

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 24, 2024, 10:00 a.m.
Palm Sunday, Year B

We welcome Elder Mariah Warren to the pulpit today!

OPENING MUSIC

"The Palms"
Mary Temple, organ

by John Phillippe Fauré
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 (from Psalm 118)

Leader: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

People: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

Leader: This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

People: Save us, we beseech you, O Lord! O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!

All: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

***PURPLE HYMNAL #198 "Ride On! Ride on in Majesty"**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We seek You on the mountaintop, O God, for we fear to face the city. We would rather be dazzled by Your splendor on some Sinai than obey your commands in the urban wilderness. We find it easier to worship the wonder-working Jesus than to follow the Christ, who was obedient unto death. Merciful God, forgive our shallow ways. Help us to find You wherever You choose to dwell, and to serve You wherever You choose to send us. 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

"Open the Gates of the Temple"
Gilead Singers

by Mrs. Joseph Knapp
(Phoebe Palmer Knapp b. 1839)
arr. by Kenneth Fields

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

The children are dismissed to Sunday School.

SCRIPTURE

⁹ Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰ He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth. ¹¹ As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. ¹² Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double. ¹³ For I have bent Judah as my bow; I have made Ephraim its arrow. I will arouse your sons, O Zion, against your sons, O Greece, and wield you like a warrior's sword. ¹⁴ Then the Lord will appear over them, and his arrow go forth like lightning; the Lord God will sound the trumpet and march forth in the whirlwinds of the south.

¹⁵ The Lord of hosts will protect them, and they shall consume and conquer the slingers; they shall drink their blood like wine and be full like a bowl, drenched like the corners of the altar. ¹⁶ On that day the Lord their God will save them, for they are the flock of his people, for like the jewels of a crown they shall shine on his land. ¹⁷ For what goodness and beauty are his!
Zechariah 9:9-17a

¹² The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³ So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord — the King of Israel!" ¹⁴ Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written:

¹⁵ "Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!"

¹⁶ His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then

they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him.

John 12:12-16

SERMON "Of Messiahs and Kingdoms" Elder Mariah Warren

***PURPLE HYMNAL #200 "A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd"**

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 "You Are My All in All" by Dennis Jernigan
Gilead Singers arr. by Lloyd Lawson

***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 #197 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"**

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION "For God So Loved the World" Gilead Singers

POSTLUDE "The Holy City" by Stephen Adams
Mary Temple, organ arr. by Lawrence Grant

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

*Thank you to our Lay Reader today, Duane Stroud-Boutté
and our videographers, Lexie Fischer and Stephanie Gould*

Our Eco-Palms used today have been donated by Deacon Redd Behan. The purchase of Eco-Palms helps support the harvesting communities and the families that harvest and select the palms. In addition the purchase helps protect the environment by protecting the rainforest in which the palms grow. With our support, these social and environmental benefits will continue to increase and other communities will be able to join the project. Thank you, Redd!

This Week at Gilead

Today Sunday, March 24 – **Palm Sunday**

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

Monday, March 25

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

Wednesday, March 27

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

Thursday, March 28 – **Maundy Thursday**

- 11:00 a.m. Stretch Exercise Class.
- 6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Seder Dinner, 6:30 p.m. Please sign-up in the lounge.
* Gilead Singers to rehearse immediately after the Seder.

Friday, March 29 – **Good Friday**

- 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Gilead Food Pantry
- 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Church open for personal meditation/prayers,
- 7:30 p.m. Tenebrae Service

Sunday, March 31- **Easter Sunday**- Tim Stan, preaching.

- 8:25 a.m. - Gilead Bell Chimes rehearse
- 9:20 a.m. Gilead Singers rehearse.
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship with Flowering of the Cross

Upcoming:

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

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