



# Gilead Presbyterian Church

## February 27, 2022

### Transfiguration Sunday

#### 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

"There Is a Balm in Gilead"  
Mary Temple, organ

African-American Spiritual  
arr. by Olive Nelson Russell

#### OPENING SCRIPTURE

Psalms 99:3-4, 9

Leader: Extol our Almighty God, and worship at God's holy mountain;

**People: For the Almighty God is holy!**

Leader: Let us praise God's great and awesome name.

**People: Our Mighty Ruler, lover of justice, has established equity;**

Leader: Our Ruler has executed justice and righteousness among the people.

**People: Holy is the Almighty!**

#### PURPLE HYMNAL #66

"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

Refrain: Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.

Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.

1. Upon the mountain, when my Lord spoke,

out of God's mouth came fire and smoke.

Looked all around me, it looked so fine,

till I asked my Lord if all was mine.

Refrain: Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.

Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.

2. Jordan River, chilly and cold,

it chills the body but not the soul.

There is but one train upon this track.

It runs to heaven and then right back.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OPENING PRAYER

#### **UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of compassion, in Jesus Christ we behold your transforming light, yet we continue to live in darkness. Preoccupied with ourselves, we fail to see your work in the world. We speak when we should listen, we act when we should reflect. Empower us to live in your light and to walk in your ways, for the sake of him who is the light of the world, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

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

<sup>29</sup> Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant [of law] in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. <sup>30</sup> When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. <sup>31</sup> But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. <sup>32</sup> Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that God had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. <sup>33</sup> When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; <sup>34</sup> but whenever Moses went in to speak with the presence of God, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, <sup>35</sup> the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in again to speak with God. *Exodus 34:29-35*

<sup>28</sup> Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup> And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>30</sup> Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. <sup>31</sup> They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup> Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. <sup>33</sup> Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. <sup>34</sup> While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. <sup>35</sup> Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" <sup>36</sup> When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen. *Luke 9:28-36*

## SCRIPTURE READING

<sup>13</sup> Moses put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. <sup>14</sup> But the peoples' minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant of law, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. <sup>15</sup> Indeed, to this very day whenever the law of Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; <sup>16</sup> but when one turns to Christ Jesus, the veil is removed. <sup>17</sup> Now Christ Jesus is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of Christ is, there is freedom. <sup>18</sup> And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Spirit of Christ as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from Christ, the Holy Spirit.

*2 Corinthians 3:13-18*

SERMON "The Unveiling" Rev. Martin McGeachy

MEDITATION "When the Saints Go Marching In" African-American Spiritual  
Juergen Tempel, cellist

## 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.

**HYMN** "Tell of the Light" adapted by Martin McGeachy  
from "Go, Tell it On the Mountain," African-American Spiritual

**Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;  
go, tell it on the mountain: the light of Christ has shone!**

**Above the highest mountain, the Word Sang out to all,  
Behold the God-Begotten, Belov'd; now hear his call.**

**Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;  
go, tell it on the mountain: the light of Christ has shone!**

**The souls who walked in darkness have seen a shining light  
The grace of Christ has Risen like dawn upon the night!**

**Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;  
go, tell it on the mountain: the light of Christ has shone!**

**The chains that long have bound us, your love comes to destroy  
Your bright illumination leads us to lives of joy.**

**Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;  
go, tell it on the mountain: the light of Christ has shone!**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"  
Mary Temple, organ

African-American Spiritual  
arr. by Olive Nelson Russell

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- ▶ Bible Study on Zoom, Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. The link is in the weekly bulletin email. Beginning March 16, Bible Study will shift to Wednesdays at 7:30.
- ▶ Weekly Wednesday 8:30 a.m. Zoom Prayer, on March 2 Prayer and Ashes.
- ▶ Ash Wednesday Service in the Sanctuary and Facebook Live, 7:30 p.m. March 2.
- ▶ Bell Chimes will rehearse after worship today, to play next Sunday, March 6.
- ▶ Gilead Singers will rehearse next Sunday after worship.



*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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# 66 Every Time I Feel the Spirit

*Refrain*

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Spir - it mov - ing in my heart I will pray.

*Fine*

1 Up - on the moun - tain, when my Lord spoke, out of God's

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track. It runs to heav - en and then right back.

*to Refrain*

Like many African American spirituals, this one mixes the language of biblical narrative with veiled but effective allusions to the hope of escape from slavery, either by crossing rivers into free states or by participating in organized efforts like the Underground Railroad.