

**Gilead Presbyterian Church** 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter May 15, 2022, 10:00 a.m.



#### **WELCOME**

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is Risen! People: He is Risen indeed! 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** 

"Holy, Holy, Holy" Penny Temple, piano

by John B. Dykes styled by Joan Cupp

OPENING SCRIPTURE Psalms 118:24; Isaiah 65:17-18

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made!

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Leader: Heaven and earth will never be the same!

People: Let us rejoice and be glad!

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

People: He is Risen indeed!

\*GRAY HYMNAL #43 "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 ioin with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. (Refrain) 3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide, strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow: blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! (Refrain)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION God of mercy, your command to love one another across all differences opens us to new horizons, yet we often respond with fear and judgment that hinders your goal for humanity. Forgive our sins, we pray, and give us a true repentance that leads to life for all creation. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen. SILENT PRAYER ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## **\*THE GLORIA**

Glory to the Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

THE PEACE OF CHRIST Leader: Peace be with you. **People: And also with you.** 



TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART



The children are dismissed to Sunday School.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

<sup>1</sup>Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. <sup>2</sup> So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, <sup>3</sup> saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" <sup>4</sup> Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, <sup>5</sup> "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. <sup>6</sup> As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. <sup>7</sup> I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' <sup>8</sup> But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' <sup>9</sup> But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' <sup>10</sup> This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. <sup>11</sup> At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived

at the house where we were. <sup>12</sup> The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six disciples also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. <sup>13</sup> He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; <sup>14</sup> he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' <sup>15</sup> And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup> And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>17</sup> If then God gave them the same gift that God gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?'' <sup>18</sup> When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

Acts 11:1-18

<sup>3</sup> Listen to me, O house of Jacob, all the remnant of the house of Israel, who have been borne by me from your birth, carried from the womb; <sup>4</sup> even to your old age I am the One, even when you turn gray I will carry you. I have made, and I will bear; I will carry and will save. *Isaiah 46:3-4* 

<sup>22</sup> The steadfast love of the Almighty never ceases, God's mercies never come to an end; <sup>23</sup> they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. *Lamentations 3:22-23* 

SERMON

"Morning Mercies"

Rev. Martin McGeachy

\*GRAY HYMNAL #202 "Amazing Grace" 1. Amazing grace! how sweet the sound—That that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

4. Thru many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come; 'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

5. When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

THE INSTALLATION AND ORDINATION OF OFFICERS

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Sweet Hour of Prayer" Penny Temple, piano by William B. Bradbury styled by Joan Cupp \*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. \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*GRAY HYMNAL #47 "God Will Take Care of You" 1. Be not dismayed whate'er betide, God will take care of you; Beneath his wings of love abide, God will take care of you. (Refrain:) God will take care of you, through ev'ry day, o'er all the way;

He will take care of you, God will take care of you.

2. Through days of toil when heart doth fail, God will take care of you; When dangers fierce your path assail, God will take care of you. [Refrain]

3. All you may need He will provide, God will take care of you; Nothing you ask will be denied, God will take care of you. [Refrain]

\*BENEDICTION

CLOSING MUSIC

"Crown Him with Many Crowns" Penny Cameron, piano by George J. Elvey & Lowell Mason

\*Please stand, if you are able.

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

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School meets after the Time for the Young at Heart.

► Pastor Martin will be on retreat at Silver Bay, NY Monday through Wednesday of this week, and back in the office on Thursday. If any pastoral emergency arises, please contact our Session Clerk, Mariah Warren, at 845-216-9563.

► Because Pastor Martin will be away, there will be no Zoom Prayer or Bible Study this week. We will resume next Wednesday.

► Join us at the home of Billy and Duane Stroud-Boutté after church on Sunday, June 5 for an All-Gilead Ice Cream Social, and pool party for those who'd like to take a dip.



► Deacons meet at Holmes after the Confirmation service next Sunday.

► Confirmation Sunday, next week, May 22 at 10:30 a.m. joint service with 1<sup>st</sup>

Presbyterian Mahopac at Holmes Presbyterian Camp. Note the time difference. Maps are available at the church and in the weekly bulletin email. Bring a snack to share!

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Rev. Martin McGeachy, Pastor Mary Temple, Music Director Diana Drake Behan, Church School Superintendent

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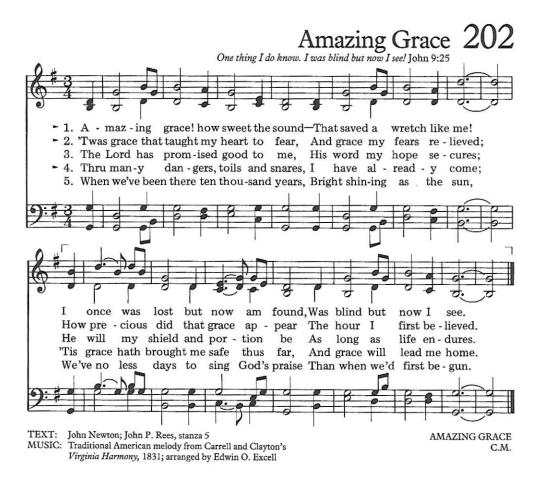
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