

# 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, gender, marital status, sexual orientation, or socioeconomic standing; and we encourage the full participation of all in the life of our congregation.

**Communion Sunday, July 7, 2024, 10:00 a.m.**

**14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B**

*We welcome Rev. Courtney Steininger to the pulpit today!*

OPENING MUSIC

"Salute to the Armed Forces of America"

Piano- Penny Cameron, Organ- Mary Temple [arr.by](#) Duquesnel, Cameron, & Temple

*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 Isaiah 55)

Leader: Listen, everyone who thirsts,

**People: come to the waters!**

Leader: You, who have no money,

**People: come, buy, and eat!**

Leader: Incline your ear, and come to me,

**People: listen so we may live!**

**\*PURPLE HYMNAL #338 "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**O Lord our God, you call us to proclaim the gospel, but it is much easier to remain silent. You call us to be reconciled to you and one another, but it is much easier to live in separation. You call us to seek the good of all, but it is much easier to only care for those who act and think like us. Forgive us, O Lord. Reconcile us to you by the power of your Spirit, and give us the courage and strength to be reconciled to others. 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  
Piano/Organ Duet

"Battle Hymn of the Republic"  
American folk song arr. by Betty Jean Chatham

REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH/RECEPTION INTO MEMBERSHIP      Rev. June Tompkins

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

*The children are dismissed to Sunday School.*

SCRIPTURE

He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown and among their own kin and in their own house." And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff: no bread, no bag, no money in their belts, but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them. *Mark 6:1-13*

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching. *Hebrews 10:19-25*

SERMON      "Mutual Encouragement"      Rev. Courtney Steininger

**\*PURPLE HYMNAL #460      "Break Thou the Bread of Life"**

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Shall We Gather at the River"

by Robert Lowry

Piano/Organ Duet

**\*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.**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

### 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

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: We lift up our hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise...

WORDS OF INSTITUTION - BREAKING OF BREAD – COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

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.**

CHORAL RESPONSE #469

"Lord Listen to Your Children Praying"

**\*PURPLE HYMNAL #39**

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"  
(200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Beethoven's 9<sup>th</sup>)

**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

POSTLUDE

"Stars and Stripes Forever"  
Piano Duet, Penny & Mary

**\*MUSICAL BENEDICTION**

by John Phillip Sousa

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

*Thank you to our Lay Reader today, Duane Stroud-Boutté,  
and our videographers, Lexie Fischer and Stephanie Gould.*

## This Week at Gilead

Today Sunday, July 7

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

Monday, July 8

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

Tuesday, July 9

- 7:30 p.m. Stated Session meeting in the lounge.

Wednesday, July 10

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

Thursday, July 11

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

Friday, July 12

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

Sunday, July 14

- 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship

Upcoming:

Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup>- Deacons meet following worship.

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!

**Music Notes:** 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.

**Summer Mission:** Once again we will be collecting \$25 gift cards for families from the Putnam County Community Action Program. These cards will enable families to go shopping with their children to select their needed supplies. Gift cards can be from local stores that sell school supplies. There will be a box in the lounge to put the cards in. You can also donate money and I will purchase the cards. Thank you for helping our children begin the school year with pride, and thank you for your help! - Redd Behan

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

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