

Gilead Presbyterian Church March 5, 2023, 10:00 a.m. 2nd Sunday in Lent, 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

"O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go" Mary Temple, organ

arr. by Sharon Elery Rogers

OPENING SCRIPTURE

Psalm 25:4-6

Leader: Make us to know your ways, O God; teach us your paths.

People: Lead us in your truth, for you are the God of our salvation.

Leader: Be mindful of your mercy, O God; we wait for you. People: Your steadfast love has been from ages past.

*GRAY HYMNAL #259

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

- 1. Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life anew, that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
- 2. Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure, until my will is one with Thine, to do and to endure.
- 3. Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine, until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.
- 4. Breathe on me, Breath of God, So shall I never die, But live with Thee the perfect life Of Thine Eternity.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, you know who we are. You know everything we have done. We thirst for things that will never satisfy us. We commit ourselves to things that will never last. We worship things that will never bring salvation. Still, you offer us the gift of living water. Still, you offer us the gift of eternal life. Forgive us, O Lord, and give us this living water, so that we may never thirst again. 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 "Fill My Cup, Lord" Gilead Singers

by Richard Blanchard

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

The children are dismissed to Sunday School.

SCRIPTURE

¹ From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Almighty God commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ¹ The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test God?" ³ But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" ⁴ So Moses cried out to the Almighty, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵ God said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶ I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink."

Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel.

Exodus 17:1-6

⁷ A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink."

⁸ (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰ Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." ¹¹ The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? ¹² Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" ¹³ Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." ¹⁵ The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

SERMON "Fill 'er Up" Rev. Martin McGeachy

*GRAY HYMNAL #324

"Come Celebrate Jesus"

Come celebrate Jesus, come celebrate Jesus, The bread and the wine, the moment in time. Come celebrate Jesus, the Spirit that frees us,

His table has been laid, come now and celebrate Him. (repeat)

THE INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

THE OFFERING OFFERTORY

"In Remembrance"
Gilead Singers

by Ragan Courtney & Buryl Red

*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

All who wish may receive Communion. The congregation will be invited to come forward to receive the elements, but for those who wish, elements will be brought to them. 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.

INVITATION, PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

Communion Music, Gilead Singers

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.

*GRAY HYMNAL #51

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

- 1. Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land. I am weak, but thou art mighty. Hold me with thy powerful hand. Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.
- 2. Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through. Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.
- 3. When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside. Lead me thro' the swelling current, land me safe on Canaan's side. Songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to thee; I will ever give to thee.

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Awake, Thou Wintry Earth"
Mary Temple, organ

trad. Dutch carol arr. by Tom Birchwood

*Please stand, if you are able.

The flowers today were given anonymously to the glory of God In honor of Gilead member Carol Oehlschlager.

Thank you to our videographer today, Stephanie Gould.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mary Temple, Music Director

Diana Drake Behan, Church School Superintendent

- ▶ 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 today, February 26 after worship.
- ► Today, Sunday March 5, and next Sunday, 3/12, Singers rehearse at 9:15. Next Sunday, March 19, Bell Chimes 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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