Gilead Presbyterian Church November 6, 2022, 10:00 a.m. Proper 27, 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 "We Gather Together"
Gilead Bell Chimes

Kremser, trad. Netherlands melody arr. by Francis L. Callahan

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.

*PURPLE HYMNAL #327 "From All That Dwell Below the Skies"

1. From all that dwell below the skies let the Creator's praise arise:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let the Redeemer's name be sung through every land, in every tongue.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

2. In every land begin the song; to every land the strains belong:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

In cheerful sound all voices raise and fill the world with joyful praise.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

3. Eternal are thy mercies, Lord; eternal truth attends thy word:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore, till suns shall rise and set no more.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

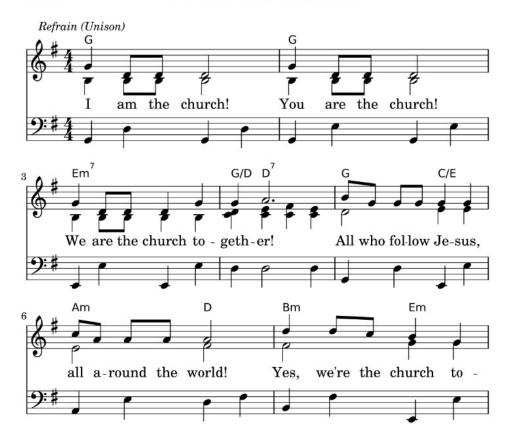
Glory to the Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

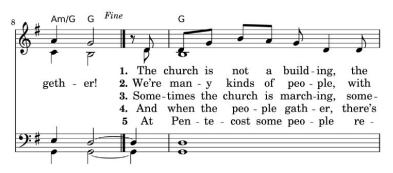
THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: Peace be with you. People: And also with you.

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART DEDICATION OF SHOEBOXES

We Are the Church





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The children are dismissed to Sunday School.

SCRIPTURE

The word of the LORD came by the prophet Haggai, saying: ...³ Who is left among you that saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Is it not in your sight as nothing? ⁴ Yet now take courage, O Zerubbabel, says the LORD; take courage, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; take courage, all you people of the land, says the LORD; work, for I am with you, says the LORD of hosts, ⁵ according to the promise that I made you when you came out of Egypt. My spirit abides among you; do not fear. ⁶ For thus says the LORD of hosts: Once again, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land; ⁷ and I will shake all the nations, so that the treasure of all nations shall come, and I will fill this house with splendor, says the LORD of hosts. ⁸ The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the LORD of hosts. ⁹ The latter splendor of this house shall be greater than the former, says the LORD of hosts; and in this place I will give prosperity, says the LORD of hosts. *Haggai 2:1, 3-9*

¹ As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, 2 not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. 3 Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. 4 He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. ⁵ Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you? ⁶ And you know what is now restraining him, so that he may be revealed when his time comes. ⁷ For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work, but only until the one who now restrains it is removed. 8 And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will destroy with the breath of his mouth, annihilating him by the manifestation of his coming. ⁹ The coming of the lawless one is apparent in the working of Satan, who uses all power, signs, lying wonders, 10 and every kind of wicked deception for those who are perishing, because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. 11 For this reason God sends them a powerful delusion, leading them to believe what is false, so that all who have not believed the truth but took pleasure in unrighteousness will be condemned. 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12

²³ "O that my words were written down! O that they were inscribed in a book! ²⁴ O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock forever! ²⁵ For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth; ²⁶ and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God, ²⁷ whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. *Job 19:23-27*

SERMON "United States of Faith" Rev. Martin McGeachy

FROM A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH: PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.) In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work

with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE OFFERING OFFERTORY

"Give Thanks"
Gilead Singers

words and music by Henry Smith based on Pachelbel's Canon

*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 Communion Music, Mariah Warren

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.

*PURPLE HYMNAL #300

"We Are One in the Spirit"

1. We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord; we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord, and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:

Refrain: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love; yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

- 2. We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand; we will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand, and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land: (Refrain)
- 3. We will work with each other; we will work side by side; we will work with each other; we will work side by side, and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride: (Refrain)

4. All praise to the Father, from whom all things come, and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son, and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one: (Refrain)

BENEDICTION

CLOSING MUSIC "For All the Saints" by Roger C. Wilson

Mary Temple, organ based on "Sarum" by Joseph Barnby

Thank you to our videographer today, Stephanie Gould.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ▶ Masks are optional at Gilead, but please be careful with one another, respecting 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.
- ▶ This morning, November 6, Bell Chimes meet at 8:45 and Singers at 9:15 a.m. to rehearse, and will perform in worship. Next Sunday, November 13, Singers rehearse at 9:15 to sing in worship.
- ▶ Please bring in your pledge cards to be blessed on November 20, and join us in decorating the sanctuary for Christmas after worship.

[†] 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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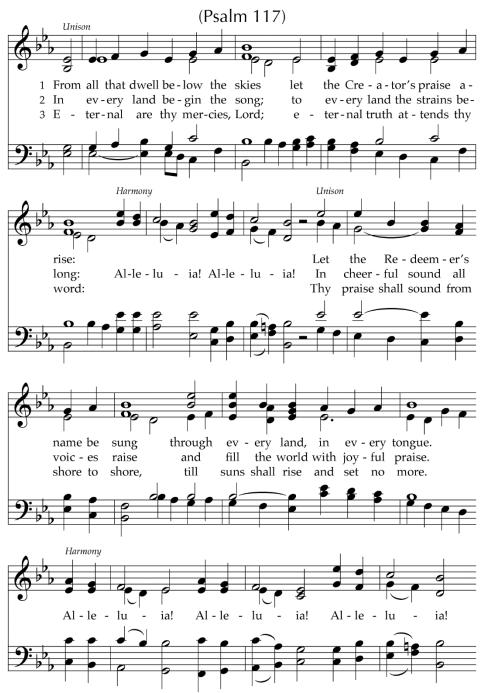






^{*}Please stand, if you are able.

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Because Psalm 117 contains only two verses, Watts's paraphrase had only two stanzas. Most later hymnals have created or borrowed additional stanzas, like the one included here, to enlarge the hymn. Perhaps the best solution is found by adding Alleluias, as this tune invites.

THE LIFE OF THE NATIONS



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We Are One in the Spirit

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love



- 1 We are one in the Spir-it; we are one in the Lord;
- 2 We will walk with each oth er; we will walk hand in hand;
- 3 We will work with each oth-er; we will work side by side;
- 4 All praise to the Fa-ther, from whom all things come,



the Spir - it; in in the Lord, we are one we are one walk with each oth - er; we will we will walk hand in hand, we will work with each oth - er; we will work side, to Christ Je - sus, God's praise on - ly Son,



and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re-stored: and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land: and we'll guard hu-man dig - ni - ty and save hu-man pride: and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:



And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our



love; yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.

A parish priest at St. Brendan's on the South Side of Chicago in the 1960s was very involved in the local Civil Rights movement and needed something for his youth choir to sing at ecumenical, interracial events. Finding nothing, he wrote this song in a single day.