# 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 21, 2023, 10:00 a.m. 7th Sunday of Easter, Year A

**WELCOME** 

**OPENING MUSIC** 

"Tell Me the Old, Old Story" tune Penny Cameron, piano; Mary Temple, organ arr

tune William Doane arr. by Lani Smith

OPENING SCRIPTURE

from Psalms 47

Leader: Shout for joy; sing songs of praise, **People: for God reigns over all the earth!** Leader: God has gone up with a shout!

People: Sound the trumpets and sing songs of praise!

\*PURPLE HYMNAL #269 "Lead On, O King Eternal!"

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

#### OPENING PRAYER

#### UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, in the face of a broken and pain-filled world, we confess that often we acquiesce to, or even embrace the fear, anger, selfishness and hopelessness around us. Forgive us for doubting the power of your love. Grant that we may renew our faith, and live lives that stand for justice, kindness, and grace. Love us, and equip us to love your people by the power of your Holy Spirit. In Christ's name we pray.

SII FNT 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 Is King of Kings"
Gilead Singers

African American Spiritual

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

The children are dismissed to Sunday School.

#### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. <sup>13</sup> But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. <sup>14</sup> If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. 1 Peter 4:12-14

<sup>15</sup> I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the believers, and for this reason <sup>16</sup> I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers.
<sup>17</sup> I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the God of Glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as your knowledge of the Divine unfolds, <sup>18</sup> so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which you have been called, what are the riches of our glorious inheritance, <sup>19</sup> and what is the immeasurable greatness of Christ's power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. <sup>20</sup> God put this power to work in Christ when God raised him from the dead and seated him at the right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup> far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. <sup>22</sup> And God has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, <sup>23</sup> which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Ephesians 1:15-23

SERMON

"The Lamb Upon His Throne"

Rev. Martin McGeachy

\*PURPLE HYMNAL #268 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

## 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"

tune by William Doane arr. by Lani Smith

#### \*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 #134 "Joy to the World!" vss. 1,2,4

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Higher Ground" tune Charles H. Gabriel Penny Cameron, piano; Mary Temple, organ

\*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 Stephanie Gould.

Thank you to our Lay Reader today, Cindy Kosacz, and our videographer, Alexis Gould.

## **This Week at Gilead**

### Today Sunday, May 21

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

#### Monday, May 22

11 a.m. Stretch Exercise Class

## Tuesday, May 23

• 7:30 p.m. Session meets on Zoom.

## Wednesday, May 24

- 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, May 25

11:00 a.m. Stretch Exercise Class

## Friday, May 26

10:00 a.m. Gilead Food Pantry

## Sunday, May 28

- 9:10 a.m. Gilead Singers rehearse.
- 10:00 a.m. Pentecost Sunday Worship. Wear red and orange and yellow to kindle the flame of Spirit!
- Following worship, join us for coffee and fellowship.



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

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