



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.

Communion Sunday, April 7, 2024, 10:00 a.m.
Second Sunday of Easter, Year B

We welcome John F. Temple, III, to the pulpit today!

OPENING MUSIC

"Air in G"
Mary Temple, organ

J. S. Bach

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 133:1-3)

Leader: How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

People: It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.

Leader: It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.

People: For there the LORD ordained his blessing, life for evermore.

***PURPLE HYMNAL #65**

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, in Your infinite mercy You remind us that You are always with us. In moments of joy and in times of trial. Yet, we confess that often we fail to recognize Your presence. We become absorbed in our own worries, fears, and ambitions, forgetting that You walk beside us, offering Your strength, guidance, and comfort. Forgive us, O God, for the moments we have not acknowledged Your companionship. Help us to open our hearts to Your ever-present Spirit. May we be strengthened by the truth that You are always with us, always guiding and always protecting. In Jesus' Name we pray. 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

"On that Great, Great Mornin"
Gilead Singers

by Mary McDonald

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

The children are dismissed to Sunday School.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to act in accordance with all the law that my servant Moses commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, so that you may be successful wherever you go. ⁸ This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth; you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to act in accordance with all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall be successful. ⁹ I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

Joshua 1:7-9

GOSPEL READING

¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Matthew 28:18-20

SERMON

"God is with Us"

John F. Temple, III

***PURPLE HYMNAL #839**

"Blessed Assurance"

THE OFFERING
OFFERTORY

"He Keeps Me Singing"
Della Temple, flute

by Luther B. Bridges
arr. by Chris Cooke

***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

BREAKING OF BREAD – COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION MUSIC "Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken"
Gilead Singers

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 #610 "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"**

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"** Jamaican folk melody
Gilead Singers

POSTLUDE Theme from "Pastoral Symphony" by Ludwig van Beethoven
Mary Temple, organ

*The congregation is invited to stand. **BOLD:** Congregation responds/sings
*Thank you to our Lay Reader today, Penny Cameron
and our videographers, Lexie Fischer and Stephanie Gould.*

This Week at Gilead

Today Sunday, April 7 **Communion 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, April 8

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

Tuesday, April 9

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

Wednesday, April 10

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

Thursday, April 11

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

Friday, April 12

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

Sunday, April 14th, preaching.

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

Upcoming:

Saturday, April 13th -9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Anti-Racism training. Denton PC, 22 County Rd 56, New Hampton, NY 10958. To RSVP, email Edgar Hayes at nonviolentpeace.1@gmail.com.

Sunday, Apr 14th -1:00 – 3:00 p.m. PRAC Adopt a Prison Event, Bedford Hills Community House, 74 Main Street, Bedford Hills, NY. Rev. Martin McGeachy is one of the speakers at this event.

Sunday, April 21st -1:00 – 5:00 p.m. “Building a Preferred Narrative of a Shared Future,” workshop with Dr. David Hooker, at Calvary PC, Newburgh. Sponsored by the HRP Racial Justice Team.

Sunday, April 28th- Bible Study meets, 11:15 a.m.

It's time for the annual Mother's Day plant sale to benefit Putnam Recreation Programs and Habilitation! Order forms are in the lounge.

Our April mission is providing care bags to cancer patients at Optum in Carmel and Columbia Presbyterian Hospital. Please see the flyer in the lounge for a list of needed items. Thanks!

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