### This Week at Gilead

Today, Sunday, September 29

- 9:15 a.m. Gilead Singers rehearse.
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship.
- Following worship, join us for coffee/fellowship in the lounge.
- Today's the last day to bring in cereal boxes for the Food Pantry. Join us after church for the cereal box domino rally!
- 11:15 a.m. Bible Study. All are welcome!
- 7:30 p.m. Concert Committee meets via Zoom.

Monday, September 30

• 11:00 a.m. Stretch Exercise Class.

Wednesday, October 2

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

Thursday, October 3

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

Friday, October 4

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

Sunday, October 6 World Communion Sunday

- 9:15 a.m. Gilead Singers rehearse.
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship. Billye Zoa Steinnagel, preaching.

### **Upcoming:**

Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>- Gilead hosts singer-songwriter Bobby Jo Valentine in concert at 3:00 p.m. Bobby Jo's songs, detailing his personal journey as a person identifying as both Christian and gay, have helped foster compassion, understanding, and acceptance for individuals and families nationwide. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for children, and \$5 for Gilead members. We're asking everyone to invite 2 people. Tickets for the public can be purchased using the link <a href="https://bit.ly/BobbyJoGilead">https://bit.ly/BobbyJoGilead</a>. This is a concert for everyone, with heartfelt songs that reaffirm: God loves us as we are.

# **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, September 29, 2024, 10:00 a.m. Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

We welcome Elder Mariah Warren to the pulpit today!

**OPENING MUSIC** 

"Air in G"
Mary Temple, organ

by J. S. Bach

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 103)**

Leader: The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

All: He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever.

Leader: He does not deal with us according to our sins nor repay us according to our iniquities.

All: For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

Leader: as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us.

All: But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments.

\*PURPLE HYMNAL #415

"Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

OPENING PRAYER

### **UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Hear the cries of our hearts, Lord, as we recognize the many times we hurt others. Help to silence our tongues when we lash out with harsh words. Still our hands when we raise them in violence, or when we reach out for substitutes for the peace that only You can give. Break our hearts of stone so that we focus less on our wants and more on those who need our help. Open our eyes, Lord, to Your love and mercy, so that we, in turn, share those with the world. We are blessed with the chance to renew ourselves each day, through Your grace. Renew us now, as we lay the burdens of our hearts before You. Amen.

\*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 "Be Still, Jordan" by Jay Althouse Gilead Singers

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

The children are dismissed to Sunday School.

#### SCRIPTURE READINGS

<sup>3</sup>Then I turned to the Lord God to seek an answer by prayer and supplication with fasting and sackcloth and ashes. <sup>4</sup>I prayed to the LORD my God and made confession, saying, "Ah, Lord, great and awesome God, keeping covenant and steadfast love with those who love you<sup>[b]</sup> and keep your commandments, <sup>5</sup> we have sinned and done wrong, acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from your commandments and ordinances. <sup>6</sup> We have not listened to your servants the prophets, who spoke in your name to our kings, our princes, and our ancestors, and to all the people of the land. <sup>7</sup> "Righteousness is on your side, O Lord, but open shame, as at this day, falls on us,... because we have sinned against you. <sup>9</sup> To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, but we have rebelled against him <sup>10</sup> and have not obeyed the voice of the LORD our God by following his laws, which he set before us by his servants the prophets. <sup>17</sup> Now therefore, O our God, listen to the prayer of your servant and to his supplication, and for your own sake, Lord, let your face shine upon your desolated sanctuary. <sup>18</sup> Incline your ear, O my God, and hear. Open your eyes and look at our desolation and the city that bears your name. We do not present our supplication before you on the ground of our righteousness but on the ground of your great mercies. <sup>19</sup> O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive; O Lord, listen and act and do not delay! For your own sake, O my God, because your city and your people bear your name!"

Daniel 9:3-7a, 8b-10, 17-19

<sup>5</sup> This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup> If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; <sup>7</sup> but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup> If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

\*PURPLE HYMNAL #442 "Just As I Am"

PASTORAL PRAYER

MESSAGE

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 Second Movement from Six Sonatas for Cello, Op. 1 by B. Marcello Juergen Tempel, cello

\*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 #649 "Amazing Grace"

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION "Go Now in Peace"

POSTLUDE "Allegro" from the *Sixth Cello Sonata*Mary Temple, organ

J.S. Bach

\*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 Laura and Margery Amato to the glory of God in memory of Greg Amato.