# Gilead Presbyterian Church August 28, 2022, 10:00 a.m. Proper 17, Year C



#### 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** 

Elizabeth and Billy Petito

## **OPENING SCRIPTURE**

John 15:15, Colossians 1:10, John 15:8, Matthew 7:17-20, Galatians 5:22-25

Leader: Jesus said, "Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit."

People: The fruit of the Spirit tastes of love, joy and peace.

Leader: Walk with the Lord, bearing fruit in every good work.

People: The fruit of the Spirit tastes of patience, kindness, and generosity.

Leader: In this is the Almighty glorified, that you bear fruit in discipleship.

People: The fruit of the Spirit tastes of faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Leader: Every healthy tree bears good fruit...you will recognize them by their fruits. People: As we live by the Spirit, let us be guided by the fruitfulness of Spirit.

#### \*PURPLE HYMNAL #88

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel" vss. 1,6,7

- 1. O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.
- 6. O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thine advent here; disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.
- 7. O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind; bid envy, strife, and discord cease; fill the whole world with heaven's peace. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

**PRAYER** 

## LITANY OF CONFESSION (Leader and Congregation)

The fruit of the Spirit is love,

but we have chosen darkness rather than light, and kept our love for ourselves.

The fruit of the Spirit is joy,

but we have been sour and bitter, and the joy of the Divine has been missing.

The fruit of the Spirit is peace,

but we have fretted and worried, doubting the loving providence of the Almighty.

The fruit of the Spirit is patience,

but we have snapped at others, and wasted our Now while dreaming of Then.

The fruit of the Spirit is kindness,

but we have been judgmental, unlike our Christ, who prayed for his persecutors.

The fruit of the Spirit is generosity,

but we have hoarded our gifts in fear and selfishness.

The fruit of the Spirit is faithfulness,

but we have let others down, and not taken our relationship promises seriously.

The fruit of the Spirit is gentleness,

but we have been unwilling to yield, insisting on our own way.

The fruit of the Spirit is self-control,

but we have indulged our desires with no thought to our higher selves.

Lord, show us your mercy, in the name of the God who is love and mercy, and our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

--adapted from All Nations Church Ilford, London 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.

ANTHEM "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!" by John Dykes Gilead Bell Chimes arr. by Frances L. Callahan

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

#### SCRIPTURE READINGS

For the Lord grants wisdom. His every word is a treasure of knowledge and understanding. He grants good sense to the godly – his saints. He is their shield, protecting them and guarding their pathway. He shows how to distinguish right from wrong, and how to find the right decision every time. For wisdom and truth will enter the very center of your being, filling your life with joy. The happy man is he who trusts in the Lord.

\*\*Proverbs 2:6-10\*\*

And now, my friends, all that is true, all that is noble, all that is just and pure, all that is lovable and gracious, whatever is excellent and admirable – fill all your thoughts with these things.

Philippians 4:8

SERMON

"When Life Gives You Lemons, God Makes Lemonade"

Elder José Enrique Ojeda

### \*PURPLE HYMNAL #734

"Hope of the World" vss. 1,2,5

- 1. Hope of the world, thou Christ of great compassion: speak to our fearful hearts by conflict rent; save us, thy people, from consuming passion, who by our own false hopes and aims are spent.
- 2. Hope of the world, God's gift from highest heaven, bringing to hungry souls the bread of life: still let thy Spirit unto us be given to heal earth's wounds and end our bitter strife.
- 5. Hope of the world, O Christ, o'er death victorious, who by this sign didst conquer grief and pain: we would be faithful to thy gospel glorious; thou art our Lord! Thou dost forever reign!

#### 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 "40" Lyrics: Psalm 40

Mariah Warren, soloist Music: U2

#### \*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

#### \*PURPLE HYMNAL #370

"This Is My Father's World"

1. This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres. This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees, of skies and seas, his hand the wonders wrought.

2. This is my Father's world. O, let me ne'er forget that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet. This is my Father's world. The battle is not done: Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heaven be one.

\*BENEDICTION

CLOSING MUSIC

Elizabeth and Billy Petito

\*Please stand, if you are able.

The flowers this morning are donated by Mary Temple to the glory of God and in celebration of anniversaries for Julie & Tim Stan and John and Lisa Temple, as well as the birthdays of Cindy Kosacz, Margo Mueller, and Margery Amato.

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

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- ▶ Pastor Martin is traveling home from Montreat, NC this morning after attending a Presbyterian financial planning seminar. We welcome Elder Jose Ojeda to the pulpit.
- ▶ Gilead Bell Chimes rehearse this morning at 9:00 a.m.
- ▶ Next Sunday, September 4, Gilead Singers rehearse before worship at 9:15.

<sup>†</sup> 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.

#### **GILEAD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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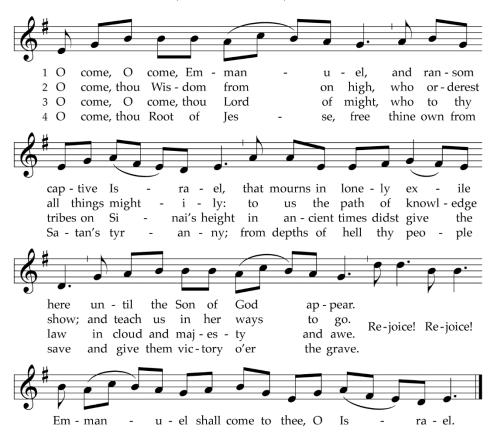
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Our faith practices hospitality, we
welcome all back to church school!



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## 88 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



5 O come, thou Key of David, come, and open wide our heavenly home; make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel

shall come to thee, O Israel.

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One stanza of this paraphrase of the great O Antiphons may be sung on each of the last days of Advent as follows:

 Dec. 17: O Wisdom (2)
 Dec. 20: O Key of David (5)
 Dec. 23: O Emmanuel (1)

 Dec. 18: O Lord of might (3)
 Dec. 21: O Dayspring (6)

Dec. 18: O Lord of might (3) Dec. 21: O Dayspring (6)
Dec. 19: O Root of Jesse (4) Dec. 22: O Desire of Nations (7)

These titles of the coming Christ appeared in daily Vesper antiphons sung during the week before Christmas; their roots date at least to the reign of Charlemagne. Both text and tune are the fruit of 19th-century efforts to reclaim Christian treasures from pre-Reformation sources.



This winning entry by a groundbreaking woman theologian was selected from over five hundred others in a search for a hymn to be used at the Second Assembly of the World Council of Churches in Evanston, Illinois, in October 1954. The theme of the assembly was "Jesus Christ, Hope of the World."



When pastor of a Presbyterian church in Lockport, New York, the author of this text referred to his morning walks as "going out to see my Father's world." The tune created for these words is based on an English melody the composer learned from his mother when he was a boy.

TEXT: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1901

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