

**Gilead Presbyterian Church**  
**January 29, 2023, 10:00 a.m.**  
**4<sup>TH</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      "Brethren, We Have Met To Worship"      by William Moore  
Mary Temple, organ      arr. by Don Hustad

OPENING LITANY

Leader: It is good to give thanks and praise to God,

**People: For life abundant, filled with promise, beauty, and wonder.**

Leader: It is good to gather in the fellowship of God's love.

**People: Young and old, friend and stranger, bound together by faith.**

Leader: It is good to listen to God, to pray and learn, to worship and to serve,

**People: To give as we have received from God, all blessings and gifts of life.**

**\*PURPLE HYMNAL #14      "For the Beauty of the Earth"**

**1. For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:**

**(Refrain:) Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**4. For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild:**

**(Refrain:) Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**5. For thyself, best gift divine to the world so freely given;  
for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:**

**(Refrain:) Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Dearest Lord, you have given all things into our care, yet we focus our hearts on wanting more and more. You have promised to fill us, yet we insist on feasting**

**upon the bread which does not satisfy. You have provided manna and quail in our wilderness, yet we still doubt you will be there for us. Open our eyes to the miracles of plenty that surround us. Forgive our lack of trust in you, and grant us faith in your sovereign goodness, that we may share from our abundance. In Christ's name we pray, 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

Gilead Bell Chimes

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

The Circle of Days by Reeve Lindbergh, illustrated by Cathie Felstead

*The children are dismissed to Sunday School.*

SCRIPTURE

<sup>1</sup> Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth. <sup>2</sup> Worship the Almighty God with gladness; come into God's presence with singing. <sup>3</sup> Know that the Almighty is God, who has made us, and we belong to God; we are God's people, and the sheep of God's pasture. <sup>4</sup> Enter the Divine gates with thanksgiving, and the Divine courts with praise. Give thanks, bless the name of God. <sup>5</sup> For Almighty God is good, and with steadfast love endures forever, extending faithfulness to all generations. *Psalm 100:1-5*

<sup>12</sup> As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. <sup>13</sup> Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. <sup>14</sup> Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup> And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup> Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. <sup>17</sup> And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Almighty Beloved through him. *Colossians 3:12-17*

SERMON

"Gratitude"

Elder Renae Lent

**\*PURPLE HYMNAL #37**

**“Let All Things Now Living”**

**1. Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving  
to God our Creator triumphantly raise;  
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,  
by guiding us on to the end of our days.  
God's banners are o'er us; pure light goes before us,  
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night:  
till shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished,  
as forward we travel from light into light.**

**2. By law God enforces, the stars in their courses,  
the sun in its orbit obediently shine;  
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,  
the depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.  
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;  
with glad adoration, a song let us raise,  
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:  
to God in the highest, hosanna and praise!**

**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**

**“A Thankful Heart”  
Gilead Singers**

**by Mark Patterson**

**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 #804**

**“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”**

**1. Rejoice, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!  
Your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.  
(Refrain:) Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!**

**3. Yes, on through life's long path, still chanting as ye go,  
from youth to age, by night and day, in gladness and in woe:  
(Refrain:) Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!**

**4. At last the march shall end; the wearied ones shall rest;  
the pilgrims find their home at last, Jerusalem the blest.  
(Refrain:) Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!**

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION

CLOSING MUSIC            “The Solid Rock”            based on hymn tune by William Bradbury  
  Mary Temple, organ   arr. by Don Hustad

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

*Thank you to our videographer today, Stephanie Gould.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- ▶ We welcome Elder Renae Lent to the pulpit this morning.
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ The Annual Meeting of the congregation will be February 26 after worship.
- ▶ Today, Sunday January 29, Gilead Bells rehearse at 8:45, Singers at 9:15. Next Sunday, February 5, Communion Sunday, Singers rehearse 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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# For the Beauty of the Earth 14

1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,  
 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,  
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,  
 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,  
 5 For thy - self, best gift di - vine to the world so free - ly given;

for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:  
 hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:  
 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:  
 friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:  
 for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:

*Refrain*

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

In the course of many revisions, the original eucharistic emphasis of this text has shifted to a hymn of thanksgiving for a wide range of human experience, with a Christological summation. It is set here to the tune that is customary in North America, though not elsewhere.

CREATION AND PROVIDENCE

# 37 Let All Things Now Living

G D G Am D

1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing  
 2 By law God en - forc - es, the stars in their cours - es,

G C G D G

to God our Cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise;  
 the sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;

G D G Am D

who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us,  
 the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains,

G C G D G

by guid - ing us on to the end of our days.  
 the depths of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.

