast to the LORD your God; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

<sup>21</sup> "You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' <sup>22</sup> But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire. <sup>23</sup> So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, <sup>24</sup> leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift.
<sup>25</sup> Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. <sup>26</sup> Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

SERMON	"Neighborly Communion"	Rev. Martin McGeachy
MEDITATION	"Only This I Want" Penny Cameron, piano	based on Phil. 3:7-16; 2:15,18

#### 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. For those joining physically, the individual Communion Bread & Cup sets contain grape juice. INVITATION, PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP 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 #386 "O for a World"

- 1. O for a world where everyone Respects each other's ways, Where love is lived and all is done With justice and with praise.
- 3. We welcome one world family And struggle with each choice That opens us to unity And gives our vision voice.
- 5. O for a world preparing for God's glorious reign of peace, Where time and tears will be no more, And all but love will cease.

BENEDICTION		
POSTLUDE	"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"	by George Elvey
	Penny Cameron, piano	arr. by Gail Smith

# The flowers this morning are anonymously donated to the glory of God in honor of all our veterans.

Thank you to our videographers, Alexis and Stephanie Gould.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

► 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/

Thursday Bible Study in the lounge,7:30 p.m. A Zoom link is in the weekly bulletin.
 We will participate in a community Interfaith Thanksgiving service at Temple Beth

Shalom, 760 Route 6, Mahopac, NY 10541 on Sunday, November 21 at 7:00 p.m. A streaming link will also be sent out.

<sup>†</sup> We accept offerings through the "Online Giving" link on our website, <u>www.gileadchurch.org</u>, 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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