

Our Sanctuary flowers this week are given by Mary Temple
in celebration of Eli Stan's 19th birthday.

This Week at Gilead

Today, Sunday, August 25

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

Monday, August 26

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

Wednesday, August 28

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

Thursday, August 29

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

Friday, August 30

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

Sunday, September 1

- 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

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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 25, 2024, 10:00 a.m.
Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

We welcome Edgar Hayes, CRE, to the pulpit today!

OPENING MUSIC "The God of Abraham Be Praised" 17th c. Jewish 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 146:1-10)

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul! I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long. Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help. When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous. The LORD watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin. The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the LORD!

*PURPLE HYMNAL #839 "Blessed Assurance"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of light and Love, we come to you today as humble servants. You have provided us with the gifts of wisdom and discernment, yet we tend to listen to the voices of our desires. The loudness of this world sometimes drown out the

whispers of Your voice. I'm not in tune with your Word because I focus too much on the yelling and screaming of this world. I get overwhelmed sometimes and feel like I can't make it to another day. Help me get back to feeding love and starving sin. Help me get back to loving You. Help me get back to loving my neighbor. Help me to get back to loving all of Your creation. Help me to learn to love once again.

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 "Amazing Grace" by John Newton
Congregation and recorder

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART
The children are dismissed to Sunday School.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

¹What if I could speak all languages of humans and even of angels? If I did not love others, I would be nothing more than a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²What if I could prophesy and understand all mysteries and all knowledge? And what if I had faith that moved mountains? I would be nothing, unless I loved others. ³What if I gave away all that I owned and let myself be burned alive? I would gain nothing, unless I loved others. ⁴Love is patient and kind, never jealous, boastful, proud, or ⁵rude. Love isn't selfish or quick tempered. It doesn't keep a record of wrongs that others do. ⁶Love rejoices in the truth, but not in evil. ⁷Love is always supportive, loyal, hopeful, and trusting. ⁸Love never fails! Everyone who prophesies will stop, and unknown languages will no longer be spoken. All that we know will be forgotten. ⁹We don't know everything, and our prophecies are not complete.¹⁰ But what is perfect will someday appear, and what isn't perfect will then disappear. ¹¹When we were children, we thought and reasoned as children do. But when we grew up, we quit our childish ways. ¹²Now all we can see of God is like a cloudy picture in a mirror. Later we will see him face to face. We don't know everything, but then we will, just as God completely understands us. ¹³For now there are faith, hope, and love. But of these three, the greatest is love.
1 Corinthians 13:1-13

²⁸ One of the teachers of the Law of Moses came up while Jesus and the Sadducees were arguing. When he heard Jesus give a good answer, he asked him, "What is the most important commandment?" ²⁹ Jesus answered, "The most important one says: 'People of Israel, you have only one Lord and God.'³⁰ You must love him with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength.' ³¹ The second most important commandment says: 'Love others as much as

you love yourself.' No other commandment is more important than these." ³² The man replied, "Teacher, you are certainly right to say there is only one God. ³³ It is also true that we must love God with all our heart, mind, and strength, and that we must love others as much as we love ourselves. These commandments are more important than all the sacrifices and offerings that we could possibly make." ³⁴ When Jesus saw that the man had given a sensible answer, he told him, "You are not far from God's kingdom." After this, no one dared ask Jesus any more questions.
Mark 12:28-34

MESSAGE

"All We Need is Love"

Edgar Hayes

***PURPLE HYMNAL #462**

"I Love to Tell the Story"

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

"Open my Eyes"
Mary Temple, organ

by Clara H. Scott (1895)

***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 #300**

"We Are One in the Spirit"

*BENEDICTION

*MUSICAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Amen" (four-fold)
"God of Great and God of Small"
Mary Temple, organ

Natalie Sleeth (1973)

*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.*