# Gilead Presbyterian Church September 18, 2022, 10:00 a.m. Proper 20, 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.

WELCOME SONG

"God Welcomes All"

Purple Hymnal #399

The Gilead Youth

God welcomes all, strangers and friends; God's love is strong and it never ends.

**OPENING MUSIC** 

"Sweet Hour of Prayer" Mary Temple, organ

by William B. Bradbury

Psalms 34:8, 118:24

Leader: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

People: Happy are they who find refuge in God.

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made. **People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.** 

#### \*PURPLE HYMNAL #306

**OPENING SCRIPTURE** 

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

- 1. Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love. The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.
- 2. Before our \*Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers. Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.
- 5. From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free; and perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

PRAYER

# **UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in

your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit. In Christ's name we pray. 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.

ANTHEM

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying/Down by the River" by Ken Medina; arr. by Mary McDonald Gilead Singers

### TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

\*PURPLE HYMNAL #472

"Kum ba Yah"

- 1. Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah! Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah! Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah! O Lord, kum ba yah!
- 2. Someone's crying, Lord, kum ba yah! Someone's crying, Lord, kum ba yah! Someone's crying, Lord, kum ba yah! O Lord, kum ba yah!
- 3. Someone's singing, Lord, kum ba yah! Someone's singing, Lord, kum ba yah! Someone's singing, Lord, kum ba yah! O Lord, kum ba yah!
- 4. Someone's praying, Lord, kum ba yah! Someone's praying, Lord, kum ba yah! Someone's praying, Lord, kum ba yah! O Lord, kum ba yah!

The children are dismissed to Sunday School.

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

- Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup> pray without ceasing, <sup>18</sup> give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.
   1 Thessalonians 5:16-18
- <sup>5</sup> The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup> Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. *Philippians 4:5-7* 
  - <sup>12</sup> Be joyful in hope, be patient in suffering, faithful in prayer.

*Romans* 12:12

<sup>1</sup> I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, <sup>2</sup> for kings, rulers and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. 3 This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, 4 who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup> For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, <sup>6</sup> who gave himself a ransom for all this was attested at the right time. 1 Timothy 2:1-6

SERMON

"God Save the King! (and everyone else)"

Rev. Martin McGeachy

## \*PURPLE HYMNAL #472

"Kum ba Yah"

1. Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah! Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah! Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah! O Lord, kum ba yah!

### 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

"The Lord's Prayer" Margaret Karell, soprano

by Albert Ray Malotte

#### \*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 #66 "Every Time I Feel the Spirit" (Refrain:) Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.

Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.

- 1. Upon the mountain, when my Lord spoke, out of God's mouth came fire and smoke. Looked all around me, it looked so fine, till I asked my Lord if all was mine. (Refrain:) Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray. Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.
- 2. Jordan River, chilly and cold, it chills the body but not the soul. There is but one train upon this track. It runs to heaven and then right back. (Refrain:) Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray. Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.

BENEDICTION

**CLOSING MUSIC** 

"Psalm XVIII" Mary Temple, organ by Benedetto Marcello arr. by Denes Agay

\*Please stand, if you are able.

Thank you to our videographer Stephanie Gould.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- ➤ Your Session has voted to make wearing masks optional in worship, but we ask that you be even more careful with one another, respecting distances.
- ► We will resume our Wednesday Zoom 8:30 a.m. prayer and 7:30 p.m. Bible Study on September 28. This is a change from last week's announcement.
- ▶ Gilead Singers rehearse this morning at 9:15 a.m.; the Bell Chimes rehearse right after worship. Next Sunday, the 25<sup>th</sup>, Singers rehearse at 9:15, Paul Francis soloist.
- ▶ Join us for a celebration of life for Marj Williams in our Sunday worship, October 9, at 10:00 a.m., with reception to follow. See Lucy Ojeda if you are able to help.

<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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# 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 <u>ddbehan@gmail.com</u>

# Blest Be the Tie That Binds

# 306



\*Or "Maker's"

Written to express a pastor's unwillingness to leave a beloved congregation, this hymn is frequently used as an expression of Christian fellowship, especially at the conclusion of the Lord's Supper. The tune is attributed to an influential Swiss musician and publisher.





\*Come by here

This African American spiritual, first recorded in the 1920s, seems to have originated somewhere in the southern United States. It enjoyed renewed popularity during the folk revival of the 1960s and became a standard campfire song, eventually traveling throughout the world.



Like many African American spirituals, this one mixes the language of biblical narrative with veiled but effective allusions to the hope of escape from slavery, either by crossing rivers into free states or by participating in organized efforts like the Underground Railroad.