

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, July 2, 2023, 10:00 a.m.
5th Sunday in Pentecost, Proper 8, Year A

OPENING MUSIC "American Medley" arr. by Lois Mountz
Penny Cameron, Piano, Mary Temple Organ

OPENING SCRIPTURE Psalms 1:1-3
Leader: Happy are those who take delight in the law of the Lord.
People: On the Word of the Lord they meditate day and night.
Leader: They are like trees planted by streams of water.
People: In all that they do they prosper.

***PURPLE HYMNAL #337 "My Country, 'Tis of Thee"**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of freedom, justice, and liberty, we confess that we have not lived lives of Christ-like freedom, for we are slaves to our own desires and plans. We seek justice for ourselves, but are complacent about justice for others. We proclaim liberty, but mean only our own vision of liberty; we work to free only those who further our own needs and pleasures. Grant us a vision of freedom in obedience to the Divine will, and the ability to seek liberty and justice for all, in the name of your love. Amen.

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

“This Is My Song”
Gilead Singers

by Sibelius

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

The children are dismissed to Sunday School.

SCRIPTURE

¹ May God be gracious to us and bless us and may God’s face shine upon us, ² that your way may be known upon earth, O God, your saving power among all nations. ³ Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. ⁴ Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. ⁵ Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. ⁶ The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us. ⁷ May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere the Almighty God.
Psalm 67:1-7

³¹ Then Jesus said to those who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." ³³ They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?" ³⁴ Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶ So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.
John 8:31-36

SERMON

“Community of Service “

Rev. Martin McGeachy

***PURPLE HYMNAL #346 “For the Healing of the Nations”**

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Shenandoah”
Piano & Organ

Folk Song

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

COMMUNION MUSIC

“Here I am, Lord”
Gilead Singers

By Schutte & Weissrock

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.

***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 #338 “O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”**

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BLESSING “God Bless America” Words & Music by Irving Berlin**

**God bless America, land that I love
Stand beside her and guide her
Through the night with the light from above
From the mountains to the prairies To the oceans white with foam
God bless America, my home sweet home—
God bless America, my home sweet home!**

God bless our family, all humankind (verse by Pastor Martin)

**We will labor to love our neighbor
That Thy Grace in our face they may find
We're created to be related; all God’s children, where'er we roam
God bless America, our home sweet home—
God bless America, our home sweet home!**

POSTLUDE

“Salute to Those Who Serve”
Organ

arr. by Peggy Dequesuel

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

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

This Week at Gilead

Today Sunday, July 2

- 9:10 a.m. Gilead Singers rehearse.
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship with Holy Communion.
- If someone can help set up coffee hour, we'll have fellowship!

Monday, July 3

- 11 a.m. Stretch Exercise Class

Tuesday, July 4 **Happy Independence Day!**

Wednesday, July 5

- 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer and 7:30 p.m. Bible Study are on hiatus until September

Thursday, July 6

- 11:00 a.m. Stretch Exercise Class

Friday, July 7

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

Saturday, July 8

Sunday, July 9

- 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, or mail checks to Gilead Presbyterian Church, 9 Church Street, Carmel, NY 10512.

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