

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, October 1, 2023, 10:00 a.m.
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

We welcome Deacon Redd Behan to the pulpit today!

OPENING MUSIC

"Air in G"
Mary Temple, organ

by J. S. Bach

OPENING SCRIPTURE

Psalm 103, v. 1-5

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

People: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits-

Leader: Who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

People: Who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

All: Who satisfies you with good as long as you live, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

*GREY HYMNAL #3

"Praise My Soul the King of Heaven"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dearest Lord, you who walk beside me, before me, and with me, please guide my path on to a path that pleases you. Please be the light that leads me into a fuller relationship with you and all of your creation. For I have strayed from you, I have not loved my neighbor as myself, I have not welcomed the stranger, fed the hungry, or forgiven my transgressor. I have placed my selfish needs and fears before others and before your purpose. Please forgive me. Please open my heart, my eyes, and my spirit, to be as you wish me to be, a child of your word and work. In Christ's name we offer this prayer. 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

“Jesus Wants Me For A Sunbeam”
Katie Roth

by Nellie Talbot &
Edwin Excell

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

The children are dismissed to Sunday School.

SCRIPTURE

²⁴ And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. ²⁵ God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind and the cattle of every kind and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²⁶ Then God said, “Let us make humans^[a] in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth^[b] and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.” ²⁷ So God created humans^[c] in his image, in the image of God he created them; ^[d] male and female he created them. ²⁸ God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” ²⁹ God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰ And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. ³¹ God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Genesis 1:24-31

³⁴ Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, ³⁵ for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶ I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer

him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸ And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹ And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' ⁴⁰ And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.'

Matthew 25:34-40

SERMON

"Guiding"

Redd Behan

***GREY HYMNAL #463**

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

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

"Now Is the Time"
Gilead Singers

by Jean Anne' Shafferman

***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

***GREY HYMNAL #493**

"It Is Well With My Soul"

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

"The Spirit Lives to Set Us Free"
Gilead Singers

POSTLUDE

"Joyful Joyful We Adore You"
Mary Temple, organ

by Ludwig Beethoven
arr by Don Hustad

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

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

This Week at Gilead

Today Sunday, October 1

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

Monday, October 2

- 11 a.m. Stretch Exercise Class

Wednesday, October 4

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

Thursday, October 5

- 11:00 a.m. Stretch Exercise Class

Friday, October 6

- 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Gilead Food Pantry

Sunday, October 8

- 9:10 a.m. Gilead Singers rehearse.
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship. Elder Leslie Palmieri, preaching
- Following worship, join us for coffee and fellowship.
- Note: Communion Sunday will be held Sunday, October 15th.

Tuesday, October 10

- Regular Session meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, October 15

- 8:40 a.m. Gilead Bell Chimes rehearse.
- 9:10 a.m. Gilead Singers

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

GILEAD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

9 Church Street
Carmel, NY 10512
(845) 225-4586

gileadpresbyterian@gmail.com

Mary Temple, Music Director

Diana Drake Behan, Church School Superintendent

Follow us online! Visit our website for links to our social media and to subscribe to our email list!
www.gileadchurch.org

