



# Gilead Presbyterian Church

## February 19, 2023, 10:00 a.m.

### Transfiguration Sunday, 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

Welcome to Gilead Presbyterian Church, a community of the universal love and light of Jesus Christ. I'm Pastor Martin McGeachy. We welcome all at Gilead, regardless of race, ethnic heritage, national origin, age, ability, gender, marital status, sexual orientation, or socioeconomic standing; and especially today, we welcome YOU. May you be filled with the awareness of God all around and in you, wherever you are. Let us worship God.

OPENING MUSIC                      "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder"                      by James Black  
Della Temple, flute; Zoe Temple, trumpet                      arr. by C. Cooke

OPENING SCRIPTURE                      Psalms 99:3-4, 9

Leader: Extol our Almighty God, and worship at God's holy mountain;

**People: For the Almighty God is holy!**

Leader: Let us praise God's great and awesome name.

**People: Our Mighty Ruler, lover of justice, has established equity;**

Leader: Our Ruler has executed justice and righteousness among the people.

**People: Holy is the Almighty!**

\*HYMN (see insert)                      "Down by the Riverside"

**1. Gonna lay down my sword and shield, down by the riverside,  
Down by the riverside, down by the riverside.**

**Gonna lay down my sword and shield, down by the riverside,  
Gonna study war no more.**

**[Refrain:] I ain't gonna study war no more, ain't gonna study war no more,  
Ain't gonna study war no more. (repeat)**

**1. Gonna lay down my burden, down by the riverside,  
Down by the riverside, down by the riverside.**

**Gonna lay down my burden, down by the riverside,  
Gonna study war no more.**

**[Refrain:] I ain't gonna study war no more, ain't gonna study war no more,  
Ain't gonna study war no more. (repeat)**

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of compassion, in Jesus Christ we behold your transforming light, yet we continue to live in darkness. Preoccupied with ourselves, we fail to see your work in the world. We speak when we should listen, we act when we should reflect. Empower us to live in your light and to walk in your ways, for the sake of him who is the light of the world, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

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

“All Creatures of Our God and King”  
Gilead Bell Chimes

arr.by Martha Lynn Thompson

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

*The children are dismissed to Sunday School.*

SCRIPTURE

<sup>1</sup> Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. <sup>2</sup> And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>3</sup> Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup> Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." <sup>5</sup> While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" <sup>6</sup> When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. <sup>7</sup> But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." <sup>8</sup> And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. <sup>9</sup> As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Chosen One has been raised from the dead." *Matthew 17:1-9*

<sup>16</sup> For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup> For he received honor and glory from God the Almighty Beloved when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." <sup>18</sup> We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. <sup>19</sup> So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. <sup>20</sup> First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, <sup>21</sup> because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God. *2 Peter 1:16-21*

**\*GRAY HYMNAL #380****"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"**

**1. I am weak but Thou art strong; Jesus, keep me from all wrong;  
I'll be satisfied as long As I walk, let me walk close to Thee.**

**[Refrain:] Just a closer walk with Thee, Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,  
Daily walking close to Thee, Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.**

**2. Thro' this world of toil and snares, If I falter, Lord, who cares?  
Who with me my burden shares? None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee.  
[Refrain]**

**3. When my feeble life is o'er, Time for me will be no more;  
Guide me gently, safely o'er To Thy kingdom shore, to Thy shore. [Refrain]**

## 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

**"My Lord! What a Morning"  
Gilead Singers**

**African American Spiritual  
arr. by Melva Costen**

## 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****\*GRAY HYMNAL #543****"When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder"**

**1. When the trumpet of the Lord shall sound and time shall be no more,  
And the morning breaks, eternal, bright and fair;  
When the saved of earth shall gather over on the other shore,  
And the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.**

**[Refrain:] When the roll is called up yonder,  
When the roll is called up yonder, When the roll is called up yonder,  
When the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.**

**2. On that bright and cloudless morning when the dead in Christ shall rise,  
And the glory of his resurrection share;  
When his chosen ones shall gather to their home beyond the skies,  
And the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there. [Refrain]**

**3. Let us labor for the Master from the dawn till setting sun;  
Let us talk of all his wondrous love and care.  
Then when all of life is over and our work on earth is done,  
And the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there. [Refrain]**

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE "O When the Saints Go Marching In" African American Spiritual  
Congregation and Ensemble**

Tatum Roche, soprano; Zoe Temple, trumpet; Della Temple, flute;  
Lucy Temple, tambourine; William Petito, piano

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

*The flowers today were given anonymously to the glory of God  
In honor of longtime member Barbara Murray and her family.*

*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.

