

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, March 17, 2024, 10:00 a.m.
Fifth Sunday in Lent, Year B

We welcome Elder Duane Stroud-Boutté to the pulpit today!

OPENING MUSIC

"I Walked Into the Garden"
Mary Temple, organ

by Marien Weaver
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 (Psalm 119:12-15)

Leader: Blessed are you, O LORD; teach me your statutes.

People: With my lips I declare all the ordinances of your mouth.

Leader: I delight in the way of your decrees as much as in all riches.

People: I will meditate on your precepts, and fix my eyes on your ways.

***PURPLE HYMNAL #816 "If Thou but Trust God to Guide You"**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(adapted from Psalm 51:3-12)*

Merciful God, I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified and blameless when you pass judgement. You desire truth in the inward being; therefore, teach me wisdom in my secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit. 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

"For this is God "
Gilead Singers

tune "Londonderry Air"
arr. by Gilbert Martin

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

The children are dismissed to Sunday School.

SCRIPTURE

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt — a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Jeremiah 31:31-34

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." ²²Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. ²⁷"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say — 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." ²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." ³⁰Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now the

ruler of this world will be driven out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." ³³He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

John 12:20-33

SERMON "A Promise Worth Keeping" Elder Duane Stroud-Boutté

***PURPLE HYMNAL #247 "Now the Green Blade Rises"**

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 "Athair ar Neamh (Our Father)" Enya and Nicky Ryan
Mariah Warren, recorder

***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 #65 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"**

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION "God Will Take Care of You" Gilead Singers

POSTLUDE "From All That Dwell" (Cologne, 1623) arr. by Lawrence Grant
Mary Temple, organ

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

*Thank you to our Lay Reader today, Penny Cameron
and our videographer, Billy Stroud-Boutté.*

This Week at Gilead

Today Sunday, March 17

- 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. Bible Study meets in the large classroom. All are welcome!

Monday, March 18

- 11:00 a.m. Stretch Exercise Class.

Tuesday, March 19

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

Wednesday, March 20

- 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer on Zoom; the link is in the weekly email.
- 5:00 p.m. Community dinner at Holmes Camp & Conference Center. See flyer for more info.

Thursday, March 21

- 11:00 a.m. Stretch Exercise Class.
- 6:30 p.m. Gilead Singers rehearsal.

Friday, March 22

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

Sunday, March 24- **Palm Sunday**- Elder Mariah Warren, preaching.

- 9:15 a.m. Gilead Singers rehearse.
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship.

Upcoming:

Our March mission is the Mahopac Women's Resource Center. See the flyer posted in the lounge for a list of needed items.

Thursday, March 28th- Maundy Thursday Seder Dinner, 6:30 p.m. Please sign-up in the lounge.

-Gilead Singers to rehearse immediately after the Seder.

Friday, March 29th- Good Friday -Church open for personal meditation/prayers, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

-Tenebrae Service, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 31st- Easter Sunday *please bring flowers to adorn the cross

-8:25 a.m. - Gilead Bell Chimes rehearse to play during worship

-9:20 a.m. - Gilead Singers rehearse

-10:00 a.m. - Worship

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