

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Gilead Presbyterian Church
March 20, 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

Largo on "Maori"
Mary Temple, organ

("Search Me, O God")
arr. by Don Hustad

OPENING SCRIPTURE

Psalm 63:3-4, 7-8

Leader: I will bless you, O God, as long as I live;
I will lift up my hands and call on your name.

**People: My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast,
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips.**

Leader: For you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.

People: My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.

***PURPLE HYMNAL #307 "God of Grace, and God of Glory"**

**1. God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.**

**Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.**

**2. Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise.**

**Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.**

**3. Cure thy children's warring madness; bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.**

**Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess that we have grown complacent in our response to you. You set before us a rich feast of blessing, but we are drawn to lesser things that cannot satisfy. You call us to attend to urgent needs in the world, but we indulge our own desires. Our ways are not your ways; our thoughts do not ascend to your thoughts. Forgive us when we fall short of your claim upon our lives. Disturb our complacency and quicken our desire for a more fruitful life. Be patient, we pray, as we amend who we are, in the hope of becoming who you intend us to be. We ask this in the name of our Savior, your Son, Jesus Christ. 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 Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³ Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴ See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵ See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Almighty One, your God, the Holy One of Israel, who has glorified you. ⁶ Seek me, the Almighty, while I may be found, call upon me while I am near; ⁷ let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to me, that I may have mercy on them; return to your God, for I will abundantly pardon. ⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways; thus says the Almighty. ⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. *Isaiah 55:1-9*

¹ At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ² He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?" ³ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴ Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem?" ⁵ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did." ⁶ Then he told this parable:

"There was a fig tree planted in a vineyard; the owner came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷ So the owner said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' ⁸ The gardener replied, 'Please let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹ If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'" *Luke 13:1-9*

SERMON "Non-perishables" Rev. Martin McGeachy

MEDITATION "For This Is God"
Gilead Singers by Gilbert M. Martin
based on "Londonderry Air"

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 #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.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Trumpet Fanfare on "Rescue" arr. by Don Hustad
Mary Temple, organ tune by William Doane

**Please stand, if you are able.*

*Thank you to our Lay Reader today, Mariah Warren,
and our videographer, Stephanie Gould.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ▶ Wednesday 1:00 p.m. memorial service for Elaine Krueger here at Gilead.
- ▶ Weekly Wednesday 8:30 a.m. Zoom Prayer. The link is in the weekly bulletin email.
- ▶ Bible Study on Zoom, Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. The link is in the weekly bulletin email.
- ▶ Gilead Bell Chimes rehearse after worship today.
- ▶ Gilead Singers rehearse today at 9:00 a.m. to sing in worship.



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1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour thy power; crown thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry; bring its
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our
 thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in
 we de - plore. Let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our

bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,


for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss thy king - dom's goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

This stirring hymn used at the opening of Riverside Church in New York in 1930 was penned by its widely-known and influential pastor, and it has gained a firm place in English-language hymnals around the world. The Welsh tune name honors the Rhondda Valley in Glamorganshire.

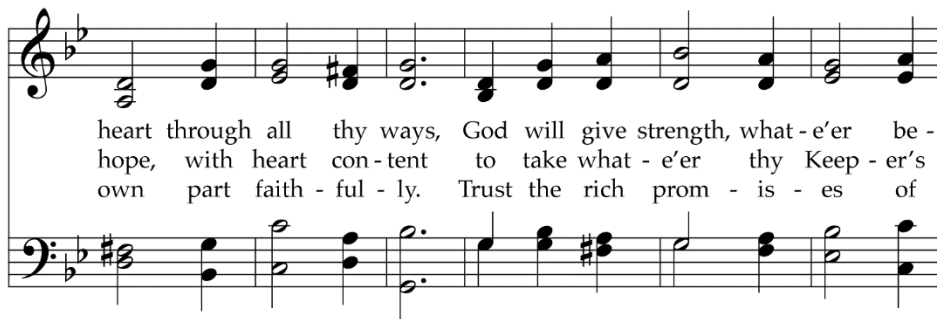
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 MUSIC: John Hughes, 1907

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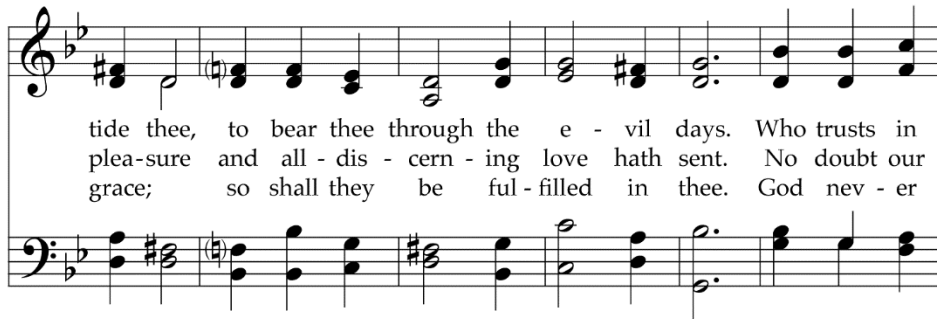
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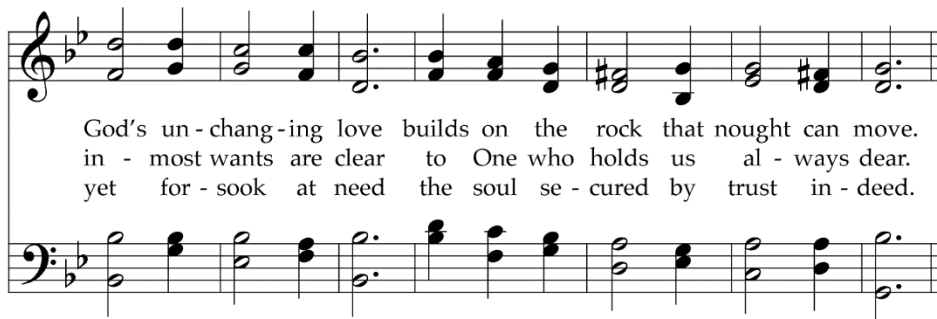
1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee, with hope - ful
 2 On - ly be still, and wait God's lei - sure in cheer - ful
 3 Sing, pray, and swerve not from God's ways, but do thine



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.