

## OUR FATHER'S LOVE



# 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.

**Father's Day, June 16, 2024, 10:00 a.m.**  
**Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B**

*We welcome Mariah Warren to the pulpit today!*

OPENING MUSIC "Tell Me the Old, Old Story" by Charles H. Gabriel  
Penny Cameron, piano, and Mary Temple, organ

*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 100)

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

**Congregation: Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him; bless his name.

**All: For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever and his faithfulness to all generations.**

**\*OPENING HYMN (INSERT)**

**"This is My Father's World"**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Heavenly Father, we come to You with hearts of repentance. We confess our tendency to wander from You, tempted by all the world has to offer. We fall under the spell of greed, striving for more and more in an attempt to fill our souls with what only You can provide. We envy others' successes, forgetting that all our achievements on Earth mean nothing in Your Heavenly Kingdom. We hold anger in our hearts towards those who hurt us, whether intentional or not. God of forgiveness, soften our hearts, heal us of old hurts and wounds, and help us to forgive, just as You forgive us. Bring us to Your peace, that passes all understanding. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Our God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**Congregation: God is good to all, and has compassion for all creation.**

**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

**\*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

"Lift Every Voice and Sing"

by J. Rosamond Johnson

Brittany Carrasco, vocals, and Duane Stroud-Bouffé, piano

\* This is #339 in the purple hymnal. Please join in on verse 3.

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

*The children are dismissed to Sunday School.*

SCRIPTURE READINGS

<sup>33</sup> But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup> No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

*Jeremiah 31:33-34*

<sup>12</sup> Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; <sup>13</sup> rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from punishment. *Joel 2:12-13*

The Prodigal Son

*Luke 15:11-32*

SERMON

“The Ultimate Father”

Mariah Warren

**\*PURPLE HYMNAL #44**

**"Like a Mother Who has Borne Us"**

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

"His Eye is on the Sparrow"  
Gilead Singers

words by Civilla D. Martin  
music by Charles H. Gabriel

**\*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 #547**

**"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"**

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Higher Ground”  
Penny Cameron, piano, and Mary Temple, organ

by Johnson Oatman, Jr.  
arr. by Lani Smith

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

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

*Our Sanctuary flowers this week are given  
in loving memory of Annina Celli.*

## This Week at Gilead

Today Sunday, June 16

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

Monday, June 17

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

Wednesday, June 19

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

Thursday, June 20

- 11:00 a.m. Stretch Exercise Class.
- 5:00 p.m. Community Dinner at Holmes Camp & Conference Center. \$10 pp/\$25 per family.
- 7:00 p.m. Gilead Singers rehearsal. New members always welcome!

Friday, June 21

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

Sunday, June 23- Duane Stroud-Boutté, preaching.

- 9:15 a.m. Gilead Singers rehearse.
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship
- Bible Study meets, 11:15 a.m. We will discuss the intro and chapter 1 of "Love Carved in Stone"

### Upcoming:

Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup>- Holmes Friends' Day

**June Mission:** 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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