

*Thank you to our Lay Reader today, Brittany Carrasco
and our A/V team, Lexie Fischer, Stephanie Gould & Josh Steinberg.*

*Our Palm branches have been donated by Redd Behan
in loving memory of Warren Behan, beloved grandfather.*

This Week at Gilead

Today, Sunday, April 13 **Palm Sunday**

- 8:30 a.m. Gilead Bell Chimes- new 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 14

- 11:00 a.m. Stretch Exercise Class

Wednesday, April 16

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

Thursday, April 17

Maundy Thursday

- 11:00 a.m. Stretch Exercise Class
- 6:30 p.m. Seder Dinner in remembrance of the Last Supper. Sign-up in the lounge.
- Gilead Singers will have a brief rehearsal following the Seder.

Friday, April 18

Good Friday

- 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Gilead Food Pantry
- 7:00 p.m. Ecumenical Tenebrae service at Trinity Lutheran Church (Rt. 6 towards Brewster). Ecumenical Choir will rehearse at Trinity at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 20 **Easter Sunday**

- 8:30 a.m. Bell Chimes rehearse to play in worship.
- 9:10 a.m. Gilead Singers rehearse with instrumentalists.
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship. Rev. Martha Louise Harkness, preaching.

Upcoming

Sunday, April 27th- Deacons meet at 11:15 a.m.

- Bible Study meets at 11:15 a.m.

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

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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.

Palm Sunday, April 13, 2025, 10:00 a.m.

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

OPENING MUSIC

"The Palms"

by Jean Baptiste Fauré

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 118:1-2, 19-29)

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever! Let Israel say,

People: "His steadfast love endures forever." Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD. This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

Leader: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

People: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader: Save us, we beseech you, O LORD! O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!

People: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD. We bless you from the house of the LORD. The LORD is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar. You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you. O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

*** PURPLE HYMNAL #197 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

Lord, forgive us of our sins. Wash us in Your Word. Turn our hearts of stone into hearts of flesh. Give us ears that we may hear, and eyes that we may see. Perfect that concerning us and make us whole. For we have failed to love You with our whole hearts. We have turned to our own way. We are lost without You. Lead us in the paths of righteousness for Your name's sake. May Your Word be a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our pathway. Order our steps and stops for Your glory. Grant us a worthy walk, holy habits, devoted discipleship, consistent compassion, and liberated love, that we may perfectly love You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

***PURPLE HYMNAL #447 “We are forgiven, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God, thanks be to God.” (2x)**

ANTHEM “Ride On, Ride On” by H. H. Millman & J. Dykes
Gilead Singers

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

²⁸ After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹ When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.' " ³² So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴ They said, "The Lord needs it." ³⁵ Then they brought it to Jesus, and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he

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