

# 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 20, 2023, 10:00 a.m.  
12th Sunday in Pentecost, Proper 15, Year A

OPENING MUSIC            "Andante Cantabile, from Symphony No. 4"            by Charles Widor  
Mary Temple, organ

OPENING SCRIPTURE            Psalm 105:1-4

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord!

**People: Sing to God! Tell of God's wonderful works!**

Leader: Remember all the things God has done!

**People: We glory in God's holy name!**

Leader: Seek the Lord, our strength and refuge:

**People: We come to be in God's presence.**

Leader: Let us worship God!

**\*PURPLE HYMNAL #463    "How Firm a Foundation" vss. 1,3,5**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Lord Jesus, we call upon you in our hour of need. We are beset by our circumstances, distracted from your purposes, drowning in doubts and fears. We try to believe in you, but all too often turn our focus to the pain we see, and accept it as our only reality. We harden our hearts to the suffering around us, feeding ourselves in the face of the injustice that holds our brothers and sisters captive, telling ourselves that we've done all we can. Help us to remember that there is always more we can do when we allow your love to move through us. Grant us forgiveness and salvation, that we may in turn offer it to our neighbor. In Christ's name, 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

“I Know When I Have Believed”  
Gilead Singers

by Daniel Whittle &  
James McGranahan

## TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

*The children are dismissed to Sunday School.*

## SCRIPTURE

<sup>8</sup> Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for the Almighty will speak peace to the people, those who are God’s faithful, to those who turn to God in their hearts. <sup>9</sup> Surely God’s salvation is at hand for those who fear the Almighty, that Divine glory may dwell in our land. <sup>10</sup> Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other. <sup>11</sup> Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky. <sup>12</sup> The Almighty God will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase. <sup>13</sup> Righteousness will go before the Almighty, and will make a path for God’s steps.

*Psalms 85:8-13*

<sup>22</sup> Immediately [Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. <sup>23</sup> And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, <sup>24</sup> but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. <sup>25</sup> And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. <sup>26</sup> But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. <sup>27</sup> But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." <sup>28</sup> Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." <sup>29</sup> He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. <sup>30</sup> But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" <sup>31</sup> Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" <sup>32</sup> When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. <sup>33</sup> And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

*Matthew 14:22-33*

## SERMON

“Rolling in the Deep”

Rev. Martin McGeachy

**\*PURPLE HYMNAL #184**

**“Calm to the Waves”**

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

“Wade in the Water”  
Paul Francis, Soloist

Spiritual

**\*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 #353**

**“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”**

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION

“For God So Loved the World”

POSTLUDE

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”  
Mary Temple, organ

by William Runyan  
arr. by Fred Bock

\*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 videographers, Stephanie and Alexis Gould.*

## This Week at Gilead

Today Sunday, August 20

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

Monday, August 21

- 11 a.m. Stretch Exercise Class

Tuesday, August 22

Wednesday, August 23

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

Thursday, August 24

- 11:00 a.m. Stretch Exercise Class

Friday, August 25

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

Saturday, August 26

Sunday, August 27

- 9:15 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](http://www.gileadchurch.org), or mail checks to Gilead Presbyterian Church, 9 Church Street, Carmel, NY 10512*

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