

Her children rise up and call her blessed. (Prov. 31:28)



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 12, 2024, 10:00 a.m. – Mother's Day
Seventh Sunday of Easter, Year B

We welcome Ruling Elder Paul Francis to the pulpit today!

OPENING MUSIC

"All Hail the Power Jesus' Name"
Gilead Bell Chimes

by Oliver Holder
arr. by Tom Fettke

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 112:1-6)

Leader: Praise the Lord. Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who finds delight in his commands.

All: His children will be mighty in the land: the generation of the upright will be blessed.

Leader: Wealth and riches are in his house, and his righteousness endures forever. Even in Darkness light dawns for the upright, for the gracious and compassionate and righteous.

All: God will come to those who are generous and lends freely, who conducts their affairs with Justice. Surely they will never be shaken; a righteous one will be remembered forever.

*GRAY HYMNAL #271

“Standing on the Promises”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; we have not loved you with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, and the good we have left undone. Lord, you are full of compassion and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy; there is always 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, and let your word abide with us until it has wrought in us your holy will. 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

"O Mother Mine"
Gilead Gentlemen

Tune: "O Danny Boy"
Words by Martin McGeachy

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

Lucy Lee Ojeda

The children are dismissed to Sunday School.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

⁵ Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: ⁶ I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, ⁷ to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. ⁸ I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. ⁹ See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them. ¹⁰ Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise from the end of the earth! Let the sea roar^[u] and all that fills it, the coastlands and their inhabitants. ¹¹ Let the desert and its towns lift up their voice, the villages that Kedar inhabits; let the inhabitants of Sela shout for joy; let them shout from the tops of the mountains. ¹² Let them give glory to the LORD and declare his praise in the coastlands.

Isaiah 42:5-12

¹³ Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" ¹⁹ asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of

"O Mother Mine"
(to the tune of "O Danny Boy")
by Martin McGeachy (2016)

O Mother mine, how sweetly I remember
The way you healed my hurts and wiped my tears.
You held my hand through all my life's transitions
You're with me now, e'en after all these years.
For whether near or far from my location
And though you fly to Heaven's gates of gold
I feel your love and all that you have taught me
Your tender care will never cease and ne'er grow old.

O Mother mine, I thank you for your guidance
That led me here to praise our loving God.
The Father's love is never more embodied
Than in your faith so deep and wide and broad.
And when in time I pass across the river
And enter in eternity's embrace
We'll reunite with all who've gone before us
As we behold Almighty Jesus face to face.

those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him.” ²⁵ Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” ²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. ²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. ³² They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” *Luke 24:13-32*

SERMON

“Women and Children First”

Paul Francis

***GRAY HYMNAL #533**

"O Perfect Love"

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

"He Lives"
Gilead Singers

by Alfred H. Ackley

***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.**

***GRAY HYMNAL #556**

"Now Thank We All Our God"

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Alleluia"
"God Bless the Mothers"
Mary Temple, organ

Iona Community
by Donald Lee Moore

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

*Thank you to our Lay Reader today, José Ojeda
and our videographer, Lexie Fischer.*

This Week at Gilead

Today Sunday, May 12

- 8:25 a.m. Gilead Bell Chimes rehearse.
- 9:15 a.m. Gilead Singers rehearse.
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship.
- Following worship, join us for coffee/fellowship in the lounge.

Monday, May 13

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

Tuesday, May 14

- Stated Session meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 15

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

Thursday, May 16

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

Friday, May 17

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

Sunday, May 19- June Tompkins preaching.

- 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.

May Mission: We are collecting solar 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 please see Redd Behan. Thank you for your help!

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