

Gilead Presbyterian Church

February 13, 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

"Abiding Love"
Mary Temple, organ

by Gloria Roe

OPENING SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 17:7-8

Leader: Blessed are those who trust in the Almighty, whose trust is in the Almighty God.

**People: They shall be like a tree planted by water,
sending out its roots by the stream.**

Leader: It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green.

People: We shall put our trust in the Almighty God!

Leader: We shall never be moved.

PURPLE HYMNAL #816

"If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee"

**1. If thou but trust in God to guide thee, with hopeful heart through all thy ways,
God will give strength, whate'er betide thee, to bear thee through the evil days.
Who trusts in God's unchanging love builds on the rock that nought can move.**

**3. Sing, pray, and swerve not from God's ways, but do thine own part faithfully.
Trust the rich promises of grace; so shall they be fulfilled in thee.
God never yet forsook at need the soul secured by trust indeed.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Love and Providence, your blessings abound, surrounding us and bubbling up like a deep pool watering the forest. Still we live in deprivations of our own making, and we drink of the world's sadness, anger, fear and lack. Grant this day that we remember all you are to us, that we may stand firmly in your grace and care, and boldly share your Light with our neighbor. In Christ's name we pray, 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

⁵ Thus says the Almighty God: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Almighty God. ⁶ They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. ⁷ Blessed are those who trust in the Almighty God, whose trust is the Almighty God. ⁸ They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. ⁹ The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse—who can understand it? ¹⁰ I the Almighty God test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings. *Jeremiah 17:5-10*

¹⁷ Jesus came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. ¹⁸ They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹ And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. ²⁰ Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. ²¹ "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. ²² "Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³ Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. ²⁴ "But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. ²⁵ "Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. "Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. ²⁶ "Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets. *Luke 6:17-26*

SERMON

“Understanding Hearts”

Rev. Martin McGeachy

MEDITATION

“Love Lifted Me”
Gilead Singers

by James Rowe & Howard Smith

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 #39 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

**1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.**

**Refrain: Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!**

**2. Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.**

**Refrain: Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!**

**3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!**

**Refrain: Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

**"The Love of God"
Mary Temple, organ**

by P.M. Lehman

*The flowers this morning are donated by Mary Temple
in celebration of Tim Stan's Birthday
and Ellie and Dave Nielsen's 48th Anniversary.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ▶ Valentine's Day Bake Sale today, 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 today, Sunday, Feb. 13. A Zoom link is in the weekly bulletin email.
The Nominations Team moves the following officers for service:
Elders: Class of 2025, Duane Stroud-Boutté and Mariah Warren
Deacons: Class of 2023, Barbara Murray; Class of 2025, Tina Annunziato
- ▶ Gilead Singers rehearse today at 9:00 a.m. to sing in worship.

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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If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee 816

1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee, with hope - ful
 2 On - ly be still, and wait God's lei - sure in cheer - ful
 3 Sing, pray, and swerve not from God's ways, but do thine

heart through all thy ways, God will give strength, what - e'er be -
 hope, with heart con - tent to take what - e'er thy Keep - er's
 own part faith - ful - ly. Trust the rich prom - is - es of

tide thee, to bear thee through the e - vil days. Who trusts in
 plea - sure and all - dis - cern - ing love hath sent. No doubt our
 grace; so shall they be ful - filled in thee. God nev - er

God's un - chang - ing love builds on the rock that nought can move.
 in - most wants are clear to One who holds us al - ways dear.
 yet for - sook at need the soul se - cured by trust in - deed.

This hymn is a testimony of experience. The original seven-stanza German text (based on Psalm 55:22) and its tune were created by the author/composer at the age of twenty in thanksgiving for finding employment many weeks after being left almost penniless following a robbery.

TEXT: Georg Neumark, 1641; trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1855, 1863, alt.
 MUSIC: Georg Neumark, 1641

WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT
 9.8.9.8.8.8

39 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1 *Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee.
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
 thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,

Thou chang - est not; thy com - pas - sions they fail not.
 join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
 strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row:

As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

*Or "Great is thy faithfulness, O God, Creator."

Written as a meditation on Lamentations 3:22-23, this text is one of the few hymns among the 1200 poems by this Methodist writer and pastor that has gained much currency. The tune that appears here was composed especially for these words, and the pairing has proved enduring.

TEXT: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923
 MUSIC: William Marion Runyan, 1923
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FAITHFULNESS
 11.10.11.10 with refrain