

Gilead Presbyterian Church
September 4, 2022, 10:00 a.m.
Proper 18, 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 "There Is a Balm in Gilead" arr. by Olive Nelson Russell
Mary Temple, organ

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.

***GRAY HYMNAL #304 "Lift High the Cross"**

***Refrain:* Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
'Till all the world adore His sacred name.**

**1. Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,
Our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God. (*Refrain*)**

**4. Set up Thy throne, that earth's despair may cease
Beneath the shadow of its healing peace. (*Refrain*)**

**5. For Thy blest Cross which doth for all atone,
Creation's praises rise before Thy throne. (*Refrain*)**

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 "Down to the River to Pray/Lord, Listen to Your Children Playing"
Gilead Singers by Ken Medema & Mary McDonald

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

The children are dismissed to Sunday School.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

¹⁵ See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶ If you obey the commandments of the Almighty God that I am commanding you today, by loving the your God, walking in the Divine Ways, and observing the commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Almighty God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷ But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸ I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land

that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹ I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰ loving and obeying the Almighty, your God, and holding fast to the Divine; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that God swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. *Deuteronomy 30:15-20*

²⁵ Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, ²⁶ "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸ For which person, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether they have enough to complete it? ²⁹ Otherwise, when they have laid a foundation and are not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule them, ³⁰ saying, 'They began to build and were not able to finish.' ³¹ Or what ruler, going out to wage war against another ruler, will not sit down first and consider whether they are able with ten thousand to oppose those who come to fight with twenty thousand? ³² If the ruler cannot, then, while the other is still far away, that first ruler sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³ So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions. *Luke 14:25-33*

SERMON

"Retiring Well"

Rev. Martin McGeachy

***PURPLE HYMNAL #379**

"We Shall Overcome"

1. We shall overcome; we shall overcome; we shall overcome someday.

***Refrain:* O, deep in my heart I do believe we shall overcome someday!**

2. We'll walk hand in hand; we'll walk hand in hand; we'll walk hand in hand someday. (*Refrain*)

3. We shall live in peace; we shall live in peace; we shall live in peace someday. (*Refrain*)

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"May the Work I've Done Speak for Me"
Gilead Singers

by Sullivan Pugh
arr. By K. Morris

***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**

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, SHARING OF THE CUP

MEDITATION

“Under His Wings”

Mary Temple, organ

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.

***GRAY HYMNAL #186 “The Old Rugged Cross”**

1. On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
The emblem of suffering and shame;
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain.

Refrain: So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, Till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross, And exchange it some day for a crown.

2. O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,
Has a wondrous attraction for me;
For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above
To bear it to dark Calvary. *(Refrain)*

4. To the old rugged cross I will ever be true,
Its shame and reproach gladly bear;
Then He'll call me some day to my home far away,
Where His glory forever I'll share. *(Refrain)*

***BENEDICTION: *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.

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]**

CLOSING MUSIC

“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian” with “Kum ba Yah”

Mary Temple, organ

arr.by Olive Nelson Russell

**Please stand, if you are able.*

Thank you to our videographer Stephanie Gould.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ▶ Fall Sunday School resumes next week, so bring the kids!
- ▶ Gilead Singers rehearse this morning at 9:15 a.m.
- ▶ Gilead Singers rehearse before worship September 18 to sing that morning.

Gilead Church School 2022-2023 Exciting New Curriculum

Follow Me: Biblical Practices for Faithful Living

Fall Theme: **WELCOME ALL**
Our faith practices hospitality, we
welcome all back to church school!



We need teachers to share with
our youth in their faith journey.
Curriculum and supplies provided.

Please contact Diana Drake Behan
845-225-1979 or ddbehan@gmail.com

† 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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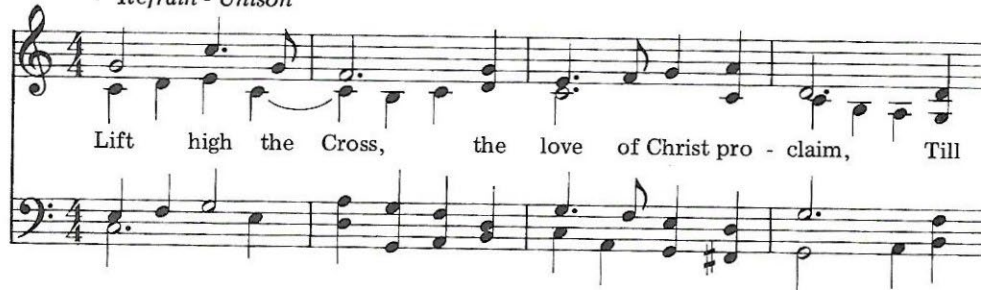


