

### This Week at Gilead

Today, Sunday, August 18

- 9:20 a.m. Gilead Singers Rehearse to sing in Worship today
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship.
- Following worship, join us for coffee/fellowship in the lounge.
- 11:15 a.m. Deacons meeting.

Monday, August 19

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

Wednesday, August 21

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

Thursday, August 22

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

Friday, August 23

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

Sunday, August 25

- 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship.

#### Upcoming:

Sept. 13 - "Paint with Tina" Fundraiser Party at 6:30 p.m. (see painting in the lounge). Limited seating, so make your reservation & bring a friend! Tickets are \$30 and there's a sign-up sheet in the lounge.

Sept. 15 - RALLY DAY! Welcome back Church School! Special activities are being planned!

Saturday, September 21 – Celebration of the life of Warren Behan

**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

### GILEAD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## 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, August 18, 2024, 10:00 a.m.**  
**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B**

*We welcome Professor Joanne Dobson, teacher & author, to the pulpit today!*

OPENING MUSIC

"The Gift of Love"

Mary Temple, organ

English folk melody

adapted by Hal Hopson

*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 Psalm 19)**

Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

**People: Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.**

Leader: There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;

**All: yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.**

**\*GREY HYMNAL #292**

**"God of Grace and God of Glory"**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

### **UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Loving Father, all the fancy words in the world, expressed in eloquent prose, decorated with emotion, spoken with conviction, cannot compete with a heartfelt**

**'sorry' when all other words fail. There are times when we are all too aware of our limitations, conscious of sin and the distance it creates between us. Sometimes 'sorry' is all the heart can bear to say aloud. It is only you who can read and understand the language of our hearts. Only you who can translate our 'sorry' into the prayer we would have prayed if we had the words within us. Then you forgive, and having forgiven, surround us in an embrace of love, drawing us close to your heart as it was always meant to be. Thank you, Loving Father, that you listen to hearts as well as voices. Thank you.**

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 Good Gifts" by Stephen Schwartz  
Brittany Carrasco, Stephanie Schleicher, Mariah Warren, acc. by Duane Stroud-Boutté

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

*The children are dismissed to Sunday School.*

SCRIPTURE READINGS

<sup>2</sup>Listen! Listen to the roar of his voice, to the rumbling that comes from his mouth. <sup>3</sup>He unleashes his lightning beneath the whole heaven and sends it to the ends of the earth. <sup>4</sup>After that comes the sound of his roar; he thunders with his majestic voice. When his voice resounds, he holds nothing back. <sup>5</sup>God's voice thunders in marvelous ways; he does great things beyond our understanding. <sup>6</sup>He says to the snow, 'Fall on the earth,' and to the rain shower, 'Be a mighty downpour.' <sup>7</sup>So that everyone he has made may know his work, he stops all people from their labor. <sup>8</sup>The animals take cover; they remain in their dens. <sup>9</sup>The tempest comes out from its chamber, the cold from the driving winds. <sup>10</sup>The breath of God produces ice, and the broad waters become frozen. <sup>11</sup>He loads the clouds with moisture; he scatters his lightning through them. <sup>12</sup>At his direction they swirl around over the face of the whole earth to do whatever he commands them. <sup>13</sup>He brings the clouds to punish people, or to water his earth and show his love. <sup>14</sup>"Listen to this, Job; stop and consider God's wonders. <sup>15</sup>Do you know how God controls the clouds and makes his lightning flash? <sup>16</sup>Do you know how the clouds hang poised, those wonders of him who has perfect knowledge? <sup>22</sup>Out of the north he comes in golden splendor; God comes in awesome majesty. <sup>23</sup>The Almighty is beyond our reach and exalted in power; in his justice and great righteousness, he does not oppress. <sup>24</sup>Therefore, people revere him, for does he not have regard for all the wise in heart?"  
*Job 37:2-16, 22-24*

<sup>16</sup>For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup>And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

*Colossians 1:16-17*

MESSAGE "Emily Dickinson's Conversations with God" Prof. Joanne Dobson

**\*GREY HYMNAL #554 "I'll Fly Away"**

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 "Day by Day" by Stephen Schwartz  
Brittany Carrasco, Stephanie Schleicher, Mariah Warren, acc. by Duane Stroud-Boutté

**\*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.**

**\*GREY HYMNAL #26 "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"**

\*BENEDICTION

\*MUSICAL BENEDICTION "Song of Hope" Argentinian folk song  
Gilead Singers

POSTLUDE "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" Stralsund Gesangbuch 1665  
Mary Temple, organ

\*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 for the glory of God  
from the garden of Margery and Laura Amato.*