Harmony G E Am D

God's ban - ners are o'er us; pure light goes be - fore us,  
 We too should be voic - ing our love and re - joic - ing;

G Em D A7 D

a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night:  
 with glad ad - o - ra - tion, a song let us raise,

Written for an easy-to-sing folk melody familiar in England as well as Wales, this 20th-century North American text bears many resemblances to both Psalm 148 and the traditional canticle *Benedicite, omnia opera Domini* (Bless the Lord, all you works of the Lord).

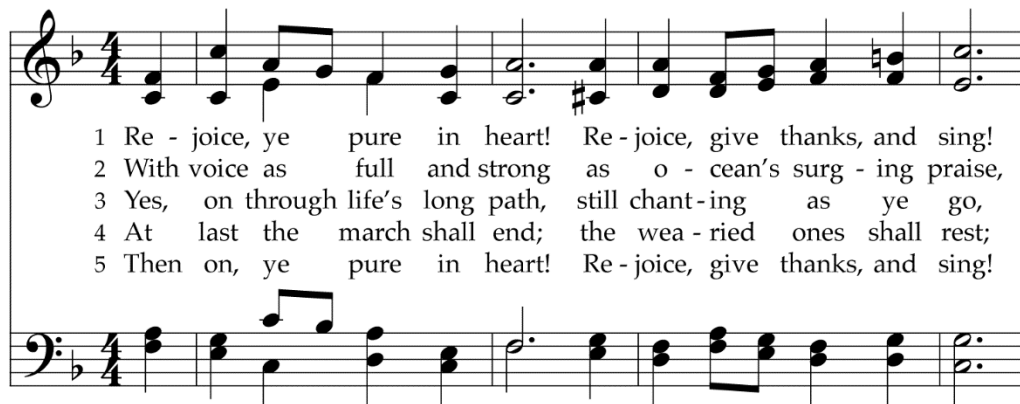
CREATION AND PROVIDENCE

till shad-ows have van-ished, all fear-ful-ness ban-ished,  
till all things now liv-ing u-nite in thanks-giv-ing:  
as for-ward we trav-el from light in-to light.  
to God in the high-est, ho-san-na and praise!

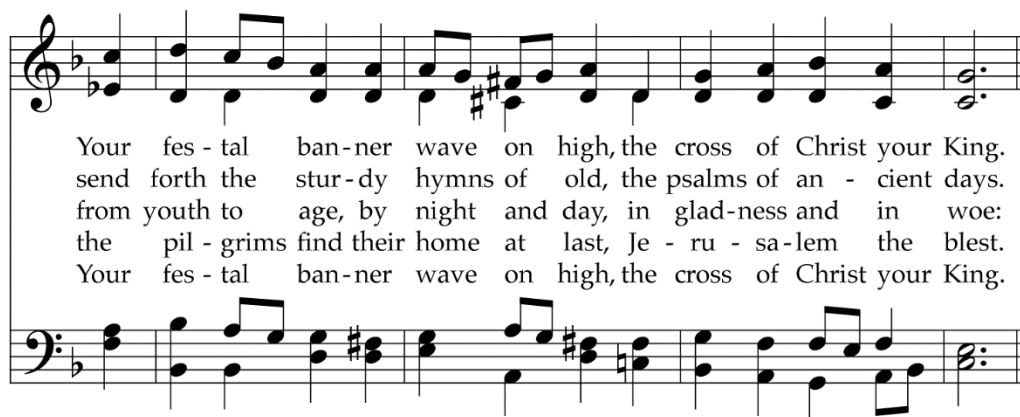
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G C G D G

LIVING AND DYING IN CHRIST

# 804 Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!



1 Re - joi - ce, ye pure in heart! Re - joi - ce, give thanks, and sing!  
2 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing praise,  
3 Yes, on through life's long path, still chant - ing as ye go,  
4 At last the march shall end; the wea - ried ones shall rest;  
5 Then on, ye pure in heart! Re - joi - ce, give thanks, and sing!



Your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.  
send forth the stur - dy hymns of old, the psalms of an - cient days.  
from youth to age, by night and day, in glad - ness and in woe:  
the pil - grims find their home at last, Je - ru - sa - lem the blest.  
Your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.

## Refrain



Re - joi - ce! Re - joi - ce! Re - joi - ce, give thanks, and sing!  
Re - joi - ce! Re - joi - ce!

These stanzas are drawn from a much longer hymn created for the processional at an English choir festival in 1865. The original text lacked the refrain that gives the hymn so much of its energy and interest. That feature was added by the composer of this tune in 1883.