

**Gilead Presbyterian Church**  
**January 15, 2023, 10:00 a.m.**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany, Year A**

*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

OPENING MUSIC

"Fairest Lord Jesus"  
Mary Temple, organ

by David H. Hegarty  
based on "Crusader's Hymn"

OPENING SCRIPTURE

Psalm 106:3-5

Leader: Happy are those who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times.

**People: Remember us, our God, when you show favor to your people; help us when you deliver them.**

Leader: Then we will see the prosperity of your chosen ones.

**People: We will rejoice in the gladness of your nation, and glory in your heritage.**

**\*PURPLE HYMNAL #372**

**"O for a World"**

**1. O for a world where everyone respects each other's ways,  
where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.**

**2. O for a world where goods are shared and misery relieved,  
where truth is spoken, children spared, equality achieved.**

**4. The poor are rich; the weak are strong; the foolish ones are wise.  
Tell all who mourn: outcasts belong, who perishes will rise.**

**5. O for a world preparing for God's glorious reign of peace,  
where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**From our sins, mistakes, and unrepentance, God of forgiveness, deliver us.**

**From our quarreling, anger and arrogance, God of humility, deliver us.**

**From our division, segregation and apartheid, God of love, deliver us.**

**From our violence, hatred and rage, God of peace, deliver us.**

**From our greed, selfishness and unkindness, God of grace, deliver us.**

**From our despair, apathy and cynicism, God of hope, deliver us.**

**From our fear, faithlessness, and anxiety, God of strength, deliver us.**

**God, you are our All in All. Bring us into the Light. 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

“What Does the Lord Require of You”  
Gilead Singers

by Jim Stratham

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

“There Was a Man Who Had a Dream”  
Sung to: “Bingo”

There was a man who had a dream  
His name was Martin Luther King  
Martin Luther King,  
Martin Luther King,  
Martin Luther King,  
His name was Martin Luther King.

Dr. King, he had a dream  
He wanted peace for everyone  
P-E-A-C-E, P-E-A-C-E, P-E-A-C-E  
He wanted peace for everyone

He taught us not to fight or fuss  
He said to love each other.  
L-O-V-E-Love, L-O-V-E-Love, L-O-V-E-Love  
He said to love each other.



*The children are dismissed to Sunday School.*

SCRIPTURE

<sup>6</sup> "With what shall I come before the Almighty, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before God with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? <sup>7</sup> Will Almighty God be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" <sup>8</sup> God has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Almighty require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? *Micah 6:6-8*

<sup>3</sup> Thus says Almighty God: Act with justice and righteousness, and deliver from the hand of the oppressor anyone who has been robbed. And do no wrong or violence to the alien, the orphan, and the widow, or shed innocent blood in this place. *Jeremiah 22:3*

<sup>37</sup> A Pharisee invited Jesus to dine with him; so he went in and took his place at the table. <sup>38</sup> The Pharisee was amazed to see that he did not first wash before dinner.

<sup>39</sup> Then the Lord said to him, "You Pharisees clean the outside of the cup and of the dish, but inside you are full of greed and wickedness. <sup>40</sup> You fools! Did not the one who made the outside make the inside also? <sup>41</sup> So give for alms those things that are within; and see, everything will be clean for you. <sup>42</sup> "Woe to you Pharisees! For you tithe mint and rue and herbs of all kinds, and neglect justice and the love of God; it is these you ought to have practiced, without neglecting the others. *Luke 11:37-42*

SERMON

"Do Justice"

Rev. Martin McGeachy

**\*PURPLE HYMNAL #339**

**"Lift Every Voice and Sing"**

Elizabeth Ojeda-Petito, soloist vss. 1 and 2; William Petito, piano

1. Lift every voice and sing till earth and heaven ring,  
ring with the harmonies of liberty.

Let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies;  
let it resound loud as the rolling sea.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;  
sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us.

Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,  
let us march on, till victory is won.

2. Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,  
felt in the days when hope unborn had died.

Yet, with a steady beat, have not our weary feet  
come to the place for which our parents sighed?

