#### This Week at Gilead

# Today, Sunday, April 6 Communion Sunday

- 8:30 a.m. New Bell Chime ringers rehearse.
- 9:10 a.m. Gilead Singers rehearse.
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship.
- Following worship, join us for coffee and fellowship in the lounge.

## Monday, April 7

• 11:00 a.m. Stretch Exercise Class

## Tuesday, April 8

• 7:30 p.m. Stated Session meeting in the manse.

#### Wednesday, April 9

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

#### Thursday, April 10

- 10:45 a.m. Food Pantry pick up, Gage Rd., Brewster. 11:15 unload at church.
- 11:00 a.m. Stretch Exercise Class
- 7:00 p.m. Gilead Singers rehearsal. New members welcome!

### Friday, April 11

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

# Sunday, April 13 Palm Sunday

- 8:30 a.m. New Bell Chime ringers rehearse.
- 9:10 a.m. Gilead Singers rehearse.
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship. CRE Edgar Hayes, preaching. Children, bring your fish banks!

#### **Upcoming**

Thursday, April 17- Maundy Thursday Seder Dinner, 6:30 p.m. Sign up in the lounge, and indicate if you are able to prepare a dish for the meal (easy recipes provided). All are invited! See Mariah Warren if you have any questions.

\*Note: Gilead Singers will rehearse afterwards.

Friday, April 18- Ecumenical Good Friday Tenebrae service at Trinity Lutheran Church, 7:00 p.m. If you would like to sing with our choir for this service, please see Mary Temple.

We are taking orders for Easter Lilies! The cost is \$17.50 per plant. Sign up in the lounge for yours in honor or in memory of those you love.

Monthly Mission: Our March/April mission is collecting full-sized toiletries for the Putnam Community Action Program (CAP). These will be distributed to local families in need. If you would prefer, you can give a monetary donation and we will purchase the needed supplies. Thank you for your donations! -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, April 6, 2025, 10:00 a.m.
The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent, Year C; Communion Sunday

We welcome CRE Edward Hayes to the pulpit today!

**OPENING MUSIC** 

"The Old Rugged Cross" Zoe Temple, piano by George Bennard arr. by Jerri Rey

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 126)

Leader: When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

People: Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them." The LORD has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.

Leader: Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses in the Negev.

People: May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy. Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

\*PURPLE HYMNAL #839 "Blessed Assurance"

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

OPENING PRAYER

## **UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Heavenly God, we call to You and name You as eternal, ever-present, and boundless in love. Yet there are times, O God, when we fail to recognize You in the dailyness of our lives. Sometimes shame clenches tightly around our hearts, and we hide our true feelings. Sometimes fear makes us small, and we miss the chance to speak from our strength. Sometimes doubt invades our hopefulness, and we degrade our own wisdom. Holy God, in the daily round from sunrise to sunset, remind us again of Your holy presence hovering near us and in us. Free us from shame and self-doubt.

Help us to see You in the moment-by-moment possibilities to live honestly, to act courageously, and to speak from our wisdom. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*PURPLE HYMNAL #477 "We are forgiven, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God, thanks be to God." (2x)

\*THE PEACE OF CHRIST Leader: Peace be with you. People: And also with you.

ANTHEM "Remember Me" by Aaron Adams

Gilead Singers

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

The children are dismissed to Sunday School.

# PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

<sup>16</sup> Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, <sup>17</sup> who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down; they cannot rise; they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: <sup>18</sup> Do not remember the former things or consider the things of old. <sup>19</sup> I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth; do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. <sup>20</sup> The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches, for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, <sup>21</sup> the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

<sup>1</sup>Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup> There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those reclining with him. <sup>3</sup> Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus's feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. <sup>4</sup> But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, <sup>5</sup> "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" <sup>6</sup> (He said this not because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) <sup>7</sup> Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. <sup>8</sup> You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me. *John 12:1-8* 

SERMON "The Nearness and Newness of God" CRE Edgar Hayes

\*PURPLE HYMNAL #835 "Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Let Us Break Bread Together" Trad. Spiritual

Esther Egemba & Mariah Warren (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.

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

### THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

For those joining virtually, all are invited to partake of bread and wine or any substance that feels appropriate; or take in the sacrifice of the Lord symbolically. For those joining physically, the individual Communion sets contain juice; in the trays the red is wine and the yellow is juice.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

**COMMUNION MUSIC** 

#### 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"

\*PURPLE HYMNAL #539 "We Will Go Out with Joy"

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION #498 "Loaves Were Broken" (v.4)

POSTLUDE "Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken"

Mary Temple, organ

by Franz J. Haydn arr. by Lawrence Grant

\*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.