

Gilead Presbyterian Church
October 9, 2022, 10:00 a.m.

Celebrating the life of Marjorie Ruth Williams
May 9, 1934 – September 3, 2022



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

"Tell Me the Old, Old Story" by Lani Smith
Mary Temple, organ and Penny Cameron, piano

OPENING SCRIPTURE

John 11:25-26, Romans 14:8

Leader: I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord. Those who believe in me, though they should die, yet shall they live:

People: And whosoever lives and believes in me shall never die.

Leader: In life and death we belong to the Lord. Thanks be to God!

***GRAY HYMNAL #4**

"How Great Thou Art"

1. Oh Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder

Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made

I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder

Thy power throughout the universe displayed,

Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee

How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee

How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

3. And when I think that God, His Son not sparing

Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in,

That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing

He bled and died to take away my sin, *Refrain*

4. When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation

And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!

Then I shall bow, in humble adoration

And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art. *Refrain*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we are troubled at times; about mistakes made, opportunities missed, words that hurt. We are truly sorry. Forgive us. Heal our regrets, and help us to forgive any wrongs done to us, so that we may find peace of mind and rediscover a life of joy and freedom. Loving God, we trust that you know our deepest longings and we remember your assurance that nothing in the past, the present, or the future, nothing in life or even in death can separate us from the love of God. 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

“Just A Little Talk with Jesus”
Gilead Singers

by Cleavant Derricks

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

Celebrating Joshua Steinberg and Redd Behan for their P.R.A.Y. awards in Scouting.

The children are dismissed to Sunday School.

MEDITATION

“Meditation in F”
Gilead Bell Chimes

by Michael Helman

SCRIPTURE READINGS

¹³ Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth, O mountains, into singing! For the Almighty God comforts the people, and has compassion on those who suffer.

¹⁴ But Zion said, "The Almighty has forsaken me, my God has forgotten me." ¹⁵ Can a woman forget her nursing child, or show no compassion for the child of her womb?

Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you. *Isaiah 49:13-15*

¹ Rid yourselves of all malice, and all guile, insincerity, envy, and all slander. ² Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— ³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. ⁴ Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵ like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. *1 Peter 2:1-5*

¹⁰ Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her— ¹¹ that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast; that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious bosom. ¹² For thus says the LORD: I will extend prosperity to her like a river, and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream; and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm, and dandled on her knees. ¹³ As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem. *Isaiah 66:10-13*

Jesus said, ³⁷ Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!" *Matthew 23:37, Luke 13:34*

SERMON

"Nurse Marj"

Rev. Martin McGeachy



Marj, Davenport Iowa
High School Class of 1952

***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.**

**2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.**

**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.**

A TIME OF SHARING AND 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.

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Be Still My Soul”
Margaret Karell, soprano

text by Katherina von Schlegel
music by Jean Sibelius

***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 #271 “Standing on the Promises”**

**1. Standing on the promises of Christ my king,
through eternal ages let his praises ring;
glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,
standing on the promises of God.**

***Refrain:* Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior;
standing, standing, I’m standing on the promises of God.**

**2. Standing on the promises that cannot fail,
when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
by the living Word of God I shall prevail,
standing on the promises of God. *Refrain***

**4. Standing on the promises I cannot fall,
listening every moment to the Spirit’s call,
resting in my Savior as my all in all,
standing on the promises of God. *Refrain***

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION “God Be With You” Jeremiah E. Rankin & William G. Tomer

**CLOSING MUSIC “Lord, Lift Me Up” (Higher Ground) arr. by Lani Smith
Mary Temple, organ and Penny Cameron, piano**

**Please stand, if you are able.*

*The flowers this morning are donated to the glory of God
in loving memory of Marj Williams.
From Helen See and Family, “She was a special gift and true treasure. We will
keep her close to our hearts and cherish the memories.”
Also, from Arielle and Dan*

*Thank you to our Lay Reader today, Renae Lent,
and 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.
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ Sunday, October 9:
 - 8:50 a.m. Sr. Bell Chimes set-up and rehearse
 - 9:15 a.m. Gilead Singers rehearse
- ▶ Sunday, October 16:
 - 9:15 a.m. Gilead Singers rehearse
- ▶ Join us for a reception in honor of Marj Williams today after church.

