

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, ability, gender, marital status, sexual orientation, or socioeconomic standing; and we encourage the full participation of all in the life of our congregation.

Sunday, February 25, 2024, 10:00 a.m.
Second Sunday in Lent, Year B

We welcome Elder José Ojeda to the pulpit today!

OPENING MUSIC "A Prelude for Lent" by Robert J. Powell
Mary Temple, organ

During the opening music, let us quiet the noise from outside, cease our conversation with the world, and begin listening for the music of God's voice.

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 100)

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

People: Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him; bless his name.

People: For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever and his faithfulness to all generations.

***PURPLE HYMNAL #166 "Lord, Who throughout These 40 Days"**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and to save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected injustice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy on us, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. 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 Walked that Lonesome Valley"
Gilead Bell Chimes

American Spiritual

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

"Speaking God's Language"

Lucylee Ojeda

The children are dismissed to Sunday School.

SCRIPTURE

This is what he says: "For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh sold into slavery under sin. I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want to do, but I do the very things that I hate. Now, if I do what I do want, I agree that the law is good, but in fact it is no longer I to do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me that is in my flesh; I can *will* what is right but I cannot do it. For I cannot do the good that I want to do, but the evil that I do not want to do is what I do. Now, if I do what I do not want it is no longer I to do it but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good evil lays close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law in my mind making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members, wretched man that I am. Who will rescue me from this body of death?" And then Paul adds, "Thanks be to God, through Jesus Christ. Amen."

Romans 7:14-25

SERMON

"Who is in Charge?"

Elder José Ojeda

This Week at Gilead

Today Sunday, February 25

- 8:45 a.m. Gilead Bell Chimes rehearse; playing during worship
- 9:15 a.m. Gilead Singers rehearse.
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship.
- Following worship, please join us for coffee hour and fellowship in the lounge!
- There will be an impromptu meeting in the lounge after service to see if there's enough interest in starting a new Bible study soon, and how we'd go about doing that. Interested persons should seek out Mariah Warren or Duane Stroud-Boutté.

Monday, February 26

- 11:00 a.m. Stretch Exercise Class

Wednesday, February 28

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

Thursday, February 29

- 11:00 a.m. Stretch Exercise Class

Friday, March 1

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

Sunday, March 3, Third Sunday in Lent/Communion- Rev. Courtney Steininger, preaching.

- 9:15 a.m. Gilead Singers rehearse.
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship.
- 11:15 a.m. Annual Congregational Meeting. This meeting has been called for the purposes of sharing staff/committee reports in review of Gilead's activity in 2023, presentation of the 2024 budget as approved by Session, confirming/adopting the slate presented by the Nominations team for new/returning officers, taking nominations from the floor for said team, confirming/adopting the slate presented by Session for the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC), and taking nominations from the floor for the PNC.

Upcoming:

Our February mission is collecting winter accessories for the homeless/low income clients at Arms Acres outpatient center. Please add yours to the clotheslines in the lounge!

Requests for dedicated Easter Lilies (\$16 ea.) will be taken until March 10th. Please see Margery Amato after church to place your order.

Our friends at Patterson Community Church are holding a St. Patrick's Day corned beef and cabbage dinner on Saturday, March 16th from 4-7 p.m. \$17 for adults, \$15 for ages 65+, and \$5 for children. Dine in or take-out. For more information, call 845-878-3961.

We accept offerings via the "Online Giving" link on our website, www.gileadchurch.org, or by mail.

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