

Gilead Presbyterian Church  
October 16, 2022, 10:00 a.m.  
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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

"No, Not One"  
Mary Temple, organ

by George C. Hugg

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 #65

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

1. Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.

I am weak, but thou art mighty. Hold me with thy powerful hand.

Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more;  
feed me till I want no more.

2. Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow.

Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.

Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield;  
be thou still my strength and shield.

3. When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside.

Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.

Songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to thee;  
I will ever give to thee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER

## **UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Loving God, we gather today rich in blessing. Forgive us, Lord, if we believe that we merit the wealth and comforts that we enjoy. Forgive us, our God, for comfortably closing our eyes to the faces of the poor that stare in our direction. Lord, have mercy on us. With hands tightly clasping our treasures on earth, we cannot reach out to our oppressed brothers and sisters around this world. Forgive us for clinging to our own possessions rather than to you. Unite us with hearts of thanksgiving, that we may work to bring all into your circle of grace. 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**

<sup>11</sup> On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup> As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, <sup>13</sup> they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" <sup>14</sup> When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. <sup>15</sup> Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. <sup>16</sup> He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup> Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they?" <sup>18</sup> Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" <sup>19</sup> Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well." *Luke 17:11-19*

## **SERMON**

Timothy Stan

## **\*PURPLE HYMNAL #792**

**"There Is a Balm in Gilead"**

**Refrain: There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;  
there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.**

**1. Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain,  
but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. (Refrain)**

**2. Don't ever feel discouraged, for Jesus is your friend,  
and if you lack for knowledge, he'll not refuse to lend. (Refrain)**

**3. If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot pray like Paul,  
you can tell the love of Jesus and say, "He died for all." (Refrain)**

#### 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

"He Touched Me"  
Mary Temple, organ

by William Gaither

#### **\*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 #772**

#### **"Live into Hope"**

**1. Live into hope of captives freed, of sight regained, the end of greed.  
The oppressed shall be the first to see the year of God's own jubilee!**

**2. Live into hope! The blind shall see with insight and with clarity,  
removing shades of pride and fear, a vision of our God brought near.**

**3. Live into hope of liberty, the right to speak, the right to be,  
the right to have one's daily bread, to hear God's word and thus be fed.**

**4. Live into hope of captives freed from chains of fear or want or greed.  
God now proclaims our full release to faith and hope and joy and peace.**

#### BENEDICTION

CLOSING MUSIC

"Count Your Blessings"  
Mary Temple, organ

by Edwin O. Excel

*\*Please stand, if you are able.*

*Thank you to our Lay Reader today, José Ojeda,  
and our videographers, the Steinberg family.*

## **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.
- ▶ The Food Pantry can use monetary donations, as well as all non-perishable foods. Leave in the outside bin or call Martin for appointment.
- ▶ Sunday, November 6, Deadline for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes.
- ▶ Join us Wednesdays on Zoom at 8:30 a.m. for prayer and 7:30 p.m. for Bible Study. The link is in the weekly email.
- ▶ This morning, October 16, Gilead Singers will not sing. Next Sunday, October 23, Singers meet at 9:15 a.m. to sing in worship.
- ▶ Pastor Martin is home recuperating this morning after a minor fall and with Covid, and expects to be back in the pulpit next Sunday. Thank you to Tim Stan for filling the pulpit this morning.

*† We accept offerings through the “Online Giving” link on our website, [www.gileadchurch.org](http://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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## Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah 65

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this  
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing  
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y. Hold me  
 stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me  
 fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, land me

with thy power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,  
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,  
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.  
 be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.  
 I will ev - er give to thee; I will ev - er give to thee.

Few Welsh hymns are as well known or loved as this 18th-century text that did not gain its popular tune until the early 20th century. In both its original text and in English translation, it is a stirring hymn of pilgrimage filled with vivid imagery from Hebrew Scripture.

TEXT: William Williams, 1762; stanza 1, trans. Peter Williams, 1771; stanzas 2-3, trans. William Williams, 1772  
 MUSIC: John Hughes, 1907

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## There Is a Balm in Gilead 792

*Refrain*

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole;

*Fine*

there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.

1 Some-times I feel dis-cour-aged, and think my work's in vain, but  
 2 Don't ev - er feel dis-cour-aged, for Je-sus is your friend, and  
 3 If you can-not preach like Pe - ter, if you can-not pray like Paul, you can

*to Refrain*

then the Ho-ly Spir - it re-vives my soul a - gain. There is a  
 if you lack for knowl-edge, he'll not re-fuse to lend. There is a  
 tell the love of Je - sus and say, "He died for all." There is a

This African American spiritual offers a long-delayed answer to the prophet Jeremiah's question, "Is there no balm in Gilead?" (Jeremiah 8:22). No earthly remedy can compare with the healing that comes from a sense of God's presence; nothing else can heal "the sin-sick soul."

# 772 Live into Hope

1 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed, of sight re -  
 2 Live in - to hope! The blind shall see with in - sight  
 3 Live in - to hope of lib - er - ty, the right to  
 4 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed from chains of

gained, the end of greed. The op-pressed shall be the  
 and with clar - i - ty, re - mov - ing shades of  
 speak, the right to be, the right to have one's  
 fear or want or greed. God now pro - claims our

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 pride and fear, a vi - sion of our God brought near.  
 dai - ly bread, to hear God's word and thus be fed.  
 full re - lease to faith and hope and joy and peace.

This text on Luke 4:16–20, the author's first, was written for the United Presbyterian Women's National Meeting in July 1976 because the team planning worship could not find a suitable hymn on that passage. She wrote the words with this vigorous 18th-century tune in mind.

TEXT: Jane Parker Huber, 1976  
 MUSIC: *Musica Sacra*, c. 1778  
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