



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, May 5, 2024, 10:00 a.m.
Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year B

We welcome Ruling Elder Leslie Palmieri to the pulpit today!

OPENING MUSIC

"Grand Processional"
Mary Temple, organ

by Christoph W. Gluck
arr. by Rick Parks

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

Leader: Blessed are those who walk in the law of the Lord.

People: Order our steps in Your Word.

Leader: Blessed are they that seek Him with the whole heart.

People: With our whole hearts we seek You: let us follow Your Commandments.

*GRAY HYMNAL #20

"All People that on Earth Do Dwell"

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

Smith

"Great is the Lord"

Gilead Singers

by Deborah & Michael W.

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

The children are dismissed to Sunday School.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

⁴⁴While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷"Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Acts 10:44-48

²⁸ One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?" ²⁹ "The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. ³⁰ Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' ³¹ The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these." ³² "Well said, teacher," the man replied. "You are right in saying that God is one and there is no other but him. ³³ To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices." ³⁴ When

Jesus saw that he had answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And from then on no one dared ask him any more questions.

Mark 12:28-34

SERMON

"Politically Non Political"

Leslie Palmieri

***GRAY HYMNAL #419**

" Abide With Me"

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Ave Verum Corpus"

by W. A. Mozart

Della Temple, flute, and Juergen Tempel, cello

***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.**

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

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.

***GRAY HYMNAL #286**

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

"Let us Talents & Tongues Employ"

POSTLUDE

"Bourrée" from *Suite XIX*

by W. A. Mozart

Mary Temple, organ

arr. by Rick Parks

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

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

*Our altar flowers this week are donated by Ernie and Leslie Palmieri
in memory of Ernie's parents, Joe and Florence Palmieri.*

This Week at Gilead

Today Sunday, May 5

- 9:15 a.m. Gilead Singers rehearse.
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship.
- Following worship, join us for coffee/fellowship in the lounge.
- Last call for Mother's Day flowers! PRPH has extended the timeline through today.

Monday, May 6

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

Wednesday, May 8

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

Thursday, May 9

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

Friday, May 10

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

Sunday, May 12- Mother's Day- Ruling Elder Paul Francis, preaching.

- 8:25am Gilead Bell Chimes rehearse to play in Worship
- 9:15 a.m. Gilead Singers rehearse.
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship

Upcoming:

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.



We are collecting eclipse glasses for children in Chile and Argentina so they can experience the annular eclipse on October 2, 2024. You can donate the glasses you used April 8, ask friends and family to give you theirs, or order new ones. Any questions ask Redd Behan. Thank you!

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