

# Gilead Presbyterian Church

## January 16, 2022

### WELCOME

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.

### OPENING MUSIC

"Morning Has Broken"  
Gilead Singers

Gaelic melody  
arr. by Dale Grotenhuis, 1985

### OPENING SCRIPTURE

Psalm 36:7-9

Leader: How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

**People: All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.**

Leader: We feast on the abundance of your house, and you give us drink from the river of your delights.

**People: With you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.**

### BLUE HYMNAL #285

"God, You Spin the Whirling Planets"

1. God, You spin the whirling planets, Fill the seas and spread the plain,  
Mold the mountains, fashion blossoms, Call forth sunshine, wind, and rain.  
We, created in Your image, Would a true reflection be  
Of Your justice, grace, and mercy And the truth that makes us free.

3. God, Your word is still creating, Calling us to life made new.  
Now reveal to us fresh vistas Where there's work to dare and do.  
Keep us clear of all distortion. Polish us with loving care.  
Thus, new creatures in Your image, We'll proclaim Christ everywhere.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OPENING PRAYER

### UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, your face is hidden from us by our sins, and we forget your mercy in the blindness of our hearts. Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from despairing thoughts and dark desires. With faith and confidence we draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son.

### 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

*Isaiah 62:1-5*

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,  
until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch.

<sup>2</sup> The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory;  
and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the LORD will give.

<sup>3</sup> You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

<sup>4</sup> You shall no more be termed Forsaken,  
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;  
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,  
and your land Married;  
for the LORD delights in you,  
and your land shall be married.

<sup>5</sup> For as two young people join in marriage,  
so shall your builder marry you,  
and just as two people rejoice in one another on their wedding day,  
so shall your God rejoice over you.

*John 2:1-11*

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus  
was there. <sup>2</sup> Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. <sup>3</sup> When the  
wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." <sup>4</sup> And Jesus said  
to her, "**Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.**"  
<sup>5</sup> His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." <sup>6</sup> Now standing there were  
six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty  
gallons. <sup>7</sup> Jesus said to them, "**Fill the jars with water.**" And they filled them up to the  
brim. <sup>8</sup> He said to them, "**Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.**" So they  
took it. <sup>9</sup> When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know  
where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward  
called the bridegroom <sup>10</sup> and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then  
the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine  
until now." <sup>11</sup> Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his  
glory; and his disciples believed in him.

SERMON

"Wedding Reception"

Rev. Martin McGeachy

MEDITATION

"Lift Every Voice and Sing"  
Duane Stroud-Boutté, piano

by J. Rosamund Johnson  
arr. by Duane Stroud-Boutté

PASTORAL PRAYER and **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 #716 "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"**

1. God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store,  
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door:  
gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise;  
thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

2. Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:  
all at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one.  
Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone.  
Born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

"How Great Thou Art"  
Mary Temple, organ

Swedish folk melody

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- ▶ Join our weekly prayer Zoom, Wednesday mornings at 8:30 a.m. for 15 minutes of joys, concerns, and prayer.
- ▶ Bible Study on Zoom, Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. The link is in the weekly bulletin email.
- ▶ Next Sunday everyone please stay after worship to take down Christmas decorations.
- ▶ Gilead Singers rehearse this morning at 9:15 to sing in worship.
- ▶ Gilead Bell Chimes rehearse after worship today to play next Sunday, January 23.

*Thank you to our videographer, Stephanie Gould.*

† We accept offerings through the "Online Giving" link on our website, [www.gileadchurch.org](http://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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# 285 God, You Spin the Whirling Planets

AUSTRIAN HYMN 8.7&amp;7 D

Jane Parker Huber, 1978

Franz Joseph Haydn, 1797



1. God, You spin the whirl-ing plan-ets. Fill the seas and spread the plain,  
 2. You have called us to be faith-ful In our life and min-is-try.  
 3. God, Your word is still cre-at-ing. Call-ing us to life made new.



Mold the moun-tains, fash-ion blos-soms, Call forth sun-shine, wind, and rain.  
 We re-pond in grate-ful wor-ship Joined in one com-mu-ni-ty.  
 Now re-veal to us fresh vis-tas Where there's work to dare and do.



We, cre-at-ed in Your im-age, Would a true re-flec-tion be  
 When we blur Your gra-cious im-age, Fo-cus us and make us whole.  
 Keep us clear of all dis-tor-tion, Pol-ish us with lov-ing care.



Of Your jus-tice, grace, and mer-cy And the truth that makes us free.  
 Healed and strengthened as Your peo-ple, We move on-ward toward Your goal.  
 Thus, new crea-tures in Your im-age, We'll pro-claim Christ ev-ery-where.



# God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending 716

Capo 3: (D) F (Bm) Dm (G) B<sup>b</sup>

1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and  
 2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of  
 3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through powers your

(D) F (Bm) Dm

end - less store, na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly  
 Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es  
 grace con - ferred: ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to

(G) B<sup>b</sup> (D) F (A) C

cross, grave's shat - tered door: gift - ed by you, we turn  
 joined, the church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly  
 spread the gos - pel word. O - pen wide our hands in

(Bm) Dm (F#m) Am (Bm) Dm (G) B<sup>b</sup> (A) C (D) F

to you, of - fer - ing up our - selves in praise; thank - ful song shall  
 la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone. Born with tal - ents,  
 shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call, heal - ing, teach - ing,

(Bm) Dm (G) B<sup>b</sup> (D) F

rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.  
 make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.  
 and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

This text on stewardship was one of about 450 submissions in a search for such hymns conducted by the Hymn Society of America in 1961. These words are well grounded by their musical setting, an early American shape note tune named for a Baptist church in Harris County, Georgia.

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