† *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

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

9 Church Street
Carmel, NY 10512
(845) 225-4586

Follow us online! Visit our website for links to our social media and to subscribe to our email list!
www.gileadchurch.org



4 How Great Thou Art

Great is the Lord, and most worthy of praise. Ps. 48:1

1. O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won-der Con-sid-er
 2. When thro' the woods and for-est glades I wan-der And hear the
 3. And when I think that God, His Son not spar-ing, Sent Him to
 4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac-cla-ma-tion And take me

all the ^{*}worlds Thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the ^{*}roll-ing
 birds sing sweet-ly in the trees, When I look down from loft-y moun-tain
 die, I scarce can take it in, That on the cross, my bur-den glad-ly
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad-o-

Refrain

thun-der, Thy pow'r thro'-out the u-ni-verse dis-played.
 gran-deur, And hear the brook and feel the gen-tle breeze. Then sings my
 bear-ing, He bled and died to take a-way my sin.
 ra-tion, And there pro-claim, my God, how great Thou art.

soul, my Sav-ior God, to Thee; How great Thou art, how great Thou art! Then sings my

*Translator's original words are "works" and "mighty."

TEXT and MUSIC: Stuart K. Hine;
 Last stanza setting by Eugene Thomas

HOW GREAT THOU ART
 11.10.11.10. with Refrain

Copyright 1953, Renewed 1981 by MANNA MUSIC, Inc., 25510 Avenue Stanford, Suite 101, Valencia, CA 91355. International Copyright Secured.
 All Rights Reserved. Used by Permission.

soul, my Sav-ior God, to Thee: How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

Amazing Grace 202

One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see! John 9:25

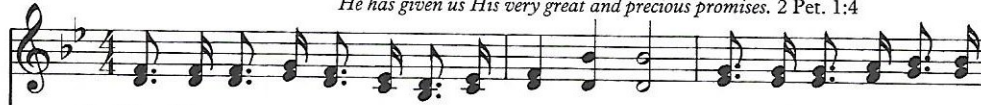
- 1. A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound—That saved a wretch like me!
 - 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears re - lieved;
 3. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His word my hope se - cures;
 - 4. Thru man - y dan - gers, toils and snares, I have al - read - y come;
 5. When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright shin - ing as the sun,
 I once was lost but now am found, Was blind but now I see.
 How pre - cious did that grace ap - pear The hour I first be - lieved.
 He will my shield and por - tion be As long as life en - dures.
 'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.
 We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

TEXT: John Newton; John P. Rees, stanza 5
 MUSIC: Traditional American melody from Carrell and Clayton's
Virginia Harmony, 1831; arranged by Edwin O. Excell

AMAZING GRACE
 C.M.

Standing on the Promises 271

He has given us His very great and precious promises. 2 Pet. 1:4



1. Stand-ing on the prom - is - es of Christ my King, Thro' e - ter - nal a - ges
2. Stand-ing on the prom - is - es that can - not fail, When the howl-ing storms of
3. Stand-ing on the prom - is - es of Christ the Lord, Bound to Him e - ter - nal-
4. Stand-ing on the prom - is - es I can - not fall, Lis-t'ning ev - ery mo-moment

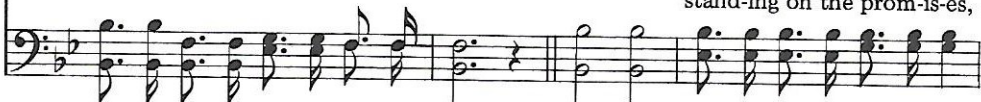


let His prais - es ring; Glo - ry in the high - est, I will shout and sing,
 doubt and fear as - sail, By the liv - ing Word of God I shall pre - vail,
 ly by love's strong cord, O - ver-com-ing dai - ly with the Spir - it's sword,
 to the Spir - it's call, Rest-ing in my Sav - ior as my all in all,



Refrain

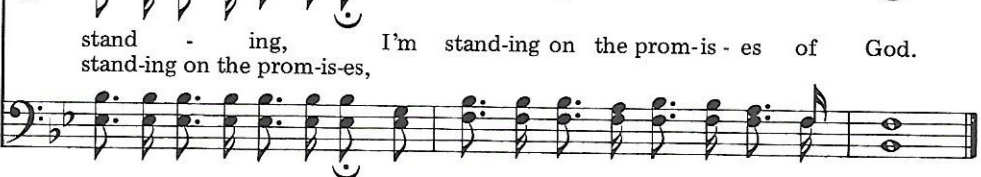
Stand-ing on the prom-is-es of God. Stand-ing, stand - ing,
 stand-ing on the prom-is-es,



Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God my Sav - ior; Stand - ing,



stand - ing, I'm stand-ing on the prom-is - es of God.
 stand-ing on the prom-is-es,



TEXT and MUSIC: R. Kelso Carter

PROMISES
11.11.11.9. with Refrain