Gilead Presbyterian Church November 14, 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	"Now Thank We All Our God"	by Johann Cruger
	Mary Temple, organ	arr. By Lani Smith

OPENING SCRIPTURE Psalms 100:4-5 Leader: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and God's courts with praise! **People: Give thanks to God and bless God's holy name; for the Lord is good.** Leader: God's steadfast love endures forever. **People: God's faithfulness extends to all generations.**

BLUE HYMNAL #106 "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks" Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! Give Praise to His Name.

- 1. Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of creation. Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! Give Praise to His Name.
- Come, let us praise the living God, Joyfully sing to our Savior.
 Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! Give Praise to His Name.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

UNISON CONFESSION OF SIN

Loving God, we gather today rich in blessing. Forgive us, Lord, if we believe that we merit the wealth and comforts that we enjoy. Forgive us, our God, for comfortably closing our eyes to the faces of the poor that stare in our direction. Lord, have mercy on us. With hands tightly clasping our treasures on earth, we cannot reach out to our oppressed brothers and sisters around this world. Forgive us for clinging to our own possessions rather than to you. Unite us with hearts of thanksgiving, that we may work to bring all into your circle of grace. 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

¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray without ceasing, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. ¹⁹ Do not quench the Spirit. ²⁰ Do not despise the words of prophets, ²¹ but test everything; hold fast to what is good; ²² abstain from every form of evil. ²³ May the God which is peace itself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴ The one who calls you is faithful, and will do this. *1 Thessalonians 5:16-24*

¹² As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³ Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Almighty Beloved through him. *Colossians 3:12-17*

SERMON	"What State Do You Live In?"	Rev. Martin McGeachy
MEDITATION	"O Beautiful for Spacious Skies" Mary Temple, organ	tune by Samuel Ward arr. By Edward Broughton

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 #554 "Let All Things Now Living"

 Let all things now living A song of thanksgiving To God our Creator triumphantly raise; Who fashioned and made us, Protected and stayed us, By guiding us on to the end of our days. God's banners are o'er us, Pure light goes before us, A pillar of fire shining forth in the night: Till shadows have vanished, All fearfulness banished, As forward we travel from light into Light.

 By law God enforces. The stars in their courses, The sun in its orbit obediently shine; The hills and the mountains, The rivers and fountains, The depths of the ocean proclaim God divine. We, too, should be voicing Our love and rejoicing With glad adoration, a song let us raise: Till all things now living Unite in thanksgiving, To God in the highest, hosanna and praise.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"We Plow the Fields" Mary Temple, organ by Johann A.P. Schultz arr.by Joseph Prentiss

Thank you to our videographer, 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.

► Bible Study in the lounge and Zoom, Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. The link is in the weekly bulletin email.

▶ 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.

► Bell Chimes rehearse right after worship today & next Sunday, Nov.21, to play in Worship on Dec.5 (2nd Sunday in Advent)

[†] 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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