THE CHURCH

304 Lift High the Cross

I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to Myself. John 12:32

Refrain - Unison

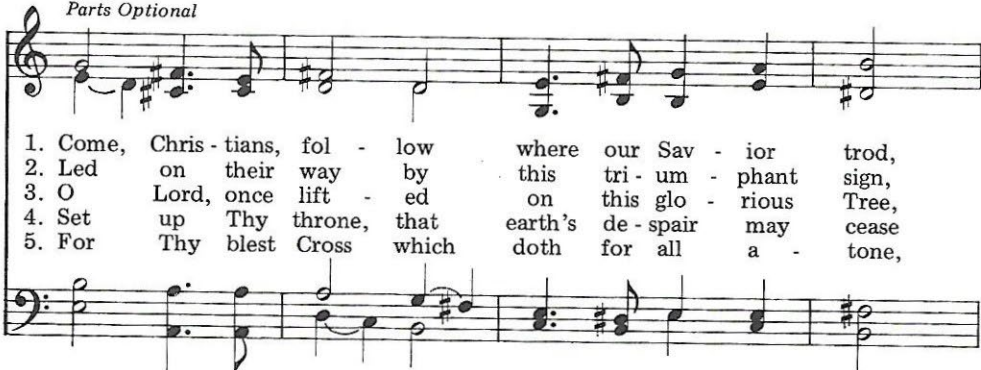


Lift high the Cross, the love of Christ pro - claim, Till



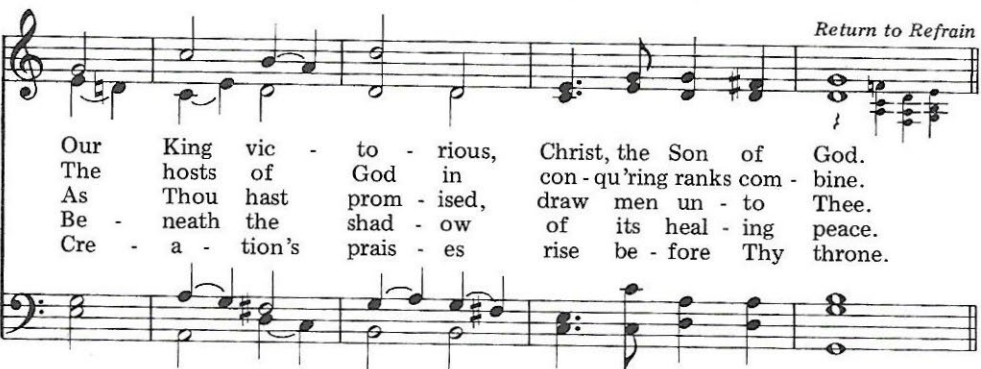
all the world a - dore His sa - cred name. *Fine*

Parts Optional



1. Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Sav - ior trod,
2. Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
3. O Lord, once lift - ed on this glo - rious Tree,
4. Set up Thy throne, that earth's de - spair may cease
5. For Thy blest Cross which doth for all a - tone,

Return to Refrain



Our King vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
The hosts of God in con - qu'ring ranks com - bine.
As Thou hast prom - ised, draw men un - to Thee.
Be - neath the shad - ow of its heal - ing peace.
Cre - a - tion's prais - es rise be - fore Thy throne.

TEXT: George W. Kitchin and Michael R. Newbolt
MUSIC: Sydney H. Nicholson
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CRUCIFER
10.10.10.10.

379 We Shall Overcome

1 We shall o - ver - come; we shall o - ver - come;
 2 We'll walk hand in hand; we'll walk hand in hand;
 3 We shall live in peace; we shall live in peace;
 4 We are not a - fraid; we are not a - fraid;
 5 God will see us through; God will see us through;

we shall o - ver - come some - day.
 we'll walk hand in hand some - day.
 we shall live in peace some - day.
 we are not a - fraid to - day.
 God will see us through to - day.

Refrain

O, deep in my heart I do be -

lieve we shall o - ver - come some - day!

Though now associated primarily with the Civil Rights Movement of the mid-20th century, this spiritual most likely dates from the days of the slave trade; and similarities with the tune SICILIAN MARINERS (see no. 546) suggest that it might have been a worksong aboard slave ships.

TEXT: African American spiritual
 MUSIC: African American spiritual; arr. William Farley Smith, 1986
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WE SHALL OVERCOME
 Irregular

186 The Old Rugged Cross

He humbled Himself and became obedient to death . . . on a cross! Phil. 2:8

1. On a hill far a - way stood an old rug - ged cross, The
 2. O that old rug - ged cross, so de - spised by the world, Has a
 3. In the old rug - ged cross, stained with blood so di - vine, A
 4. To the old rug - ged cross I will ev - er be true, Its

em - blem of suf - f'ring and shame; And I love that old cross where the
 won - drous at - trac - tion for me; For the dear Lamb of God left His
 won - drous beau - ty I see; For 'twas on that old cross Je - sus
 shame and re - proach glad - ly bear; Then He'll call me some day to my

dear - est and best For a world of lost sin - ners was slain.
 glo - ry a - bove To bear it to dark Cal - va - ry.
 suf - fered and died To par - don and sanc - ti - fy me.
 home far a - way, Where His glo - ry for - ev - er I'll share.

Refrain

So I'll cher - ish the old rug - ged cross, Till my
 cross, the old rug - ged cross,

TEXT and MUSIC: George Bennard

OLD RUGGED CROSS
 Irregular meter

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God Will Take Care of You 47

He cares for those who trust in Him. Nah. 1:7

1. Be not dis-mayed what-e'er be-tide, God will take care of you;
2. Thro' days of toil when heart doth fail, God will take care of you;
3. All you may need He will pro-vide, God will take care of you;
4. No mat-ter what may be the test, God will take care of you;

Be-neath His wings of love a-bide, God will take care of you.
When dan-gers fierce your path as-sail, God will take care of you.
Noth-ing you ask will be de-nied, God will take care of you.
Lean, wea-ry one, up-on His breast, God will take care of you.

Refrain

God will take care of you, Thro'ev-ery day, o'er all the way;

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

TEXT: Civilla D. Martin
MUSIC: W. Stillman Martin

GOD CARES
C.M. with Refrain