▶ Session meets this Tuesday on Zoom at 7:30 p.m.

▶ Ash Wednesday worship service at 7:30 p.m. February 22.

▶ The Annual Meeting of the congregation will be next week, February 26 after  
worship.

▶ Today, Sunday February 19, Bell Chimes rehearse at 8:45, Singers at  
9:15. Next Sunday, February 26, Singers rehearse at 9:15.

On February 19, Bells rehearse at 8:45, Singers at 9:15.

▶ Join us today after worship for a special Mardi Gras Coffee Hour!



† 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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673

Down by the Riverside

*Leader* *Response*

1. Gon - na lay down my sword and shield, down by the riv - er - side,  
 2. Gon - na lay down my bur - den,

*Leader*

down by the riv - er - side, down by the riv - er - side; gon - na  
 gon - na

*Response*

lay down my sword and shield, down by the riv - er - side, gon - na  
 lay down my bur - den,

stud - y war no more. I ain't gon - na stud - y war no

WORDS and MUSIC: African-American spiritual

STUDY WAR NO MORE  
 arr.

more, ain't gon-na stud-y war no more, ain't gon-na stud-y

war no more, ain't gon-na stud-y war no more, ain't gon-na  
stud-y war no more, I ain't gon-na

stud-y war no more, ain't gon-na stud-y war no more.

The musical score consists of three systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: 'more, ain't gon-na stud-y war no more, ain't gon-na stud-y', 'war no more, ain't gon-na stud-y war no more, ain't gon-na stud-y war no more, I ain't gon-na', and 'stud-y war no more, ain't gon-na stud-y war no more.' The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line and chords in the right hand.

# Just a Closer Walk with Thee 380

*I can do everything through Him who gives me strength. Phil. 4:13*

1. I am weak but Thou art strong; Je - sus, keep me from all wrong;  
 2. Thro' this world of toil and snares, If I fal - ter, Lord, who cares?  
 3. When my fee - ble life is o'er, Time for me will be no more;  
*Refrain: Just a clos - er walk with Thee, Grant it, Je - sus, is my plea,*

*D.C. for Refrain*

I'll be sat - is - fied as long As I walk, let me walk close to Thee.  
 Who with me my bur - den shares? None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee.  
 Guide me gent - ly, safe - ly o'er To Thy king - dom shore, to Thy shore.  
*Dai - ly, walk - ing close to Thee, Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.*

TEXT and MUSIC: Traditional Folk song

CLOSER WALK  
 Irregular meter



# 543 When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder

*The Lord Himself will come down . . . with the trumpet call of God. 1 Thess. 4:16*

- 1. When the trum-pet of the Lord shall sound and time shall be no more
- 2. On that bright and cloud-less morning when the dead in Christ shall rise
- 3. Let us la - bor for the Mas - ter from the dawn till set - ting sun,

And the morn-ing breaks e - ter - nal, bright and fair— When the  
 And the glo - ry of His res - ur - rec - tion share— When His  
 Let us talk of all His won-drous love and care; Then when

saved of earth shall gath - er o - ver on the oth - er shore  
 cho - sen ones shall gath - er to their home be - yond the skies  
 all of life is o - ver and our work on earth is done

And the roll is called up yon - der, I'll be there!  
 And the roll is called up yon - der, I'll be there!  
 And the roll is called up yon - der, I'll be there!

TEXT and MUSIC: James M. Black

ROLL CALL  
 Irregular meter



*Refrain*

When the roll When the roll is called up yon - der, When the

roll When the roll is called up yon - der, When the roll when the roll

is called up yon - der—When the roll is called up yon - der I'll be there!

*Optional choral ending*

When we all see  
When we all We all see see Je - sus, We'll sing and

shout the vic - to - ry, the vic - to - ry.

The end of "AN UPWARD LOOK—A Brief Service of Joyful Anticipation"

