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world, we wonder where you are or if you even exist. Does the universe really bend toward justice? Does this justice include us and those we love? Forgive us, God, for the evils we perpetrate, the unjust systems from which we cannot see our way clearly. Claim us and guide us in working toward the Beloved Community you so desire for us, where all your children live in peace. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: This is the good news.... In the love of Jesus Christ, you are loved forever. Congregational Response: In the waters of baptism we are set free to let go of what is old and broken, to live a new life in the resurrection, and to follow together in a joyful way Jesus Christ, our loving Savior.

\*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 "Jesus Calls Us" Gilead Singers

music by William H. Jude lyrics by Cecil F. Alexander

### TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

The children are dismissed to Sunday School.

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

<sup>1</sup> Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>2</sup>To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. <sup>3</sup>I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. <sup>4</sup> Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. <sup>5</sup> I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. <sup>6</sup> For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands, <sup>7</sup> for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. 8 Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, in the power of God, <sup>9</sup> who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace, and this grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, <sup>10</sup> but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. <sup>11</sup> For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, <sup>12</sup> and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to

guard until that day the deposit I have entrusted to him. <sup>13</sup> Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>14</sup> Guard the good deposit entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us. 2 *Timothy 1:1-14* 

<sup>14</sup> "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. <sup>15</sup> People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. *Matthew 5:14-16* 

SERMON "Ordinary Time" David Burpee

\*PURPLE HYMNAL #291 "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

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 "Let There Be Peace on Earth" by Jill Jackson Miller & Sy Miller

Gilead Singers arr. by Hawley Ades

\*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 #307 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION "Amen" (threefold)

POSTLUDE "The Heavens Are Telling"

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Thank you to our Lay Reader today, Brenda Verdesi, and our videographers, Lexie Fischer and Stephanie Gould.

Our Sanctuary flowers this week are given in memory of George Castillo with love from Jack and Addi Palmieri.

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

### This Week at Gilead

Today Sunday, June 30

- 9:00 a.m. Gilead Singers rehearse. Many thanks to this group of faithful musicians who have sung every Sunday throughout the year. We will reconvene with rehearsal in September.
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship.
- Following worship, join us for coffee/fellowship in the lounge.

Monday, July 1

11:00 a.m. Stretch Exercise Class.

Tuesday, July 2

• 7:30 p.m. Stated Session meeting.

Wednesday, July 3

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

Thursday, July 4- Independence Day

11:00 a.m. Stretch Exercise Class.

Friday, July 5

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

Sunday, July 7- Communion Sunday. Rev. Courtney Steininger, preaching.

10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship

### Upcoming:

Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup>- 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 50<sup>th</sup> 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!

<u>Music Notes</u>: Special music will be provided by Gilead Musicians throughout July and August. If you would like to sing or play an instrument, as a soloist or with an ensemble, see Mary Temple at the piano after Worship. We need YOU!

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

<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!

Our Bible Study, "Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments," will resume in September.

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