



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, April 14, 2024, 10:00 a.m.
Third Sunday of Easter, Year B

We welcome Leslie Palmieri, Ruling Elder, to the pulpit today!

OPENING MUSIC

"Violin Concerto"
Mary Temple, organ

by Felix Mendelssohn
arr. Kenneth Baker

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 19:1-4)

Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

People: Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

Leader: There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;

All: yet their voice goes out through all the earth and their words to the end of the world.

*PURPLE HYMNAL #32

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God our Father, we confess that we may approach you with our mouths and our lips, when our hearts are not in worship. We confess that we offer to you that which costs us little. Though you are a great King, we often bring to you the leftovers of our time, energy, gifts, and worship. We have neglected your commands when it is inconvenient for us to keep them. We have ignored your laws when it causes us to lose our ease. We have disregarded our neighbors' needs, and wondered aloud why other people do not meet our needs. O Father, have mercy on us! Forgive us of our many debts! Cleanse us and give us the mind and heart of Jesus, who came not to be served but to serve and to give His life a ransom for many. In His name, and for His sake, we come to you. 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

"Amazing Grace/Pachelbel's Canon"
Gilead Singers

arr. Jean Ann Shafferman

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

The children are dismissed to Sunday School.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. *Genesis 1:1-5*

¹³And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. ¹⁴And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. ¹⁶God made the two great lights - the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night - and the stars. ¹⁷God set them in the

dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. *Genesis 1:13-18*

SERMON "God's Big Show" Leslie Palmieri

***PURPLE HYMNAL #20 "All Things Bright and Beautiful"**

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 "O Stor Gud (How Great Thou Art) Swedish Melody
Zoe Temple, piano arr. Jerry Rey

***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.**

***PURPLE HYMNAL #39 "Great is Thy Faithfulness"**

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION "Alleluia" Iona Community
Gilead Singers

POSTLUDE "Spring" (from *The Four Seasons*). by Antonio Vivaldi
Mary Temple, organ

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

*Thank you to our Lay Reader today, Roxanne Roth
and our videographers, Lexie Fischer and Stephanie Gould.*

*Our Chancel flowers are given today by Leslie Palmieri
in memory of her parents, Ray and Betty Brown.*

This Week at Gilead

Today Sunday, April 14

- 9:15 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. Deacons Meeting.
- 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.

Monday, April 15

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

Wednesday, April 17

- 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer on Zoom; the link is in the weekly email.
- 6:00 p.m. Gilead Singers rehearse.

Thursday, April 18

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

Friday, April 19

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

Sunday, April 21-, preaching.

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

Upcoming:

Saturday, April 27th- Deacons will sponsor a "Paint with Tina" fundraiser at 2:00 p.m. BYO beverage and snacks to share. "2024 Total Eclipse." Limited seating so RSVP now! Sign up in the lounge. \$35.

Sunday, April 28th- Gilead Bell Chimes meets/plays; Bible Study meets, 11:15 a.m.

- "The Creation" by Haydn, performed by the Putnam Chorale, 3:00 p.m., at St. James Church, Carmel. Tickets can be purchased online at www.putnamchorale.org/next-event, or at the church on the day of the performance. Senior tickets are \$20; Adults are \$25; children 12 and under are free.

Saturday, May 4th- Ruling Elder Symposium, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Workshops for all ruling elders, including Communion training. Contact Mariah Warren if you are interested.

Mother's Day plant sale to benefit Putnam Recreation Programs and Habilitation! Orders due 5/2.

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!

Saturday, June 15th- Celebration of the life of Annina Celli, 10:00 a.m.

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