

# 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, July 14, 2024, 10:00 a.m. • Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

*We welcome Paul Francis to the pulpit today!*

OPENING MUSIC "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" traditional American melody  
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 85:8-13)

Leader: Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

**Congregation: Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.**

Leader: Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

**Congregation: Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.**

Leader: The LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

**Congregation: Righteousness will go before him and will make a path for his steps.**

\*GRAY HYMNAL #267 "Come, Thou Almighty King"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

## UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of Grace, forgive our ingratitude for the blessings we have received. God of Peace, forgive our impatience with the actions of our neighbor. God of Love, forgive our intolerance toward those of other faiths or none. God of Mercy, forgive our reluctance to offer a word of forgiveness. God of Hope, accept our repentance as a sweet-smelling offering along with the service of our lives. 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

"All That I Am"

by William Hines

Margaret Karell, soprano

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

*The children are dismissed to Sunday School.*

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

<sup>1</sup>David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. <sup>2</sup>David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-judah to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the LORD of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim. <sup>3</sup>They carried the ark of God on a new cart and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart <sup>4</sup>with the ark of God, and Ahio went in front of the ark. <sup>5</sup>David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the LORD with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals. <sup>12</sup>It was told King David, "The LORD has blessed the household of Obed-edom and all that belongs to him because of the ark of God." So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing, <sup>13</sup>and when those who bore the ark of the LORD had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatted calf. <sup>14</sup>David danced before the LORD with all his might; David was girded with a linen ephod. <sup>15</sup>So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting and with the sound of the trumpet. <sup>16</sup>As the ark of the LORD came into the city of David, Michal daughter of Saul looked out of the window and saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD, and she despised him in her heart. <sup>17</sup>They brought in the ark of the LORD and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it, and David offered burnt offerings and offerings of well-being before the LORD. <sup>18</sup>When David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD of hosts <sup>19</sup>and distributed food among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, to each a cake of bread, a portion of meat,<sup>[a]</sup> and a cake of raisins. Then all the people went back to their homes.

*2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12-19*

<sup>14</sup>King Herod heard of it, for Jesus's name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead, and for this reason these powers are at work in him." <sup>15</sup>But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." <sup>16</sup>But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." <sup>17</sup>For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. <sup>18</sup>For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." <sup>19</sup>And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to kill him. But she could not, <sup>20</sup>for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he liked to listen to him. <sup>21</sup>But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his

courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. <sup>22</sup>When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests, and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." <sup>23</sup>And he swore<sup>1</sup> to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." <sup>24</sup>She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." <sup>25</sup>Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." <sup>26</sup>The king was deeply grieved, yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. <sup>27</sup>Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, <sup>28</sup>brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. <sup>29</sup>When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb. *Mark 6:14-29*

SERMON

"Holding a Grudge"

Paul Francis

**\*GRAY HYMNAL #435**

**"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"**

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.**

**CONG. RESPONSE (PURPLE HYMNAL #469) "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"**

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY "The Old Rugged Cross Made the Difference" by Gloria & William Gaither  
Duane Stroud-Boutté, piano

**\*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 #43**

**"Great is Thy Faithfulness"**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*MUSICAL BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" by Elisha Hoffman &  
Mary Temple, organ Anthony Showalter

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

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

*Our Sanctuary flowers this week are given  
in honor of Joyce McGrath's special birthday by Mary Temple.*

## This Week at Gilead

Today Sunday, July 14

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

Monday, July 15

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

Wednesday, July 17

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

Thursday, July 18

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

Friday, July 19

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

Sunday, July 21

- 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship. Leslie Palmieri, preaching.
- 11:15 a.m. Deacons meeting.

### 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!

**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!

It's favorite hymn time! Submit yours in the box in the lounge.

**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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