We have come over a way that with tears has been watered;  
we have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,  
out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last  
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

*(The congregation stands and joins in singing.)*

**\*3. God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,  
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;  
thou who hast by thy might led us into the light,  
keep us forever in the path, we pray.**

**Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;  
lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee;  
shadowed beneath thy hand may we forever stand,  
true to our God, true to our native land.**

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.

THE OFFERING  
OFFERTORY

Renae Lent and Mariah Warren, musicians

### 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 #379

“We Shall Overcome”

1. We shall overcome; we shall overcome; we shall overcome someday.

*Refrain: O, deep in my heart I do believe we shall overcome someday!*

2. We'll walk hand in hand; we'll walk hand in hand; we'll walk hand in hand someday. *(Refrain)*

3. We shall live in peace; we shall live in peace; we shall live in peace someday. *(Refrain)*

5. God will see us through; God will see us through; God will see us through today. *(Refrain)*

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION

CLOSING MUSIC

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”  
Mary Temple, organ

by Martin Luther  
arr. by Thomas Chesterton

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

*Thank you to our videographer today, Stephanie Gould, and our Lay Reader, José Ojeda.*

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

▶ 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.

▶ Deacons meet today after worship, and Session meets Tuesday on Zoom at 7:30pm.

▶ Today, Sunday January 8, Gilead Singers rehearse at 9:15.

▶ Sunday, January 22, Singers rehearse at 9:15. On January 29, Bells rehearse at 8:45, Singers at 9:15.

† *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.*

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# O for a World

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The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line in treble clef and a bass line in bass clef. The second system also has a vocal line in treble clef and a bass line in bass clef. The lyrics are printed below the vocal lines.

1 O for a world where ev - ery - one re - spects each oth - er's ways,  
2 O for a world where goods are shared and mis - er - y re - lieved,  
3 We wel - come one world fam - i - ly and strug - gle with each choice  
4 The poor are rich; the weak are strong; the fool - ish ones are wise.  
5 O for a world pre - par - ing for God's glo - rious reign of peace,

where love is lived and all is done with jus - tice and with praise.  
where truth is spo - ken, chil - dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a - chieved.  
that o - pens us to u - ni - ty and gives our vi - sion voice.  
Tell all who mourn: out - casts be - long, who per - ish - es will rise.  
where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

Everything longed for in this text is a reminder of how far our present world is from what God wants. Yet this is not just wishful thinking; it is a call to action, a summons to participate in the fulfillment of God's desire for all earth's people to live in radical *shalom*.

TEXT: Miriam Therese Winter, 1987  
MUSIC: Carl Gotthelf Gläser, 1828; arr. Lowell Mason, 1839  
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# 379 We Shall Overcome

1 We shall o - ver - come; we shall o - ver - come;  
 2 We'll walk hand in hand; we'll walk hand in hand;  
 3 We shall live in peace; we shall live in peace;  
 4 We are not a - fraid; we are not a - fraid;  
 5 God will see us through; God will see us through;

we shall o - ver - come some - day.  
 we'll walk hand in hand some - day.  
 we shall live in peace some - day.  
 we are not a - fraid to - day.  
 God will see us through to - day.

*Refrain*

O, deep in my heart I do be -

lieve we shall o - ver - come some - day!

Though now associated primarily with the Civil Rights Movement of the mid-20th century, this spiritual most likely dates from the days of the slave trade; and similarities with the tune SICILIAN MARINERS (see no. 546) suggest that it might have been a worksong aboard slave ships.

# 339 Lift Every Voice and Sing

1 Lift ev - ery voice and sing till earth and heav - en  
 2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - tening  
 3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent

ring, ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er -  
 rod, felt in the days when hope un - born had  
 tears, thou who hast brought us thus far on the

ty. Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - tening  
 died. Yet, with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry  
 way; thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the

skies; let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.  
 feet come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?  
 light, keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

Initially a poem for a school assembly at which Booker T. Washington spoke on Lincoln's birthday in 1900, this text and tune have gained national recognition and devotion, not only within the African American community, but also among all who seek liberation from oppression.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;  
 We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;  
 Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;

sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought  
 we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh -  
 lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get

us. Fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be -  
 tered, out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at  
 thee; shad - owed be - neath thy hand may we for - ev - er

gun, let us march on, till vic - to - ry is won.  
 last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.  
 stand, true to our God, true to our na - tive land.