

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 16, 2023, 10:00 a.m.
7th Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 10, Year A

OPENING MUSIC

"Panis Angelicus"
Mary Temple, organ

by César Franck

OPENING SCRIPTURE

2 Corinthians 9:10-11

Leader: The Lord, who supplies seed to the sower and bread for our food will supply and multiply our seed,

People: And the Lord will increase the harvest of our righteousness.

Leader: We will be enriched in every way for our great generosity, which will produce Thanksgiving to God.

All: Thanks be to God for God's indescribable gift!

***PURPLE HYMNAL #367**

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Faithful God, your word falls on hardened ground when our worldly anxiety and attachment to illusory values crowds out your place in our lives. Forgive our frail and human ways and cultivate in us a spirit of trust and faithfulness, for you are our hope for deliverance. 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

“How Great Thou Art”
Margaret Karell, soprano

by Stuart K. Hine

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

The children are dismissed to Sunday School.

SCRIPTURE

³ Jesus told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow.
⁴ And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up.
⁵ Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶ But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷ Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸ Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹ Let anyone with ears listen!"
¹⁸ "Hear then the parable of the sower. ¹⁹ When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰ As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹ yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²² As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³ But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty." *Matthew 13:3-9, 18-23*

¹⁰ For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. ¹² For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

¹³ Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the Almighty God a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off. *Isaiah 55:10-13*

SERMON

“The Tool Shed”

Rev. Martin McGeachy

*PURPLE HYMNAL #171 “A Sower Came from Ancient Hills”

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Led by the Master’s Hand”
Gilead Hi-Tones

by Mosie Lister

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 #714**

“God of the Fertile Fields”

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

“Led by the Master’s Hand”
Gilead Hi-Tones

POSTLUDE

“Alleluia”
Mary Temple, organ

by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
arr. by Denes Agay

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

*Thank you to our Lay Reader today, Mariah Warren,
and our videographer, Alexis Gould.*

This Week at Gilead

Today 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.

Monday, July 17

- 11 a.m. Stretch Exercise Class

Tuesday, July 18

Wednesday, July 19

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

Thursday, July 20

- 11:00 a.m. Stretch Exercise Class

Friday, July 21

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

Saturday, July 22

Sunday, July 23

- 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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