



**Gilead Presbyterian Church
November 21, 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

"For the Beauty of the Earth"
Mary Temple, organ

by Conrad Kocher

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: It is good to give thanks and praise to God,

People: For life abundant, filled with promise, beauty, and wonder.

Leader: It is good to gather in the fellowship of God's love.

People: Young and old, friend and stranger, bound together by faith.

Leader: It is good to listen to God, to pray and learn, to worship and to serve,

People: To give as we have received from God, all blessings and gifts of life.

BLUE HYMNAL #559

"We Gather Together"

Zoe Temple, trumpet; Della Temple, flute

- 1. We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
He chastens and hastens His will to make known;
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing,
Sing praises to His name; He forgets not His own.**
- 2. Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
Ordaining, maintaining His kingdom divine;
So from the beginning the fight we were winning;
Thou, Lord, wast at our side; All glory be Thine!**
- 3. We all do extol Thee, Thou leader triumphant,
And pray that Thou still our defender wilt be.
Let Thy congregation escape tribulation;
Thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Bountiful God, you have blessed us with so much in so many ways. Forgive us for not seeing our abundance, not seeing our wealth of grace and life. Forgive us for holding on too tightly to our treasures, lest they slip through our grasp. Forgive us for living in fear of lack when your bounty of life is richness beyond compare. Grant that we may let go of our fears. Grant us generous hearts of freedom and faith and giving, in Christ=s name, Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE GLORIA

Glory to the Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

SCRIPTURE READINGS

²¹ Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice, for the Almighty has done great things!
²² Do not fear, you animals of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine give their full yield. ²³ O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the Almighty God; for God has given the early rain for your vindication, and has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before.
²⁴ The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. ²⁵ I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. ²⁶ You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Almighty God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. ²⁷ You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the Almighty, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame. *Joel 2:21-27*

¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³ they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶ He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they?" ¹⁸ Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹ Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well." *Luke 17:11-19*

SERMON

"Nine Out of Ten Lepers Agree..."

Rev. Martin McGeachy

MEDITATION

"We Come to Say Thank You"
Gilead Singers

by Pepper Choplin

THE OFFERING

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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.**

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 #551

**“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”
Zoe Temple, guitar**

- 1. Come, ye thankful people, come, Raise the song of harvest home:
All is safely gathered in, Ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker, doth provide For our wants to be supplied:
Come to God's own temple, come, Raise the song of harvest home.**
- 2. All the world is God's own field, Fruit unto God's praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown, Unto joy or sorrow grown;
First the blade, and then the ear, Then the full corn shall appear:
Lord of harvest, grant that we Wholesome grain and pure may be.**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

**“Count Your Blessings”
Mary Temple, organ**

by Edwin O. Excell



*The flowers this morning are
anonymously donated
with Thanksgiving to God for all our
blessings.*

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.
- ▶ Thursday evening Bible Study will not meet this week.
- ▶ We will participate in a community Thanksgiving service at Temple Beth Shalom, 760 Route 6, Mahopac, NY 10541 tonight at 7:00 p.m. A streaming link was sent yesterday.
- ▶ Gilead Singers rehearse this morning at 9:15.
- ▶ Bell Chimes rehearse right after worship today, to play in Worship on Dec.5.

Thank you to our videographer, Stephanie Gould.

† *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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