

GILEAD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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, gender, marital status, sexual orientation, or socioeconomic standing; and we encourage the full participation of all in the life of our congregation.

Sunday, April 2, 2023, 10:00 a.m.

Palm Sunday, Year A

WELCOME

PRELUDE "Low in the Grave/The Heavens are Telling" by Franz Joseph Haydn
Penny Cameron, piano; Mary Temple, organ

OPENING SCRIPTURE Psalm 118, Zechariah 9:9

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Almighty God.

People: Hosanna in the highest!

Leader: Rejoice greatly, O children of Zion!

People: Shout aloud, O children of Jerusalem!

Leader: Lo, your Ruler comes to you;

People: triumphant and victorious is your Ruler,

Leader: humble and riding on a donkey,

People: on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

***PURPLE HYMNAL #196 "All Glory, Laud and Honor"**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER, UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, our God, we cry Hosanna to your name, but we confess that like the crowd two thousand years ago, our mood will quickly change and we will turn from you, placing our trust in the things of this world. Forgive us, we pray, for our changeable hearts.

Enter into us with your holy spirit of love and mercy, and guide us back to you.

Grant that as often as we turn away, you may draw us back into the arms of your gracious embrace. Hosanna in the highest!

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 "Ride On, Ride On in Majesty" by John Dykes
Gilead Singers arr. by Denes Agay

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

SCRIPTURE READINGS

¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Almighty. ²⁰ This is the gate of God Almighty; the righteous shall enter through it. ²¹ I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. ²² The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. ²³ This is God's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. ²⁴ This is the day that our God has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. ²⁵ Save us, we beseech you, Mighty God! We beseech you, give us success! ²⁶ Blessed is the one who comes in your name. We bless you from your holy house. ²⁷ You are our God, and you have given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar. ²⁸ You are our God, and we will give thanks to you; you are our God, we will extol you. ²⁹ O give thanks to you, Almighty God, for you are good, your steadfast love endures forever.
Psalm 118:19-29

¹ When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." ⁴ This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, ⁵ "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." ⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷ they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸ A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"
Matthew 21:1-9

SERMON "Walk on in Peace" Rev. Martin McGeachy

***PURPLE HYMNAL #209 "My Song Is Love Unknown" vss. 1,3,5**

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

THE OFFERING
OFFERTORY

“Ave Maria”
Tatem Roche, soprano; Zoe Temple, piano

by Bach-Gounod

***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

Communion Music, John Vangor, guitar

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.**

***PURPLE HYMNAL #197**

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“All Glory, Laud & Honor”

by Melchior Teschner

Penny Cameron, piano; Mary Temple, organ arr. by Tedd Smith & Don Hustad

*The congregation is invited to stand. **BOLD:** Congregation responds/sings

The palms this morning are lovingly donated by the Behan family.

This Week at Gilead

Today Sunday, April 2 **Palm Sunday**

- 9:10 a.m. Gilead Singers rehearse; Bell Chimes set up after worship.
- 9:30 a.m. Music Makers, Praise Makers Orff Instruments (to sing in worship)
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship. Join us after worship for a kids' pizza party with egg dyeing, cookies and Easter baskets!
- 7:00 p.m. Silent Passion rehearsal. See Mariah Warren or Pastor Martin if you'd like to participate.

Monday, April 3

- 11 a.m. Stretch Exercise Class

Wednesday, April 5

- 8:30 a.m. Morning prayer on Zoom; the link is in the weekly email.
- 7:30 p.m. Bible Study; the link is in the weekly email.

Thursday, April 6 **Maundy Thursday**

- 11:00 a.m. Stretch Exercise Class
- 6:00 p.m. Supper at 1st Presbyterian Church, 411 NY-6N, Mahopac, NY 10541. RSVP to office mgr.
- 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday worship with 1st Presbyterian.

Friday, April 7 **Good Friday**

- 10:00 a.m. Gilead Food Pantry
- 7:00 p.m. Silent Passion stations of the cross at Gilead.

Sunday, April 9 **Happy Easter!**

- 8:30 a.m. Bell Chimes rehearse.
- 9:10 a.m. Gilead Singers rehearse.
- 10:00 a.m. Worship and Flowering of the Cross. Bring flowers!

Thank you to our videographer, Stephanie Gould.

We accept offerings through the "Online Giving" link on our website, www.gileadchurch.org, or mail checks to Gilead Presbyterian Church, 9 Church Street, Carmel, NY 10512.

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