



Gilead Presbyterian Church
November 20, 2022, 10:00 a.m.
Proper 29, Reign of Christ Sunday, 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

"Prelude on 'Kremser'"
Mary Temple, organ

by Gregg Sewell
based on a Netherlands folk song

OPENING SCRIPTURE Psalms 100:4-5

Leader: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and God's courts with praise!

People: Give thanks to God and bless God's holy name; for the Lord is good.

Leader: God's steadfast love endures forever.

People: God's faithfulness extends to all generations.

*HYMN

"We Are the Church"

by Avery & Marsh

Refrain: I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together!

All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we're the church together!

**1. The church is not a building; the church is not a steeple;
the church is not a resting place; the church is a people. (Refrain)**

**2. We're many kinds of people, with many kinds of faces,
all colors and all ages, too from all times and places. (Refrain)**

**5. At Pentecost some people received the Holy Spirit
and told the Good News through the world to all who would hear it. (Refrain)**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER

UNISON CONFESSION OF SIN

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.**

ANTHEM

“We Come to Say Thank You”
Gilead Singers & Ringers

by Pepper Choplin

Congregational verse:

The musical score is written on eight staves of music. Each staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a time signature of 2/2. The lyrics are printed below the notes. The first staff contains the lyrics: "Thank You, O Lord, we come— to say,". The second staff contains: "“Thank You.” For all You’ve done— we say,". The third staff contains: "“Thank You, thank You to - day for". The fourth staff contains: "all the bless - ings You send our— way.”". The fifth staff contains: "Thank You, O Lord, we come— to say,". The sixth staff contains: "“Thank You.” For all You’ve done— we say,". The seventh staff contains: "“Thank You, thank You to - day for". The eighth staff contains: "all the bless - ings You send our— way.”".

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

The children are dismissed to Sunday School.

SCRIPTURE

⁵ The days are surely coming, says the Almighty God, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶ In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."
Jeremiah 23:5-6

¹¹ May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from Christ's glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹² giving thanks to the Almighty, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³ God has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the reign of God's beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. ¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶ for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace with God through the blood of his cross.
Colossians 1:11-20

³³ When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴ Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵ And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, the chosen one!" ³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷ and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸ There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." ³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?" ⁴¹ And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴² Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³ Jesus replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."
Luke 23:33-43

SERMON

"The Break of Dawn"

Rev. Martin McGeachy

***PURPLE HYMNAL #336**

"We Gather Together"

**1. We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
he chastens and hastens his will to make known;**

**the wicked oppressing now cease from distressing.
Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.**

**2. Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine;
so from the beginning the fight we were winning;
thou, Lord, wast at our side; all glory be thine!**

**3. We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant,
and pray that thou still our defender wilt be.
Let thy congregation escape tribulation;
thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!**

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

**"Bringing in the Sheaves"
Gilead Singers**

by Jay Althouse

***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 #367**

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

**1. Come, ye thankful people, come; raise the song of harvest home.
All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin.
God, our Maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied.
Come to God's own temple, come; raise the song of harvest home.**

**2. All the world is God's own field, fruit in thankful praise to yield,
wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear.
Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.**

**4. Even so, Lord, quickly come to thy final harvest home.
Gather thou thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin,
there forever purified, in thy presence to abide:
come, with all thine angels, come; raise the glorious harvest home!**

BENEDICTION

CLOSING MUSIC “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” by Mary McDonald
Mary Temple, organ tune: St. George’s Windsor

**Please stand, if you are able.*

*The flowers this morning are donated by Mary Temple
to the glory of God in celebration of Julie Temple Stan’s birthday.*

Thank you to our videographer today, Stephanie Gould; and Lay Reader Cindy Kosacz.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ▶ Masks are optional at Gilead, but please be careful, and respect distances.
- ▶ The November mission is the Gilead Food Pantry. We can use monetary donations, as well as all non-perishable foods. Leave in the outside bin or fill the sanctuary box.
- ▶ 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. Advent study will begin November 30.
- ▶ This morning the Gilead Singers and Chime Ringers rehearse at 9:10 to rehearse.
- ▶ Next Sunday, November 27, Gilead Singers rehearse at 9:15 to sing in worship.
 - ▶ Please bring in your pledge cards to be blessed today, November 20, and join us in decorating the sanctuary for Advent/Christmas after worship.
 - ▶ Join us for an Interfaith Thanksgiving Service on November 20 at 7:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 411 Route 6N (at Secor Rd), Mahopac, NY 10541. You can livestream the service at www.mahopacchurch.org. The Interfaith choir will gather at 6:15 to rehearse.
- ▶ Deacons meet after church today.
- ▶ Sunday, December 4, Elders and Deacons meet after worship.
- ▶ Christmas Caroling Saturday, December 17 at 3pm; party at Mary’s to follow at 6:00!



† 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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We Are the Church

Refrain (Unison)

I am the church! You are the church!

We are the church to - geth - er! All who fol - low Je - sus,

all a - round the world! Yes, we're the church to -

geth - er!

1. The church is not a build - ing, the
2. We're man - y kinds of peo - ple, with
3. Some - times the church is march - ing, some -
4. And when the peo - ple gath - er, there's
5. At Pen - te - cost some peo - ple re -

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We Are the Church

church is not a stee - ple, the
 man - y kinds of fac - es, all
 times it's brave - ly burn - ing, some -
 sing - ing and there's pray - ing, there's
 ceived the Ho - ly Spir - it and

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church is not a rest - ing place, the
col - ors and all a - ges, too, from
times it's rid - ing, some - times hid - ing,
laugh - ing and there's cry - ing some - times,
told the Good News through the world to

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church is a peo - ple.
all times and plac - es.
al - ways it's learn - ing.
all of it say - ing:
all who would hear it.

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We Gather Together

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1 We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing;
 2 Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing,
 3 We all do ex - tol thee, thou lead - er tri - um - phant,

he chas - tens and has - tens his will to make known;
 or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing his king - dom di - vine;
 and pray that thou still our de - fend - er wilt be.

the wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing.
 so from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning;
 Let thy con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion;

Sing prais - es to his name; he for - gets not his own.
 thou, Lord, wast at our side; all glo - ry be thine!
 thy name be ev - er praised! O Lord, make us free!

First published among songs celebrating the end of Spanish control of the Netherlands, this text's blend of patriotism and piety has made it popular at (often ecumenical) Thanksgiving Day services. The tune is named for the Viennese arranger whose male chorus popularized it.

TEXT: Attr. Adrianus Valerius, c. 1626; trans. Theodore Baker, 1894
 MUSIC: *Nederlandsch Gedenck-Clanck*, 1626; harm. Eduard Kremser, 1877

KREMSER
 12.11.12.11
 (this tune in a higher key, 612)

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1 Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come; raise the song of har - vest home.
 2 All the world is God's own field, fruit in thank-ful praise to yield,
 3 For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take the har - vest home;
 4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to thy fi - nal har - vest home.



All is safe - ly gath - ered in, ere the win - ter storms be - gin.
 wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown.
 from each field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way;
 Gath - er thou thy peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin,



God, our Mak - er, doth pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied.
 First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear.
 give the an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
 there for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in thy pres - ence to a - bide:



Come to God's own tem - ple, come; raise the song of har - vest home.
 Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.
 but the fruit - ful ears to store in God's gar - ner ev - er - more.
 come, with all thine an - gels, come; raise the glo - rious har - vest home!



Despite its familiar Thanksgiving associations, the real concern of this text is to recall the harvest imagery Jesus used to describe the fulfillment of God's sovereignty. The tune name commemorates the royal chapel where the composer was organist for forty-seven years.