

# 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.

**Communion Sunday, March 3, 2024, 10:00 a.m.**

**Third Sunday in Lent, Year B**

*We welcome Rev. Courtney Steininger to the pulpit today!*

OPENING MUSIC

"O Savior, Hear Me" by C W. Van Gluck

Mary Temple, organ arr. by Lawrence Grant

*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

Leader: Blessed are those who walk in the law of the Lord.

**People: Order our steps in Your Word.**

Leader: Blessed are they that seek Him with the whole heart.

**People: With our whole hearts we seek You: let us follow Your Commandments.**

**\*PURPLE HYMNAL #509 "All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

(after each commandment, respond with the following):

**Lord, have mercy on us. Incline our hearts to keep this law.**

(after the final commandment, "...thy neighbor's house," respond):

**Lord, have mercy on us, and write all these laws in our hearts.**

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

"Open Your Ears, O Faithful People"  
Gilead Singers

Hebrew Melody  
text by Willard Jabush

## TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

*The children are dismissed to Sunday School.*

### SCRIPTURE

<sup>1</sup> The heavens are telling the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.<sup>2</sup> Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

<sup>3</sup> There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;

<sup>4</sup> yet their voice goes out through all the earth and their words to the end of the world. In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,<sup>5</sup> which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

<sup>6</sup> Its rising is from the end of the heavens and its circuit to the end of them, and nothing is hid from its heat. <sup>7</sup> The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple; <sup>8</sup> the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;

<sup>9</sup> the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.<sup>10</sup> More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

<sup>11</sup> Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

<sup>12</sup> But who can detect one's own errors? Clear me from hidden faults.

<sup>13</sup> Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless and innocent of great transgression.<sup>14</sup> Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

*Psalms 19:1-14*

<sup>13</sup> The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves and the money changers seated at their tables. <sup>15</sup> Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, with the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup> He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" <sup>17</sup> His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." <sup>18</sup> The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" <sup>19</sup> Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." <sup>20</sup> The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" <sup>21</sup> But he was speaking of the temple of his body. <sup>22</sup> After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

*John 2:13-22*

SERMON

"Obedience in Love"

Rev. Courtney Steininger

**\*PURPLE HYMNAL #61**

**"Your Law, O Lord, is Perfect"**

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Medley of Lenten Hymns"

Juergen Tempel, cello

**\*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

### THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*For those joining virtually, all are invited to partake of bread and wine or any substance that feels appropriate; or take in the sacrifice of the Lord symbolically. For those joining physically, the individual Communion sets contain juice; in the trays the red is wine and the yellow is juice.*

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: We lift up our hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise...

BREAKING OF BREAD – COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

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.**

\*PURPLE HYMNAL #39

**"Great is Thy Faithfulness"**

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION

**"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"**

POSTLUDE

"How Great Thou Art"

Mary Temple, organ

Swedish Folk Song

arr.by Lawrence Grant

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

*Thank you to our Lay Reader today, Brenda Verdesi,  
and our videographers, Billy Stroud-Boutté, Lexie Fischer and Stephanie Gould.*

*The Chancel flowers are given today in celebration of Lucy Ojeda's birthday  
by Leslie Palmieri*

### **This Week at Gilead**

Today Sunday, March 3

- 9:10 a.m. Gilead Singers rehearse.
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship.
- Following worship, join us for coffee/fellowship in the lounge.
- 11:15 a.m. Annual Congregational Meeting in the Sanctuary.

Monday, March 4

- 11:00 a.m. Stretch Exercise Class

Tuesday, March 5

- 6:00 p.m. Gilead Singers rehearsal.

Wednesday, March 6

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

Thursday, March 7

- 11:00 a.m. Stretch Exercise Class

Friday, March 8

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

Sunday, March 10- Elder Paul Francis, preaching.

- 9:15 a.m. Gilead Singers rehearse.
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship.
- Deacons meet following worship

#### **Upcoming:**

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

Our March mission is the Mahopac Women's Resource Center. See the flyer posted in the lounge.

Our friends at Patterson Community Church are holding a St. Patrick's Day corned beef and cabbage dinner on Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>- Bible Study, 11:15. We'll decide what we'd like to study together.

Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>- Stated Session meeting in the lounge.

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