

# 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, May 7, 2023, 10:00 a.m.  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Easter, Year A

## WELCOME

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

People: He is Risen indeed!

## OPENING MUSIC

"Arioso"  
Mary Temple, organ

by J.S. Bach

## OPENING SCRIPTURE

Psalms 116:12-13, 17-19

Leader: What shall we return to God for all the bounty we have been given?

People: **We will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of God.**

Leader: We will offer a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of God.

People: **We will pay our vows in the presence of all God's people.**

Leader: In the courts of the house of God, in your midst, O Jerusalem.

People: **Praise be to God!**

## \*PURPLE HYMNAL #260

"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus" vss. 1,2,3

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## OPENING PRAYER

### UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Glorious God, by your power is Christ raised from death to rule this world in love. We confess that we have not believed in him, but fall into doubt and fear. Gladness has no home in our hearts, and gratitude is slight. Forgive our dread of dying, our hopelessness, and set us free for joy in the victory of Jesus Christ, who was dead but lives, and will put down every power to hurt or destroy when your promised kingdom comes.

### 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.

## TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

*The children are dismissed to Sunday School.*

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

<sup>1</sup> I love you, God, for you have heard my voice and my supplications. <sup>2</sup> You have inclined your ear to me, therefore I will call on you as long as I live. <sup>3</sup> The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish. <sup>4</sup> Then I called on your name, O Mighty One, crying, "O God, I pray, save my life!" <sup>5</sup> You are gracious and righteous; our God is merciful. <sup>6</sup> You protect the simple; when I was brought low, you saved me. <sup>7</sup> Return, O my soul, to your rest, for the Almighty God has dealt bountifully with you. <sup>8</sup> For you have delivered my soul from death, O God, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling. <sup>9</sup> I walk before your presence in the land of the living. <sup>10</sup> I kept my faith, even when I said, "I am greatly afflicted"; <sup>11</sup> I said in my consternation, "Everyone is a liar." <sup>12</sup> What shall I return to you, O Gracious One for all your bounty to me? <sup>13</sup> I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Almighty God, <sup>14</sup> I will pay my vows to the Almighty in the presence of all God's people. *Psalm 116:1-14*

<sup>13</sup> Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup> and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup> While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup> but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup> And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup> Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" <sup>19</sup> He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup> and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup> But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. <sup>22</sup> Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup> and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup> Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." <sup>25</sup> Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup> Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" <sup>27</sup> Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. <sup>28</sup> As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup> But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with

them. <sup>30</sup> When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup> They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" <sup>33</sup> That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup> They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" <sup>35</sup> Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread. *Luke 24:13-35*

SERMON

"Walking in Hope"

Rev. Martin McGeachy

**\*PURPLE HYMNAL #236**

**"The Strife Is O'er" vss. 1,2,3**

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"In Remembrance"

Gilead Singers

text by Regan Courtney

music by B. Red & R. Douglas

**\*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 take in the sacrifice of the Lord symbolically. For those joining physically, the individual Communion sets contain juice; in the trays the red is wine and the yellow is juice.*

INVITATION, PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SHARING OF THE BREAD, SHARING OF THE CUP

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 #734**

**"Hope of the World" vss. 1-4**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CHORAL BENEDICTION**

"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

Gilead Singers

Jamaican folk song

arr. By Potter & Koan

POSTLUDE

"Little Prelude"

Mary Temple, organ

by J.S. Bach

\*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 Mary Temple.*

*Thank you to our Lay Reader today, José Ojeda,  
and our videographer, Stephanie Gould.*

### **This Week at Gilead**

Today Sunday, May 7

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

Monday, May 8

- 11 a.m. Stretch Exercise Class

Wednesday, May 10

- No Morning Prayer or Bible Study this week while Pastor Martin attends an out of town funeral. See you next Wednesday!

Thursday, May 11

- 11:00 a.m. Stretch Exercise Class

Friday, May 12

- 10:00 a.m. Gilead Food Pantry

Sunday, May 14

- 8:40 a.m. Gilead Bell Chimes rehearse.
- 9:10 a.m. Gilead Singers rehearse.
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship. Come join in celebrating all mothers with a song – lyrics by Duane Stroud-Boutté.
- Following worship, join us for coffee and fellowship.



*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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