

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 30, 2023, 10:00 a.m.
4th Sunday in Easter, Year A

WELCOME

OPENING MUSIC

"Sheep May Safely Graze"
Mary Temple, Organ

by J. S. Bach
arr by Denes Agay

OPENING SCRIPTURE

Leader: We come to worship the risen Christ.

People: Praise to Christ, the good shepherd!

Leader: Alleluia, praise to Christ, the gate!

People: Alleluia, praise to Christ, the lamb!

Leader: Alleluia, praise to Christ, our savior!

People: Christ is risen still! Alleluia!

***PURPLE HYMNAL # 321**

"The Church's One Foundation"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of community, you call us to a world radically different from what we are used to. You ask us to lay aside our ideas of "mine" and "yours." You show us a life where goods are shared, where all are loved, and faithfulness is shown through generosity. But we cling to our possessions, trusting them more than we trust you. Forgive us, merciful God. Help us to truly believe in your just and peaceful realm and to work to make it so.

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 "Put Your Hand in the Hand" words & music by Gene MacLellen
Gilead Singers

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

The children are dismissed to Sunday School.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

¹ The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want. ² He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; ³ he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. ⁴ Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff— they comfort me. ⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. ⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.
Psalm 23:1-6

¹ "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ² The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵ They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." ⁶ Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. ⁷ So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.
John 10:1-10

SERMON "The Gate of the Year" Rev. Casey Carbone
The Rev. Casey Carbone serves as the Director for Congregational Connection for Hudson River Presbytery. Two of his biggest loves include coffee/coffee roasting and music.

***PURPLE HYMNAL # 849 "Everyone Who Longs for the Boundless Love of God"**

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 "Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us" by William B. Bradbury
Gilead Singers

***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

***PURPLE HYMNAL # 300 "We Are One in the Spirit"**

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION "Go Now in Peace" traditional Israel Melody

POSTLUDE "Psalm XVIII" by Benedetto Marcello
Mary Temple, organ arr by Denes Agay

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

*The flowers today were given anonymously to the glory of God
In honor of Gilead member Mariah Warren.*

*Thank you to our Lay Reader today, Mariah Warren,
and our videographer, Stephanie Gould.*

This Week at Gilead

Today Sunday, April 30

- 9:10 a.m. Gilead Singers rehearse.
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship. Welcome Rev. Casey Carbone to the pulpit!
- Following worship, join us for coffee and fellowship.

Monday, May 1

- 11 a.m. Stretch Exercise Class

Tuesday, May 2

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Wednesday, May 3

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

Thursday, May 4

- 11:00 a.m. Stretch Exercise Class

Friday, May 5

- 10:00 a.m. Gilead Food Pantry

Sunday, May 7

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

Pastor Martin will be on vacation at a family reunion in North Carolina April 25-May 1.
May 14 - Mother's Day, 8:40 Gilead Bell Chimes

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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