

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, June 23, 2024, 10:00 a.m.
Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

We welcome Duane Stroud-Boutté to the pulpit today!

OPENING MUSIC

"Sheep May Safely Graze"
Mary Temple, organ

by J. S. Bach
arr. by Denes Agay

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 133:1-3)

Leader: How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

Congregation: It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard.

Leader: It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.

Congregation: For there the LORD ordained his blessing, even life forevermore.

***GRAY HYMNAL #277**

"The Church's One Foundation"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION (adapted from Psalm 23 by Beth Merrill Neel)

O Lord, you are our shepherd, and yet we want. We lie down when we could act. We stir the pot when we could offer peace. We wander tempting paths instead of following you. We seek courage and comfort in earthly things rather than in you. We hate our enemies and refuse to break bread with them. We see scarcity even when you offer us abundance. Lord, we ask your forgiveness. We pray with gratitude for the blessing of your goodness and mercy, that we might dwell in you and in your grace, forever. 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

"Now is the Time! (Sasa Ngapi)"
Gilead Singers

by Jean Anne Shafferman

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

The children are dismissed to Sunday School.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

^{35a} On that day, when evening had come, ³⁷ a great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. ³⁸ But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" ³⁹ He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. ⁴⁰ He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" ⁴¹ And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?" *Mark 4:35a, 37-41*

^{1a} Now the Philistines gathered their armies for battle; ⁴ And there came out from the camp of the Philistines a champion named Goliath, whose height was six cubits and a span. ⁵ He had a helmet of bronze, and he was armed with a coat of mail; the weight of the coat was five thousand shekels of bronze. ⁶ He had a javelin slung between his shoulders. ⁷ His spear was like a weaver's beam, and his spear's head weighed six hundred shekels of iron. ⁸ He stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, "Choose a man for yourselves, and let him come down. ⁹ If he is able to fight and kill me, then we will be your servants; but if I prevail against him, then you shall serve us. Today I defy the ranks of Israel!" ¹¹ When Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were greatly afraid. ²⁰ David came to the encampment as the army was going forth. ²¹ Israel and the Philistines drew up for battle, army against army. ²² David ran to the ranks, and greeted his brothers. ²³ As he talked with them, Goliath came up out of the ranks of the Philistines and spoke the same words as before. And David heard him. ³² David said to Saul, "Let no one's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine." ³³ Saul said to David, "You are not able to go against this Philistine; for you are just a boy, and he has been a warrior from his youth." ³⁴ But David said to Saul, "Your servant used to keep sheep for his father; and whenever a lion or a bear came, and took a lamb from the flock, ³⁵ I went after it and struck it down; and if it turned against me, I would catch it by the jaw, and kill it. ³⁶ Your servant has killed both lions and bears; and this Philistine shall be like one of them since he has defied the armies of the living God. The LORD, who saved me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, will save me from the hand of this Philistine." So Saul said to David, "Go, and may the LORD be with you!" ³⁸ Saul clothed David with his armor; he put a bronze helmet on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail. ³⁹ David strapped Saul's sword over the armor, and he tried in vain to walk. Then David said to Saul, "I cannot walk with these; for I am not used to them." So David removed them. ⁴⁰ Then he took his staff in his hand, and chose five smooth stones and put them in his shepherd's bag, and he drew near to the Philistine. ⁴² When the Philistine saw David, he disdained him, for he was only a

youth. ⁴³The Philistine said “Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?” ⁴⁵But David said to the Philistine, “You come to me with sword and spear and javelin; but I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. ⁴⁶This very day the LORD will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head; and I will give the dead bodies of the Philistine army to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the earth, ⁴⁷so that all this assembly may know that the LORD does not save by sword and spear; for the battle is the LORD’s and he will give you into our hand.” ⁴⁸ When the Philistine drew nearer to meet David, David put his hand in his bag, took out a stone, slung it, and struck the Philistine on his forehead; the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell face down on the ground.

1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4-9, 11, 20-23, 32-36, 38-40, 42-43, 45-48)

SERMON

“Collaborating With God”

Duane Stroud-Boutté

***GRAY HYMNAL #47**

"God Will Take Care of You"

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

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"
Gilead Singers

by Lowell Mason
& Ray Palmer

***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 #483**

"Lead On, O King Eternal"

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

“May the Lord Bless You and Keep You”

POSTLUDE

“Psalm XVIII”
Mary Temple, organ

by Benedetto Marcello

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

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

*Our Sanctuary flowers this week are given by Billy & Duane Stroud-Boutté
in commemoration of Juneteenth.*

This Week at Gilead

Today Sunday, June 23

- 9:00 a.m. Gilead Singers rehearse.
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship.
- Following worship, join us for coffee/fellowship in the lounge.
- 11:15 a.m. Bible Study meets in the large classroom.

Monday, June 24

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

Wednesday, June 26

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

Thursday, June 27

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

Friday, June 28

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

Sunday, June 30- David Burpee, preaching.

- 9:15 a.m. Gilead Singers rehearse. Last Sunday for GS until September.
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship

Upcoming:

Saturday, July 27th- Holmes Friends' Day. Come and take part in all that Holmes has to offer! Free, with meals available at \$15 per adult, \$11.25 per child (12 and under). In the evening, our very own Paul Verdesi will be honored in celebration of his 50th summer at Holmes. Please see the flyer in the lounge for more information. If you are planning to attend, please let Mariah Warren know. Thanks!

Music Notes: It's time for you to make a joyful noise unto the Lord! If you have a musical talent you'd like to share during worship, see Mary after church to sign up for a Sunday this summer. Vocalists, instrumentalists, soloists, and groups- all are welcome! Mary can accompany you if needed, partner you with someone, and assist in choosing music.

Favorite hymn time is starting! Look for the box in the lounge to submit your favorite hymns for us to sing over the summer.

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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