

Gilead Presbyterian Church
February 5, 2023, 10:00 a.m.
5TH 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

"Jesus Loves Even Me"
Mary Temple, organ

by Phillip P. Bliss

OPENING SCRIPTURE

Psalms 34:8, 1-3

Leader: Taste and see that God is good; happy are those who take refuge in the LORD.

People: I will bless the LORD at all times; praise shall continually be in my mouth.

Leader: My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.

People: O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt the LORD's name together.

***PURPLE HYMNAL #203**

"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"

Refrain: Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love;

show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

**1. Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet,
Master who acts as a slave to them. (Refrain)**

**2. Neighbors are wealthy and poor, varied in color and race;
neighbors are near us and far away. (Refrain)**

**3. These are the ones we should serve; these are the ones we should love;
all these are neighbors to us and you. (Refrain)**

**4. Loving puts us on our knees, willing to wash others' feet;
this is the way we should live like you. (Refrain)**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace, in humility we place our hearts in yours, trusting in your mercy and power to transform our lives. We don't live as children of grace, for we don't live joyfully and fearlessly. We don't live as children of grace, for we don't live humbly and graciously. We don't live as children of grace, for we don't follow in obedience all you have shown us. In our repentance, heal us, that we may be lifted up into new life.

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

“Under His Wings”
Gilead Singers

by Wm. Cushing & Ira Sankey

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

The children are dismissed to Sunday School.

SCRIPTURE

⁶ "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? ⁷ 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?" ⁸ 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*

⁷ When Jesus noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. ⁸ "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; ⁹ and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰ But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, they may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹ For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." *Luke 14:7-11*

SERMON

“Walk Humbly with God”

Rev. Martin McGeachy

***PURPLE HYMNAL #739**

“O for a Closer Walk with God”

**1. O for a closer walk with God, a calm and heavenly frame,
a light to shine upon the road that leads me to the Lamb!**

**3. The dearest idol I have known, whate'er that idol be,
help me to tear it from thy throne, and worship only thee.**

**4. So shall my walk be close with God, calm and serene my frame;
so purer light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.**

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Just As I Am”
Gilead Singers

by William Bradbury
text by Charlotte Elliot

*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

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.**

*PUPRLE HYMNAL #749

“Come! Live in the Light!”

**1. Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God.
(Refrain:) We are called to act with justice; we are called to love tenderly;
we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.**

**2. Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless so hatred and violence
will be no more. (Refrain)**

**3. Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign, and we’ll walk with each other as sisters and brothers
united in love. (Refrain)**

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

CLOSING MUSIC

“I’ll Go Where You Want Me to Go”
Mary Temple, organ

by Carrie Rounsefell
& Mary Brown

**Please stand, if you are able.*

Thank you to our videographer today, Stephanie Gould.

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.
- ▶ The Annual Meeting of the congregation will be February 26 after worship.
- ▶ Today, Sunday February 5, Singers rehearse at 9:15. Next Sunday, February 12, Juergen Tempel, cello; Singers rehearse at 9:15.
On February 19, Bells rehearse at 8:45, Singers at 9:15.

† *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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203 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Capo 3: (D) (A7)
 Refrain F C7

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love; show

(D) (D/F#) (Em7) (A7) (D)
 F F/A Gm7 C7 F *Fine*

us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

(D) (Bm) (Em) (A)
 F Dm Gm C

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their
 2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and
 3 These are the ones we should serve; these are the ones we should
 4 Lov - ing puts us on our knees, will - ing to wash oth - ers'

(D) (Bm) (Em7) (A7) (D)
 F Dm Gm7 C7 F *to Refrain*

feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
 race; neigh-bors are near us and far a - way.
 love; all these are neigh-bors to us and you.
 feet; this is the way we should live like you.

Considering that this text comes from a part of the world where Christianity is not the primary religion gives these simple but powerful words even more depth and meaning. The tune name recalls the district in the Northern Region of Ghana where this tune was collected.

O for a Closer Walk with God 739

1 O for a clos - er walk with God, a
 2 Re - turn, O ho - ly Dove, re - turn, sweet
 3 The dear - est i - dol I have known, what -
 4 So shall my walk be close with God, calm

calm and heaven - ly frame, a light to shine up -
 mes - sen - ger of rest! I hate the sins that
 e'er that i - dol be, help me to tear it
 and se - rene my frame; so pur - er light shall

on the road that leads me to the Lamb!
 made thee mourn and drove thee from my breast.
 from thy throne, and wor - ship on - ly thee.
 mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.

Merely longing for a restored relationship with God is not enough; real repentance requires amendment of life (stanza 3). The similarity of stanzas 1 and 4 suggests both continuity and improvement. This tune was one of the new common tunes in the Scottish Psalter of 1635.

749 Come! Live in the Light!

We Are Called



1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the
 2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your
 3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that



joy and the love of the Lord! We are called
 mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called
 great day when all will be one! God will reign,



to be light for the king - dom, to live in the
 to be hope for the hope - less so ha - tred and
 and we'll walk with each oth - er as sis - ters and



free - dom of the cit - y of God.
 vio - lence will be no more.
 broth - ers u - nit - ed in love.

Refrain



We are called to act with jus - tice; we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

The thematic and musical center of this hymn on the vocation of all believers is found in the refrain, which is based on the well-known challenge of Micah 6:8, "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"