

# 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 17, 2023, 10:00 a.m.**  
**24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A**

*We welcome Timothy Stan to the pulpit today!*

OPENING MUSIC

"Jesus Loves Me"  
Zoe Temple, piano

by William Bradbury  
arr. Fred Bock

OPENING SCRIPTURE

Psalm 8:1

Leader: Oh Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**\*GRAY HYMNAL #488**

**"He Keeps Me Singing"**

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. Please 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 the name of Jesus 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.**

**TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART**

*The children are dismissed to Sunday School.*

**ANTHEM**

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”  
Della Temple, flute & Zoe Temple, trumpet

W.H. Monk  
arr. C. Coote

**SCRIPTURE**

<sup>1</sup> For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: <sup>2</sup>a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; <sup>3</sup> a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; <sup>4</sup> a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; <sup>5</sup> a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; <sup>6</sup> a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; <sup>7</sup> a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; <sup>8</sup> a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.

*Ecclesiastes 3:1-8*

<sup>6</sup> So when they had come together, they asked him “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” <sup>7</sup> He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority.”

*Acts 1:6-7*

**SERMON**

“A New Season”

Timothy Stan

**\*GRAY HYMNAL #349**

“Trust and Obey”

**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

"Love Lifted Me"  
Gilead Singers

by Rowe and 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

**\*GRAY HYMNAL #399**

**"Higher Ground"**

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION

"Go Now in Peace"  
Gilead Singers

Hebrew melody

POSTLUDE

"Standing on the Promises"  
Mary Temple, organ

by R. Kelso Carter

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

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*The flowers today were given by in celebration of Pat Sciallo's 85<sup>th</sup> birthday  
and Della and Zoe Temple's 16<sup>th</sup> birthdays.*

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

## **This Week at Gilead**

Today Sunday, September 17

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

Monday, September 18

- 11 a.m. Stretch Exercise Class

Wednesday, September 20

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

Thursday, September 21

- 11:00 a.m. Stretch Exercise Class

Friday, September 22

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

Sunday, September 23

- 9:15 a.m. Gilead Singers rehearse.
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship,
- Deb Milcarek, General Presbyter of Hudson River Presbytery, preaching
- 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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