

This Week at Gilead

Today, Sunday, September 15 - Rally Day! -

- 9:10 a.m. Gilead Singers rehearse.
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship.
- Following worship, join us for coffee/fellowship in the lounge.

Monday, September 16

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

Wednesday, September 18

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

Thursday, September 19

- 11:00 a.m. Stretch Exercise Class.
- 7:00 p.m. Gilead Singers rehearse. New voices welcome!

Friday, September 20

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

Saturday, September 21

- 11:20 a.m. Gilead Singers rehearse.
- 12:00 p.m. Celebration of the life of Warren Behan.

Sunday, September 22

- 8:30 a.m. Gilead Bell Chimes rehearse to play in worship.
- 9:10 a.m. Gilead Singers rehearse.
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship. Ruling Elder Paul Francis, preaching.

Upcoming:

Sunday, September 22 – Gilead Bell Chimes rehearse at 8:30 a.m.

Sunday, September 29 - Bible Study resumes. Please read chapter 1 of “Love Carved in Stone.”

September Mission: The Gilead Food Pantry needs boxes of cereal and so we will be having a cereal box domino challenge this month. Stay tuned for more details!

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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, September 15, 2024, 10:00 a.m.
Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

We welcome Rev. Ray Bagnuolo to the pulpit today!

OPENING MUSIC

“Tell Me the Old, Old Story”

by William Doane

Penny Cameron, piano, & Mary Temple, organ

arr. Smith/Hustad

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 (Adapted from the writing of Joseph H. Gilmore)

Preacher: Love comes quietly, finally, drops about us, on us in all the ways – old and new.

All: Love is...the greatest good, which alone renders light. Love wants to rise, never to be held down.

Preacher: It is gentle, stronger, more pleasant, more complete -

All: there is nothing better in heaven or on earth –because love is born of God, rests in God, and all living beings.

Preacher: In that love, and ours, we gather and welcome you to join us in this morning's worship.

***PURPLE HYMNAL #408 “There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit”**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

And so, we confess...that we need your help, God, to open our hearts and to set aside the confrontational ways of these times of judgment and talk of retribution. Help us, please, to fearlessly move closer together in love and forbearance...listening to your beckoning call as you walk the horizon, inviting us forward, while we confess our shortcomings and remember that your love can soften even the hardest of hearts, sometimes even - - our very own.

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 "God Welcomes All/There's A Wideness in God's Mercy"
Gilead Singers South African song/Dutch melody

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART "Oh!" *Part One: God is Everywhere*
The children are dismissed to Sunday School.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Wisdom cries out in the streets; she raises her voice in the malls; she cries out from the top of walls, on the roads leading to the city; "How much longer, will you love being uninformed? How much longer will you make fun of others? How much longer will you dismiss and despise understanding?" Listen closely to what I have to say; for I will pour out my heart to you and tell you what's on my mind. "... [and] you who listen to me will be at peace, have quiet, and fear no misfortune.

Proverbs 1:20-23; 33
(The Inclusive Bible)

Then he and the disciples set out for the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way, Jesus asked the disciples this question: "Who do people say that I am?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptizer; others, Elijah, still others, one of the prophets." "And you," he went on to ask, "who do you say that I am?" Peter answered, "You are the Messiah!" But Jesus gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him. Then Jesus began to teach them that the Promised One had to suffer much, be rejected by the elders, chief priests, and religious scholars, be put to death, and rise again three days later. Jesus said these things quite openly. Peter then took him aside and began to take issue with him. At this, Jesus turned around and, eyeing the disciples, reprimanded Peter: "Get out of my sight, you, Satan! You are judging by human standards rather than by God's!" Jesus summoned the crowd and the disciples and said, "If you wish to come after me, you must deny your very self, take up your cross, and follow my footsteps. If you would save your life, you'll lose it, but if you lose your life for my sake, you'll save it. What would you gain if you were to win the whole world, but lose yourself in the process? What can you offer in exchange for your soul? Whoever in this faithless and corrupt generation is ashamed of me and my words will find, in turn, that the Promised One, and the holy angels will be ashamed of that, when all stand up before our God in glory."

Mark 8:27-38
(The Inclusive Bible)

MESSAGE "Oh!" *Part Two: It's More Than it is* Rev. Ray Bagnuolo

***PURPLE HYMNAL #285**

"Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song"

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 "Breathe On Me Breath of God " by E. Hatch & R. Jackson
Gilead Singers

***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 #291**

"Spirit, Spirit, of Gentleness "

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

"God be with You til we Meet Again"

POSTLUDE

"We're Marching to Zion" by Robert Lowry
piano/organ duet arr. Smith/Hustad

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

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

*Our Sanctuary flowers this week are given by Leslie Palmieri
in celebration of Rally Day.*