

# 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 14, 2023, 10:00 a.m.**

**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Easter, Year A**

OPENING MUSIC

"Simple Gifts"  
Gilead Bell Chimes

by Shaker Song  
arr. by Valerie W. Stephenson

OPENING SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 66:12-13

Leader: Thus says the Almighty :

**People: I will extend prosperity to Jerusalem like a river.**

Leader: And the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream.

**People: You shall nurse and be carried on her arm, and dandled on her knees.**

Leader: As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you;

**People: You shall be comforted in Jerusalem.**

**\*PURPLE HYMNAL #643**

**"Now Thank We All Our God"**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Almighty God, we confess that we have disobeyed your commandment to honor our father and mother. You are God our Father, and our Holy Mother. You have guided our every step, and yet we push away from you. We follow our own path. Like unruly children, we listen to our own selfish desires, seek our own comfort, and work for our own ends. We do not heed your voice to reach out to others, share all we have been given, and love as you have loved us. As a mother who never forsakes her children, forgive us Lord, and hold us close. We turn to you now and listen in silence for your Love.**

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.**

MOTHER'S DAY SERENADE

"O Mother Mine"

lyrics by Duane Stroud-Boulté  
tune: "Morning Has Broken"

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. *Psalm 116:1-7*

<sup>1</sup> At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" <sup>2</sup> He called a child, whom he put among them, <sup>3</sup> and said, "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup> Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

*Matthew 18:1-4*

<sup>12</sup> For our boast is this, the testimony of our conscience, that we behaved in the world with simplicity and godly sincerity, not by earthly wisdom but by the grace of God, and supremely so toward you. *2 Corinthians 1:12*

SERMON

"KISS"

Rev. Martin McGeachy

\*PURPLE HYMNAL #645

"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" vss. 1-3

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

"A Christian Home"  
Gilead Singers

by Barbara B. Hart  
music: Sibelius

**\*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 #157**

**“I Danced in the Morning” vss. 1,2,5**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CHORAL BENEDICTION**

**“The Bond of Love”  
Gilead Singers**

**by Otis Skillings**

**POSTLUDE**

**“To God be the Glory”  
Mary Temple, organ**

**by Crosby & Doane  
arr. by Fred Bock**

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

*Thank you to our Lay Reader today, Paul Francis, and our videographer, Alexis Gould.*

**Our Mother’s Day Flowers are dedicated to the glory of God  
in honor or memory of: given by:**

**Sabina Foote, Mother;  
Hazel Howard, Godmother  
Anne Rockwell, Sister**

**Toni Simpson and Sylvia Nielsen  
Brigitta Mueller**

**Dorothy Annis Kosacz**

**Barbara Backus**

**Moms & Grandmas**

**Joan & Rose**

**Mothers & Grandmothers**

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**Loved Ones**

**Alice McGeachy**

**Mothers & Grandmothers**

**Della Collins & Dorothy Temple**

**Katherine Foote**

**Ellie and Dave Nielsen**

**Annina Celli**

**Cindy Kosacz**

**Tina Annunziato**

**The Steinbergs**

**Paul Francis**

**Lisa Carpenter & John Vangor**

**The Behan Family**

**The Knapp Family**

**Martin McGeachy**

**The Ojeda Family**

**John & Mary Temple**



## **This Week at Gilead**

Today Sunday, May 14 Thank you to all our mothers!

- 8:40 a.m. Gilead Bell Chimes rehearse.
- 9:10 a.m. Gilead Singers rehearse.
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship.
- Following worship, join us for coffee and fellowship.

Monday, May 15

- 11 a.m. Stretch Exercise Class

Wednesday, May 17

- 8:30 a.m. Zoom Prayer. The link is in the weekly bulletin.
- 7:30 p.m. Zoom Bible Study. The link is in the weekly bulletin.

Thursday, May 18

- 11:00 a.m. Stretch Exercise Class

Friday, May 19

- 10:00 a.m. Gilead Food Pantry

Sunday, May 21

- 9:10 a.m. Gilead Singers rehearse.
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship.
- 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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