

In memory of their sacrifice



God bless their souls

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.

Memorial Day Sunday, May 26, 2024, 10:00 a.m.
Trinity Sunday, Year B

We welcome Katarina von Kühn, PhD Student at Princeton Seminary, to the pulpit today!

OPENING MUSIC

"In Sacred Memory"
Mary Temple, organ

by Donald Lee Moore

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 86)

Preacher: Hear me, Lord, and answer me.

People: You are my God; have mercy on me, Lord.

Preacher: You, Lord, are forgiving and good.

People: Abounding in love to all who call to you.

Preacher: Among the gods there is none like you, Lord.

People: For you are great and do marvelous deeds; you alone are God.

***PURPLE HYMNAL #12** "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Ever-faithful God, how often we turn away from you, yet you remain constant to us. We run from you, but you call us back. In our words and our deeds we dishonor you, yet you still profess your love for us. We cut ourselves off from you and from others, but you will not let us go. Forgive our faithless and fickle ways and increase our gratitude, that we might grow in faithfulness to you, for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

***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

"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"
Paul Francis

by Whiting & Dykes

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

The children are dismissed to Sunday School.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

¹ The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad! ² Clouds and thick darkness are all around him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne. ³ Fire goes before him and consumes his adversaries on every side. ⁴ His lightnings light up the world; the earth sees and trembles. ⁵ The mountains melt like wax before the Lord, before the Lord of all the earth. ⁶ The heavens proclaim his righteousness, and all the peoples behold his glory. ⁷ All servants of images are put to shame, those who make their boast in worthless idols; all gods bow down before him. ⁸ Zion hears and is glad, and the towns of Judah rejoice because of your judgments, O God. ⁹ For you, O Lord, are most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods. ¹⁰ You who love the Lord, hate evil; he guards the lives of his faithful; he rescues them from the hand of the wicked. ¹¹ Light dawns for the righteous and joy for the upright in heart. ¹² Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name! *Psalms 97*

¹⁶ One day as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a female slave who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. ¹⁷ While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation." ¹⁸ She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. ¹⁹ But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. ²⁰ When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men, these Jews, are disturbing our city ²¹ and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us, being Romans, to adopt or observe." ²² The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. ²³ After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. ²⁴ Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. ²⁵ About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶ Suddenly there was an earthquake so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken, and immediately all the doors were opened and

everyone's chains were unfastened. ²⁷ When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸ But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." ²⁹ The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰ Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" ³¹ They answered, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." ³² They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³ At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. ³⁴ He brought them up into the house and set food before them, and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God. *Acts 16:16-34*

SERMON "Lying with the Truth" Katarina von Kühn

***PURPLE HYMNAL #366 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"**

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 "Where Cross the Crowded Ways" by Roger C. Wilson
Mary Temple, organ

***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 #450 "Be Thou My Vision"**

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION "God Bless America"

POSTLUDE "For All the Saints" based on the hymn tune "Germany"
Mary Temple, organ by Roger C. Wilson

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

This Week at Gilead

Today Sunday, May 26

- 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 27

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

Wednesday, May 29

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

Thursday, May 30

- 11:00 a.m. Stretch Exercise Class.
- 7:00 p.m. Gilead Singers rehearsal. New members welcome!

Friday, May 31

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

Sunday, June 2- **Communion Sunday, Installation of Officers** Rev. Doug Phillips, preaching.

- 9:15 a.m. Gilead Singers rehearse.
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship
- Following worship, all are invited to an ice cream social at the home of Duane and Billy Stroud-Boutté. Rain date 6/9. Bring drinks/cold dishes and/or swimsuits!

Upcoming:

Saturday, June 1st- Gilead has been asked to host a food drive at Stop and Shop in Mahopac. Volunteers needed- come spend an hour or two! See Leslie Palmieri for more information.

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

Thursday, June 20th- Community Dinner at Holmes Camp & Conference Center, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10 per person/\$25 family. Please see Mariah Warren if interested.

Sunday, June 23rd- Bible Study “Love Carved in Stone” meets, 11:15 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

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