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, August 13, 2023, 10:00 a.m. 11th Sunday after Pentecost, Year A

OPENING MUSIC "Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Wretched" by William Owen

arr. by Tedd Smith & Don Hustad

Mary Temple, organ; Penny Cameron, piano

OPENING SCRIPTURE Psalms 37:3-4

Leader: Trust in the LORD, and do good.

People: Then you shall live in the land, and enjoy security.

Leader: Take delight in our loving God,

People: and God will give you the desires of your heart.

*PURPLE HYMNAL #463 "How Firm a Foundation"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

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 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

by Ray Palmer & Lowell Mason

Gilead Singers

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

"God Loves You Just the Way You Are" Deacon Lucy Ojeda

The children are dismissed to Sunday School.

SCRIPTURE

"In the morning, as He was returning to Jerusalem, He was hungry, and noticed a fig tree on the road. He went over to see if there were any figs, but there were only leaves. Then He said to it, 'Never bear fruit again!' And soon, the fig tree withered up. The disciples were utterly amazed and asked, 'How did the fig tree wither so quickly?' Then, Jesus told them, 'Truly, if you have faith, and don't doubt, you can do things like this and much more. You can even say to this Mount of Olives, move over into the ocean, and it will. You can get anything - anything you ask for in prayer – if you believe."

Mathew 21:18-22

"That evening, as usual, they left the city. Next morning, as the disciples passed the fig tree he had cursed, they saw that it was withered from its roots! Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said to the tree on the previous day, and exclaimed, 'Look Teacher! The fig tree you cursed has withered!' In reply, Jesus said to the disciples, 'If you only have faith in God – this is the absolute truth – you can say to this Mount of Olives, raise up and fall into the Mediterranean, and your command will be obeyed. All that is required is that you really believe and have no doubt! Listen to me! You can pray for ANYTHING, and if you believe, you have it – it is yours!"

SERMON

"Believing When You Don't Believe"

Elder José Ojeda

We welcome to the pulpit today Gilead Elder and educator José Ojeda, with gratitude from Pastor Martin, who will return to the pulpit next Sunday.

*PURPLE HYMNAL #408

"There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

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

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" arr. by Tedd Smith & Don Hustad

by John Wyeth

Mary Temple, organ; Penny Cameron, piano

*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 #15

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"We're Marching to Zion"

by Robert Lowry

arr. by Ted Smith and Don Hustad Mary Temple, organ; Penny Cameron, piano

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

Thank you to our Lay Reader today, Lucy Ojeda, and our videographer, Paul Francis.

This Week at Gilead

Today Sunday, August 13

- 9:15 a.m. Gilead Singers rehearse.
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship.
- Following worship, join us for coffee and fellowship.

Monday, August 14

- 11 a.m. Stretch Exercise Class
- 3:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. BLOOD DRIVE

Tuesday, August 15

Wednesday, August 16

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

Thursday, August 17

11:00 a.m. Stretch Exercise Class

Friday, August 18

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

Saturday, August 19

Sunday, August 20

- 9:15 a.m. Gilead Singers rehearse.
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship
- Following worship, join us for coffee and fellowship.

Gilead is hosting a Blood Drive with the New York Blood Center in the large classroom tomorrow, Monday, August 14 from 3:00 to 7:30pm. Please donate if you're able. Thank you to Abby Clark for organizing this mission.

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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