

# 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 9, 2023, 10:00 a.m.  
6th Sunday in Pentecost, Proper 9, Year A

OPENING MUSIC

"Violin Concerto"  
Organ

by Felix Mendelson

OPENING SCRIPTURE

Psalms 22:22-23

Leader: I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters;  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

**People: You who love the LORD, give praise!**

Leader: All you offspring of Jacob, give glory!

**People: Stand in awe of the LORD, all you offspring of Israel!**

**\*PURPLE HYMNAL #45**

**"I to the Hills Will Lift My Eyes"**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. Our fear of giving up the comfortable and the known keeps our faith chained to mediocrity. Our limited vision believes only what our earthly eyes have seen, resulting in the self-fulfilling inability to move beyond the very barriers we have built ourselves. Grant us the faith of our ancestors, Abraham and Sarah, who believed in the promises of your miracles and accepted the new lives you offered, even though it meant traveling into the unknown. Grant us the faith to know that wherever we go, you are there.**

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 Little Light of Mine"  
Katie Roth

**TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART**

**Father Abraham had many sons, many sons had Father Abraham—  
And I am one of them, and so are you, so let's all praise the Lord!**

*The children are dismissed to Sunday School.*

SCRIPTURE

*Genesis 24:35-38, 42-48, 55-67*

<sup>35</sup> The LORD has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. <sup>36</sup> And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. <sup>37</sup> My master made me swear, saying, 'You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; <sup>38</sup> but you shall go to my father's house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.'

<sup>42</sup> "I came today to the spring, and said, 'O LORD, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! <sup>43</sup> I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, "Please give me a little water from your jar to drink," <sup>44</sup> and who will say to me, "Drink, and I will draw for your camels also"—let her be the woman whom the LORD has appointed for my master's son.' <sup>45</sup> "Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, 'Please let me drink.' <sup>46</sup> She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, 'Drink, and I will also water your camels.' So I drank, and she also watered the camels. <sup>47</sup> Then I asked her, 'Whose daughter are you?' She said, 'The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him.' So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. <sup>48</sup> Then I bowed my head and worshiped the LORD, and blessed the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son.

<sup>55</sup> Her brother and her mother said, "Let the girl remain with us a while, at least ten days; after that she may go." <sup>56</sup> But he said to them, "Do not delay me, since the LORD has made my journey successful; let me go that I may go to my master." <sup>57</sup> They said, "We will call the girl, and ask her." <sup>58</sup> And they called Rebekah, and said to her, "Will you go with this man?" She said, "I will." <sup>59</sup> So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham's servant and his men. <sup>60</sup> And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, "May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates

of their foes." <sup>61</sup> Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way. <sup>62</sup> Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. <sup>63</sup> Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. <sup>64</sup> And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, <sup>65</sup> and said to the servant, "Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?" The servant said, "It is my master." So she took her veil and covered herself. <sup>66</sup> And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. <sup>67</sup> Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her.

SERMON

"All You Offspring, Give Praise!"

Rev. Martin McGeachy

**\*PURPLE HYMNAL #51**

**"To Abraham and Sarah"**

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

by Palmer & Mason

Gilead Singers

**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 #39**

**"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CHORAL BENEDICTION**

"Go Now in Peace"

POSTLUDE

"Scherzo"

by Henri Litloff

Organ

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

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

## This Week at Gilead

Today Sunday, July 9

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

Monday, July 10

- 11 a.m. Stretch Exercise Class

Tuesday, July 11

Wednesday, July 12

- 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer on Zoom. The link is in the weekly bulletin.

Thursday, July 13

- 11:00 a.m. Stretch Exercise Class

Friday, July 14

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

Saturday, July 15

Sunday, July 16

- 9:10 a.m. Hi-Tones rehearse. Margaret Karell, soloist
- 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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