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.

Communion Sunday, June 2, 2024, 10:00 a.m. 9th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

We welcome Rev. Douglas S. Phillips, who serves as the Westchester Medical Center Chaplain to the Emergency Room, Burn Unit and Trauma Intensive Care Unit, as well as Parish Associate at the Katonah Presbyterian Church to the pulpit today!

OPENING MUSIC

"Sweet Hour of Prayer" Penny Cameron, piano by William Bradbury

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 29)

Leader: Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

People: Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name; worship the LORD in holy splendor.

Leader: The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty

waters.

People: The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty. Leader: The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.

People: May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!

*PURPLE HYMNAL #81

"Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we often forget that You are the ruler of our lives. Instead, we turn our attention elsewhere. We want what others have. We look to outside solutions to cure the emptiness inside us. We allow the concerns of the world to weigh us down, and get caught up in busy-ness, while we neglect matters of the heart and spirit. Forgive us. Strengthen our faith, that we may see Your presence in our lives. Remind us again that you are the Lord of our lives—the One who loves us completely, the One who offers us abundant forgiveness—and who calls us to forgive others, to forgive ourselves—and to live in grace and harmony. 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

"I Feel the Spirit" Gilead Singers

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

The children are dismissed to Sunday School.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

For the class of 2026: Brenda Verdesi, Elder, and Barbara Murray, Ellen Nielsen, and Lucy Ojeda, Deacons.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

¹ Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was are in those days; visions were not widespread. ² At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³ the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. ⁴ Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵ and ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. ⁶ The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." ¹ Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. ⁶ The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. ⁶ Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.' "So Samuel went and lay down in his place. ¹¹⁰ Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

²³ One Sabbath he was going through the grain fields, and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. ²⁴ The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?" ²⁵ And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food, ²⁶ how he entered the house of God when Abiathar was high priest and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions?" ²⁷ Then he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for humankind and not humankind for the Sabbath, ²⁸ so the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath." ³ Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. ² They were watching him to see whether he would cure him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse him. ³ And he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come forward." ⁴ Then he said to them, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the Sabbath, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. ⁵ He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. ⁶ The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him. *Mark* 2:23-3:6

SERMON

"Here I am. Lord. Send me!"

Rev. Douglas S. Philips

*PURPLE HYMNAL #69

"Here I am, Lord"

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY "It is Well with My Soul"

by Philip P. Bliss

*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
COMMUNION MUSIC "Let Us Break Bread Together"
Gilead Singers

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.

*PURPLE HYMNAL #317 "In Christ there is No East or West"

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" by George J. Webb

Penny Cameron, piano

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

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

This Week at Gilead

Today Sunday, June 2

- 9:15 a.m. Gilead Singers rehearse.
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship.
- In lieu of today's coffee hour, Duane and Billy are hosting an ice-cream social at their house. All are welcome. Please see the insert in today's bulletin for directions and a note on parking.

Monday, June 3

• 11:00 a.m. Stretch Exercise Class.

Wednesday, June 5

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

Thursday, June 6

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

Friday, June 7

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

Sunday, June 9- Tim Stan, preaching.

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

Upcoming:

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.

<u>June Mission</u>: Due to ongoing need, we will again be collecting items for care packages for patients undergoing cancer treatments at Optum in Carmel and Columbia Presbyterian Hospital. Please see the flyer in the lounge for needed items. Thank you for your support!

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