

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 27, 2023, 10:00 a.m.
13th Sunday in Pentecost, Proper 16, Year A

OPENING MUSIC

"Springs of Living Waters"
Mary Temple, organ

by John W. Peterson
arr. by Fred Bock

OPENING SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 17:7-8

Leader: Blessed are those who trust in the LORD.

People: They shall be like a tree planted by water.

Leader: It shall not fear the heat, and its leaves shall stay green;

People: It shall not cease to bear fruit.

***PURPLE HYMNAL #475**

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, in baptism you grafted us into the body of Christ, promising us forgiveness of sin and newness of life, but we fail to live as a forgiven people. We keep destructive habits and hold grudges; we allow our past to hold us hostage, and are reluctant to welcome newness. In your loving kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin. Remind us of the promises you have made to us in baptism so that we may live as your people, claimed in the waters of promise.

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.**

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

The children are dismissed to Sunday School.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Evelyn Lucille Thomas, daughter of Joel & Erin Thomas

ANTHEM

“Baptized in Water”
Gilead Singers

Gaelic Melody
text by Michael Seward

SCRIPTURE

⁵ Thus says the LORD: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from Almighty God. ⁶ They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. ⁷ Blessed are those who trust in God, whose trust is in the Almighty God. ⁸ They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.

Jeremiah 17:5-8

¹ Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³ Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and the Lamb's servants will worship him; ⁴ they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever. ⁶ And the angel said to me, "These words are trustworthy and true, for the Almighty, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent this angel to show God's servants what must soon take place." ⁷ "See, I am coming soon! Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book."

Revelation 22:1-7

SERMON

“Go with the Flow”

Rev. Martin McGeachy

***PURPLE HYMNAL #484**

“Out of Deep, Unordered Water”

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

"Living for Jesus"
Gilead Singers

text: Thomas O. Chisholm
music: C. Harold Lowden

***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 #486**

"Child of Blessing, Child of Promise"

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

"I'll Live for Him"

text: Ralph Hudson
music: C. R. Dunbar

POSTLUDE

"To God Be Glory"
Mary Temple, organ

by William Doane
arr. by Fred Bock

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

*The flowers today were given by Pastor Martin to the glory of God,
in celebration of Cindy Kosacz.*

*Thank you to our Lay Reader today, Mariah Warren,
and our videographers, Alexis & Stephanie Gould.*

This Week at Gilead

Today Sunday, August 27

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

Monday, August 28

- 11 a.m. Stretch Exercise Class

Tuesday, August 29

- 7:30 p.m. in the lounge. Called Session meeting to plan the coverage of Martin's responsibilities in preparation for his last day at Gilead.

Wednesday, August 30

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

Thursday, August 31

- 11:00 a.m. Stretch Exercise Class

Friday, September 1

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

Sunday, September 3 Communion Sunday

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

Session has called a special congregational meeting to vote on the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between Rev. Martin McGeachy and Gilead Presbyterian Church. The meeting will be held directly after worship on Sunday, September 10th, in the Sanctuary. Following this meeting, join us for a celebration of Martin's ministry with us! Please bring a favorite dish to share.

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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