



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 28, 2024, 10:00 a.m.
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

We welcome Rev. Perry Wootten to the pulpit today!

OPENING MUSIC

"Sonata in F Major"
Juergen Tempel, cello

Benedetto Marcello

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

Leader: Our help is in the Name of the LORD

Congregation: Who made heaven and earth.

Leader: O Come, let us worship and bow down

Congregation: And kneel before the LORD

All: For He is our GOD, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.

*GRAY HYMNAL #138

"Go Tell it on the Mountain"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Have mercy on us, O GOD, in Your loving-kindness. In Your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O GOD, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from Your presence, or take Your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of Your salvation and sustain us with Your bountiful Spirit.

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

"Take Time to be Holy"
Hi-Tones

by W.D. Longstaff
& C.C. Stebbins

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

The children are dismissed to Sunday School.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

¹Now Joseph was taken down to Egypt, and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, the captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him from the Ishmaelites who had brought him down there. ²The LORD was with Joseph, and he became a successful man; he was in the house of his Egyptian master. ³His master saw that the LORD was with him and that the LORD caused all that he did to prosper in his hands. ⁴So Joseph found favor in his sight and attended him; he made him overseer of his house and put him in charge of all that he had. ⁵From the time that he made him overseer in his house and over all that he had, the LORD blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; the blessing of the LORD was on all that he had, in house and field. ⁶So he left all that he had in Joseph's charge, and with him there he had no concern for anything but the food that he ate. *Genesis 39: 1-6*

¹ Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me. ¹³Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. *Philippians 3: 12-14*

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ² He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³ In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my accuser.' ⁴ For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering

me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.' ”⁶ And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷ And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸ I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”
Luke 18: 1-8

SERMON “The Water of Life: Prayer” Rev. Perry Wootten

***GRAY HYMNAL #425 “In the Garden”**

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 “Sweet Hour of Prayer” by Walford and Bradbury
Hi-Tones

***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 #88 “Fairest Lord Jesus”**

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION “God be with You til We Meet Again”

POSTLUDE

“Theme from Symphony Number 1” by Johannes Brahms
Mary Temple, organ

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

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



*Our Sanctuary flowers this week are given by the Warrens
in celebration of the birthday of Ginny Warren.*

This Week at Gilead

Today Sunday, July 28

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

Monday, July 29

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

Wednesday, July 31

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

Thursday, August 1

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

Friday, August 2

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

Sunday, August 4

- 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship. Mariah Warren, preaching.

Upcoming:

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

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