

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 21, 2024, 10:00 a.m. Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year B

We welcome Mariah Warren, Ruling Elder, to the pulpit today!

OPENING MUSIC

"Sweet Hour of Prayer" Mary Temple, organ by William Walford arr. by Denes Agay

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 95:1-7)

Leader: O come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

People: Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

Leader: For the LORD is a great God and a great King above all gods. In His hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are His also.

People: The sea is His, for He made it, and the dry land, which His hands have formed. O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

All: For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, whose chosen dwelling is the heart that longs for Your presence and humbly seeks Your love, we come to You to acknowledge and confess that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved You with all our heart and soul, with all our mind and strength, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, or for the good we have left undone. Because You, O Lord, are full of compassion, gracious, slow to anger, and plentiful in mercy, there is forgiveness with You. Restore to us the joy of Your salvation, bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills and rest to our souls. Speak to each of us the word that we need, and let Your word abide with us until it has wrought in us Your holy will. 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

"This Pretty Planet"
Gilead Singers – Margaret Karell, soloist

by John Forster & Tom Chapin

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

The children are dismissed to Sunday School.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

⁵ "And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ⁶ But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. ⁷ "When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. ⁸ Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him. ⁹ "Pray, then, in this way:

Our Father in heaven, may Your name be revered as holy. ¹⁰ May Your kingdom come. May Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. ¹¹ Give us today our daily bread. ¹² And forgive

us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. ¹³ And do not bring us to the time of trial, but rescue us from the evil one. ` *Matthew 6:5-13*

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. *Ephesians 6:18*

SERMON "Heavenly Mobile Network" Mariah Warren

*PURPLE HYMNAL #11 "Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud"

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

"Just a Little Talk with Jesus" Gilead Singers

*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 #23 "God, You Spin the Whirling Planets"

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION "Go Now in Peace" Gilead Singers

POSTLUDE "Crown Him Lord of All" Tune: *Diadem* by James Ellen

Mary Temple, organ arr. Mary McDonald

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

Thank you to our Lay Reader today, Margaret Karell and our videographers, Lexie Fischer and Stephanie Gould.

Our Chancel flowers are given today by Margery Amato in memory of her mother, Marion Allen Knapp, and in celebration of Earth Day.

This Week at Gilead

Today Sunday, April 21

- 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 22

• 11:00 a.m. Stretch Exercise Class.

Wednesday, April 24

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

Thursday, April 25

• 11:00 a.m. Stretch Exercise Class.

Friday, April 26

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

Saturday, April 27- "Paint with Tina- 2024 Total Eclipse" fundraiser at 2:00 p.m. Sponsored by the Deacons. Tickets are \$35; RSVP in the lounge. BYO beverage & snacks to share.

Sunday, April 28- Tim Stan, preaching.

- 9:15 a.m. Gilead Singers rehearse.
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship
- 11:15 a.m. Bible Study meets
- 3:00 p.m. "The Creation" by Haydn, performed by the Putnam Chorale at St. James Church, Carmel. Tickets can be purchased online at www.putnamchorale.org/next-event, or at the church that day. Senior tickets are \$20; Adults are \$25; children 12 and under are free.

Upcoming:

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!

Sunday, June 2nd- Duane and Billy Stroud-Boutté are excited to host an "All Gilead Ice Cream Social" at their home after service. The pool will be open and the rain date is the following Sunday, if needed.

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

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