

Gilead Presbyterian Church, Carmel
with First Presbyterian Church, Mahopac
April 14, 2022, 7:00 p.m.



OPENING MUSIC "If With All Your Hearts" by Felix Mendelssohn
arr. by Mary Charlotte & Louis Ball
Penny Cameron, piano; Mary Temple, organ

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Leader: Amid all good things competing for our attention, where shall we go to find bread?

People: We come to the upper room, seeking a table prepared for Jesus' disciples.

Leader: Among all the activities we can choose, where shall we invest our time and effort?

People: The church invites our discipleship, calling us into the body of Christ.

Leader: Among all who claim our loyalty, who encompasses the whole of life and truth?

People: God in Christ offers us wholeness, bringing all the pieces of our lives together.

UNISON PRAYER

Almighty God, on this holy night, filled with ominous foreboding, we dare to come to the feast of life. We gather to honor Jesus, who showed us the way of faithful service, and loved us enough to give up this earthly existence that we might know your unconditional love. In thanksgiving and praise we come to commune with you and each other, and find our identity with Christ. Amen.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(silence between confessions, and closing in silence)

Holy and gracious God, our sin is too heavy to bear. Trusting in your mercy, we lay before you the truth of who we are.

In truth, **we confess our failure to love as Christ loved...**

In truth, **we confess our covetousness and greed...**

In truth, **we confess our weakness before temptation...**

In truth, **we confess our frailty before the challenges of this world...**

Merciful God, forgive us. Heal us, and make us whole, for the sake of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray...

THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

SILENT PRAYER

PURPLE HYMNAL #460 “Break Thou the Bread of Life”

**1. Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
as thou didst break the loaves beside the sea.
Beyond the sacred page I seek thee, Lord.
My spirit pants for thee, O living Word!**

**2. Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, now unto me,
as thou didst bless the bread by Galilee.
Then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall.
And I shall find my peace, my all in all.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

¹² What shall I return to the Almighty Beloved for all of God’s bounty to me?

¹³ I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of God,

¹⁴ I will pay my vows to the Almighty
in the presence of all God’s people.

¹⁵ Precious in the sight of our God
is the death of God’s faithful ones.

¹⁶ Almighty God, I am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your serving girl.
You have loosed my bonds.

¹⁷ I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice
and call on your name.

¹⁸ I will pay my vows to you, O God, in the presence of all your people,

¹⁹ in the courts of the house of the Almighty God, in your midst, O Jerusalem.

Praise to the Almighty God!

Psalms 116:12-19

¹² After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, Jesus said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? ¹³ You call me Teacher and Sovereign--and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴ So if I, your Sovereign and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵ For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶ Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷ If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

John 13:1-17

³¹ When [Judas] had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Chosen One has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³² If God has been glorified in him, God will in turn glorify the Chosen One at once. ³³ Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Temple authorities so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

John 13:31-35

MESSAGE

Rev. Martin McGeachy

THE OFFERING

(This evening's offering will go to Putnam CAP, an anti-poverty community action partnership helping those struggling to support themselves)

OFFERTORY

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"
Gilead Bell Chimes

ancient chant
arr. by Frances L. Callahan

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

PURPLE HYMNAL #525 "Let Us Break Bread Together"

1. Let us break bread together on our knees (on our knees).
Let us break bread together on our knees (on our knees).
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

SHARING OF THE CUP

2. Let us drink wine together on our knees (on our knees).
Let us drink wine together on our knees (on our knees).
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.



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.

ANTHEM

"What Wondrous Love Is This"
Jim and Marilyn Perlberg

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION Purple Hymnal #542, "God Be with You Till We Meet Again"

1. God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you,
with a shepherd's care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.

*Presiding ministers this evening are Rev. Casey Carbone
and Rev. Martin McGeachy; our videographer is Stephanie Gould.*

Gilead Holy Week Schedule, April 14-17

7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday at Gilead, a joint service of Communion with 1st Presbyterian of Mahopac. Bells will play; set-up at 6:30.

7:00 p.m. Good Friday at 1st Presbyterian Church, 411 NY-6N, Mahopac, NY 10541. Singers will meet at 6:30 to rehearse, and sing in worship.

10:00 a.m. Easter Sunday at Gilead; bring flowers for the Flowering of the Cross!

† *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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Break Thou the Bread of Life 460

1 Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
2 Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, now un - to me,

as thou didst break the loaves be - side the sea.
as thou didst bless the bread by Gal - i - lee.

Be - yond the sa - cred page I seek thee, Lord.
Then shall all bond - age cease, all fet - ters fall.

My spir - it pants for thee, O liv - ing Word!
And I shall find my peace, my all in all.

The phrase "bread of life" as a metaphor for scripture has misled many people into thinking of this hymn as being connected with the Lord's Supper, when its true subject is Bible study. Both the author and the composer were active in the work of the Chautauqua Assembly.

TEXT: Mary Ann Lathbury, 1877, alt.
MUSIC: William Fisk Sherwin, 1877, alt.

BREAD OF LIFE
6.4.6.4.D

SENDING

542 God Be with You Till We Meet Again

1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; lov - ing
2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; un - seen
3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's
4 God be with you till we meet a - gain; keep love's

coun - sels guide, up - hold you, with a shep - herd's care en -
wings pro - tect - ing hide you, dai - ly man - na still pro -
per - ils thick con - found you, put un - fail - ing arms a -
ban - ner float - ing o'er you; smite death's threat - ening wave be -

fold you:
vide you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.
round you:
fore you:

After writing the first stanza of his "Christian Good-bye," the author sent it to two composers, one celebrated and one unknown, to see how each would set it. This is the second person's tune, which the author found more effective and used for the hymn's first publication.

TEXT: Jeremiah Eames Rankin, 1880, alt.
MUSIC: William G. Tomer, 1880

GOD BE WITH YOU
9.8.8.9
(alternate tune: RANDOLPH, 541)