

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, September 10, 2023, 10:00 a.m.

15th Sunday in Pentecost, Year A

OPENING MUSIC

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"
Gilead Bell Chimes

by Oliver Holder
arr. by Bill Ingram

OPENING SCRIPTURE

Romans 8:27-28, Psalm 118:4

Leader: God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the believers according to the will of God.

People: We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose.

Leader: Let us answer the call of God. This is the day the Lord has made!

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

***PURPLE HYMNAL #1**

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dearest Lord, we confess that we have not always listened to your call. We have blocked out the song of your Word with the noise of the world, and we have believed the false prophets of fear, anger, materialism, acquisition and worldly gain. We have not lived joyfully, mercifully, or graciously. Help us to hear you singing in our hearts, that we might be set free to be the children of grace you created us to be. In Christ's name we pray. 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

“Arioso”

by J.S. Bach

Marianne Lepre-Nolan, flute

SCRIPTURE

¹ I will lift up my eyes to the hills— from where will my help come? ² My help comes from the Almighty God, who made heaven and earth. ³ God will not let your foot be moved; God who keeps you will not slumber. ⁴ The One who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. ⁵ The Almighty God is your keeper; and is your shade at your right hand. ⁶ The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. ⁷ The Almighty God will keep you from all evil; God will keep your life. ⁸ Your Loving God will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore. *Psalm 121:1-8*

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

The children are dismissed to Sunday School.

SCRIPTURE

¹⁸ I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰ for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³ and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. ²⁶ Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷ And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. ²⁸ We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God’s purpose. ²⁹ For those whom God foreknew were also predestined to be conformed to the image of God’s Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰ And those whom God predestined God also called; and those whom God called God also justified; and those whom God justified God also glorified. *Romans 8:18-30*

ANTHEM

“All Good Gifts”

from “Godspell”

Mariah Warren, vocals, Renae Lent, recorder

by Stephen Schwartz

SERMON

“The Call to Be Born”

Rev. Martin McGeachy

***PURPLE HYMNAL #649**

“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

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

“Friends”

Gilead Singers

by Michael Smith

***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 #307**

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

“Bless Be the Tie That Binds”

Gilead Singers

by J. Fawcette
and J. Nägeli

POSTLUDE

‘To God Be the Glory’

Penny Cameron, piano; Mary Temple, organ

by William Doane

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

*The flowers today are given by Cindy Kosacz to the glory of God
in honor of Martin McGeachy and the Gilead Church Family.*

*Thank you to our Lay Reader today, Renae Lent,
and our videographers Stephanie and Alexis Gould.*

This Week at Gilead

Today Sunday, September 10

- 9:15 a.m. Gilead Singers rehearse.
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship.
- 11:00 a.m. 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 today.
- Following the congregational meeting, join us for a pot-luck luncheon in celebration of Martin's service at Gilead.

Monday, September 11

- 11 a.m. Stretch Exercise Class

Tuesday, September 12

Wednesday, September 13

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

Thursday, September 14

- 11:00 a.m. Stretch Exercise Class

Friday, September 15

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

Saturday, September 16

Sunday, September 17

- 9:15 a.m. Gilead Singers rehearse.
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship

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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