

# 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 16, 2023, 10:00 a.m.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter, Year A

## WELCOME

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

**People: He is Risen indeed!**

## OPENING MUSIC

"Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain"  
Organ

by Mary McDonald

## OPENING SCRIPTURE

Psalms 118:24; Isaiah 65:17-18

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made!

**People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Leader: Heaven and earth will never be the same!

**People: Let us rejoice and be glad!**

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

**People: He is Risen indeed!**

## \*PURPLE HYMNAL #238

"Thine Is the Glory"

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## OPENING PRAYER

## UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God, who has empowered us with all we need to reach out to you and one another; we confess that we resist the forces of your Spirit among us; that we are slow to serve you, and reluctant to spread the good news of your love. Forgive our divisions, and by your Spirit draw us together. Help us to break down barriers that separate us. In flame us with a desire to do your will and be your faithful people; for the sake of your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ.**

## 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

“He Lives”  
Gilead Singers

by Alfred H. Ackley

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

*The children are dismissed to Sunday School.*

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

<sup>4</sup> In the day that the Almighty God made the earth and the heavens, <sup>5</sup> when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the Almighty God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; <sup>6</sup> but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground—<sup>7</sup> then the Almighty God formed a man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. *Genesis 2:4-7*

<sup>19</sup> When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Temple authorities, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As our Abba God has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." <sup>24</sup> But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." <sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." *John 20:19-29*

SERMON

“Performing C.P.R.”

Rev. Martin McGeachy

**\*PURPLE HYMNAL #285**

**“Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song”**



## This Week at Gilead

Today Sunday, April 16

- 9:10 a.m. Gilead Singers rehearse.
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship.
- Following worship, join us for coffee and fellowship.

Monday, April 17

- 11 a.m. Stretch Exercise Class

Tuesday, April 18

- 7:30 p.m. Session Meeting

Wednesday, April 19

- 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 20

- 11:00 a.m. Stretch Exercise Class

Friday, April 21

- 10:00 a.m. Gilead Food Pantry

Sunday, April 23

- 9:10 a.m. Gilead Singers rehearse.
- 10:00 a.m. Worship. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter, Year A
- Following worship, join us for coffee and fellowship.
- Deacons meet following worship.

Pastor Martin will be on vacation at a family reunion in North Carolina April 25-May 1.

*We accept offerings through the "Online Giving" link on our website, [www.gileadchurch.org](http://www.gileadchurch.org), or mail checks to Gilead Presbyterian Church, 9 Church Street, Carmel, NY 10512.*

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