

Merciful God, we confess to you now that we have sinned. We confess the sins that no one knows and the sins that everyone knows. We confess the sins that are a burden to us and the sins that do not bother us because we have grown used to them. We confess our sins as a church. We have not loved one another as Christ loved us. We have not forgiven one another as we have been forgiven.

We have not given ourselves in love and service for the world as Christ gave himself for us. Forgive us, O God. Send the Holy Spirit to us, that the Spirit may give us power to live as by your mercy, you have called us to live. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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
Sammis

“Trust and Obey”

words by John H.

Gilead Singers

music by Daniel

B. Towner

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

The children are dismissed to Sunday School.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

¹Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

² At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³ the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in

the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. ⁴ Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵ and ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. ⁶ The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." ⁷ Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸ The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. ⁹ Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. ¹⁰ Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." ¹¹ Then the Lord said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. ¹² On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. ¹³ For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. ¹⁴ Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever."

¹⁵ Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. ¹⁶ But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." ¹⁷ Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." ¹⁸ So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the Lord; let him do what seems good to him." ¹⁹ As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. ²⁰ And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the Lord. ²¹ The Lord continued to appear at Shiloh, for the Lord revealed himself to Samuel at Shiloh by the word of the Lord.

1 Samuel 3:1-21

NEW TESTAMENT READING

⁴³ The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." ⁴⁴ Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." ⁴⁶ Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." ⁴⁷ When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" ⁴⁸ Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." ⁴⁹ Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" ⁵⁰ Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." ⁵¹ And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

John 1:43-51

SERMON

“Simple Things”

Paul Francis

***GRAY 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

“Close to Thee” tune by Silas J. Vail
Penny Cameron, piano, and Mary Temple, organ arr. by
Lani 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 #505**

“Love Lifted Me”

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

“Song of Hope”
Gilead Singers

POSTLUDE

“Higher Ground” by Charles Gabriel
Penny Cameron, piano, and Mary Temple, organ arr. by

Lani Smith

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

*The flowers in the Sanctuary today have been given
in celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day by Billy and Duane Stroud-Boutté.*

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

This Week at Gilead

Today Sunday, January 14

- 9:10 a.m. Gilead Singers rehearse.
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship.
- Following worship, join us for coffee and fellowship in the lounge.
- Deacons meeting following worship (in the large classroom)

Monday, January 15

- 11 a.m. Stretch Exercise Class

Tuesday, January 16

- Regular Session meeting, 7:30 p.m. in the lounge.

Wednesday, January 17

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

Thursday, January 18

- 11:00 a.m. Stretch Exercise Class

Friday, January 19

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

Sunday, January 21

- 9:10 a.m. Gilead Singers rehearse.
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship. Elder Leslie Palmieri, preaching
- Secret Pal Party: 2023 pals revealed, 2024 pals chosen. New participants welcome!

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, February 14th: Ash Wednesday Women's Retreat, 10:00 a.m. at Holmes Camp & Conference Center. General Presbyter Deb Milcarek will be our leader. Please bring your own lunch. For more information, see Diana Drake Behan.

We have many opportunities for service at Gilead- preaching, lay reading, ushering, participating in music, volunteering at the Food Pantry, etc. You can also host coffee hour or drive a member to/from worship- sign-up sheets for both are in the lounge. There is a sign-up sheet for chancel flowers, with dedications, outside the church office. In addition to these opportunities, if you have an idea for service, please speak to a member of Session (see list outside the office).

Our January Mission is collecting gift cards to local groceries so our Food Pantry families can have enough to eat through the month. A box is in the lounge for you to place the gift cards in.

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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