Gilead Presbyterian Church February 6, 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 "Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore" by Cesáreo Gabaráin Mary Temple, organ

OPENING SCRIPTURE Psalms 138:5-8

Leader: Great is your glory through all the earth, Holy Majesty.

People: Though you reign from on high, your regard is for the lowly.

Leader: Through all trouble, your mighty hand delivers us.

People: We will be the fulfillment of all you have purposed in us.

Leader: Your steadfast love, O Highest One, endures forever.

PURPLE HYMNAL #1 "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee. Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

- 3. Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee, though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see, only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, perfect in power, in love and purity.
- 4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
 All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.
 Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
 God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, though we walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve and deliver us. Though our lips are not clean and our hearts are not pure, you call us. Forgive us, we pray, when we wander away from you, lost and at risk. Touch us with your grace and dispel our fear, that we may arise with renewed spirits to serve you, our Almighty Beloved. 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

¹ In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Most High God sitting on a throne, high and lofty, dressed in a robe whose train filled the temple. ² Seraphs were in attendance above; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³ And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is God Almighty; all the earth is full of God's glory." ⁴ The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵ And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a person of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the Ruler, the Omnipotent God of hosts!" ⁶ Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷ The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." ⁸ Then I heard the voice of the Holy Almighty saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

¹ Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, 2 he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake: the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. 3 He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. 4 When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." ⁵ Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." 6 When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. 7 So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. 8 But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful person!" 9 For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken: 10 and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." 11 When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him. Luke 5:1-11

SERMON

"Love Call"

Rev. Martin McGeachy

SCRIPTURE READING

⁹ And God said, "Go and say to this people: 'Keep listening, but do not comprehend; keep looking, but do not understand.' ¹⁰ Make the mind of this people dull, and stop their ears, and shut their eyes, so that they may not look with their eyes, and listen with their ears, and comprehend with their minds, and turn and be healed." ¹¹ Then I said, "How long, O Lord?" And God said: "Until cities lie waste without inhabitant, and houses without people, and the land is utterly desolate; ¹² until I send everyone far away, and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land. ¹³ Even if a tenth part remain in it, it will be burned again, like a terebinth tree or an oak whose stump remains standing when it is felled." The holy seed is its stump.

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

MEDITATION John Vangor, guitar; Mariah Warren, soprano

SHARING OF THE CUP

MEDITATION John Vangor, guitar; Mariah Warren, soprano

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.

PURPLE HYMNAL #170 "You Walk Along Our Shoreline"
1. You walk along our shoreline where land meets unknown sea.
We hear your voice of power, "Now come and follow me.
And if you still will follow through storm and wave and shoal, then I will make you fishers but of the human soul."

- 2. You call us, Christ, to gather the people of the earth. We cannot fish for only those lives we think have worth. We spread your net of gospel across the water's face, our boat a common shelter for all found by your grace.
- 3. We cast our net, O Jesus; we cry the kingdom's name; we work for love and justice; we learn to hope through pain. You call us, Lord, to gather God's daughters and God's sons, to let your judgment heal us so that all may be one.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Go in Grace and Make Disciples"

by Mary Louise Bringle & William Rowan

Mary Temple, organ

The flowers this morning are donated by the Warren family, in celebration of Ben's 10th birthday, and in loving memory of John Warren, Sr. and Joan Francis.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ► Valentine's Day Bake Sale Sunday, Feb. 13.
 - Bring pre-packaged items to be sold for \$5 per plate. Sweets for your Sweetie!
- ▶ 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.
- ► The congregation is called to the Gilead Annual Meeting at 11:00 a.m. following worship on Sunday, Feb. 13. A Zoom link will be provided.
- ▶ Gilead Singers rehearse today after worship to sing on Feb. 13.

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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1 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!



You Walk along Our Shoreline 170



Based on Jesus' calling of the disciples (Matthew 4:18–22/Mark 1:16–20/Luke 5:4–11), this hymn notes that their mode of fishing involved nets requiring the participation of more than one person. Likewise, in our work of love and justice we are called to bear witness in community.