

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 28, 2023, 10:00 a.m.
Pentecost Sunday, Year A

OPENING MUSIC

"Holy Spirit, Truth Divine"
Organ

by David Hegarty

OPENING SCRIPTURE

Acts 2:17-21

Leader: I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,

People: your daughters and sons shall prophesy,

Leader: your young people shall see visions,

People: your elders shall dream dreams.

Leader: Even upon the least of my people, both men and women,

I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

People: And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

*PURPLE HYMNAL #291

"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, who sent the promised power of the Holy Spirit to fill disciples with willing faith; 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. God, have mercy on us. Forgive our divisions, and by your Spirit draw us together. 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

“There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit”
Gilead Singers

by Doris Akers

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

The children are dismissed to Sunday School.

SCRIPTURE

¹ When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵ Now there were devout Hebrews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both native believers and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs--in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?"
Acts 2:1-12

¹⁹ 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." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As our Abba God has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."
John 20:19-23

SERMON

“Spiritual Combustion”

Rev. Martin McGeachy

*PURPLE HYMNAL #286

“Breathe on Me, Breath 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

"Spirit, Open My Heart"
Gilead Singers

by Ruth Duck

***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 #8**

"Eternal Father Strong to Save"

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

Spiritual

POSTLUDE

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You"
Organ

by Beethoven

*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 Brenda Verdesi.*

*Thank you to our Lay Reader today, Tina Annunziato,
and our videographer, Alexis Gould.*

This Week at Gilead

Today Sunday, May 28

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

Monday, May 29

- 11 a.m. Stretch Exercise Class

Tuesday, May 30

- 7:30 p.m. Session meets on Zoom.

Wednesday, May 31

- 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, June 1

- 11:00 a.m. Stretch Exercise Class

Friday, June 2

- 10:00 a.m. to noon. Gilead Food Pantry

Sunday, June 4

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

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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