

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

This Week at Gilead

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.
- Following worship, join us for coffee/fellowship in the lounge.

Monday, April 21

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

Wednesday, April 23

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

Thursday, April 24

- 11:00 a.m. Stretch Exercise Class.
- 12:00 p.m. Gilead Knitting/Crocheting fellowship meets. All are welcome!
- 7:00 p.m. Gilead Singers rehearse.

Friday, April 25

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

Sunday, April 27

- 9:15 a.m. Gilead Singers rehearse.
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship
- Deacons meet following worship

Upcoming:

It's time for the annual Mother's Day plant sale to benefit Putnam Recreation Programs and Habilitation! Order forms are in the lounge.

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! -
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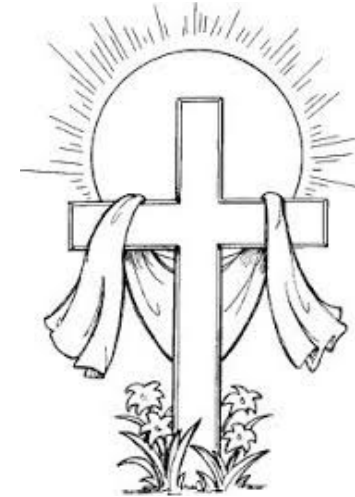
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Christ is Risen! Alleluia!



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 20, 2025, 10:00 a.m.
Easter Sunday, Year C

We welcome Rev. Martha Louise Harkness to the pulpit today!

OPENING MUSIC

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 118)

Pastor: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

People: Let us say "His steadfast love endures forever."

Pastor: The LORD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

People: I shall not die, but I shall live and recount the deeds of the LORD.

Pastor: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

People: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

Pastor: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

People: This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!

***PURPLE HYMNAL #232 "Jesus Christ is Risen Today"**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord our God, shed on us the light of Christ's death and resurrection. In the light of His death, we are not surprised by our capacity for sin and injustice. In the light of His resurrection, we are not surprised by Your power to overcome our sin and injustice. Forgive our unwillingness to live in the light. Raise us to new life through the love of Jesus Christ poured into our hearts. Amen.

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

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

The children are dismissed to Sunday School.

SCRIPTURE

¹⁷ For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. ¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating, for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy and its people as a delight. ¹⁹ I will rejoice in Jerusalem and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it or the cry of distress. ²⁰ No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days or an old person who does not live out a lifetime, for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. ²¹ They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. ²² They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat, for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. ²³ They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity, for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD— and their descendants as well. ²⁴ Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. ²⁵ The wolf and the lamb shall feed together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the LORD.

Isaiah 65:17-25

¹ But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they went in they did not

find the body. ⁴ While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵ The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here but has risen. ⁶ Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷ that the Son of Man must be handed over to the hands of sinners and be crucified and on the third day rise again." ⁸ Then they remembered his words, ⁹ and returning from the tomb they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰ Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹ But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹² But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

Luke 24: 1-12

SERMON

"Preaching the Resurrection"

Rev. Martha Louise Harkness

***PURPLE HYMNAL #246**

"Christ is Alive!"

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

***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**

***PURPLE HYMNAL #238**

**"Thine is the Glory"
(we will sing the refrain after each verse)**

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION**

"Resurrection Canon"
Gilead Singers

POSTLUDE

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



Easter Lilies

In memory of Greg Amato

Margery Amato

In honor of Margery Amato

Laura Amato

In memory of Elma & Muff Moore, &
In honor of John, Mariah, & Ben Warren

Virginia Warren

In memory of a Loved One

Barbara Murray

In memory of Margaret Bender & William Bender

Robyn Reilly

In memory of: George Castillo
Carol Laufer
George Cambigianis
Geoff & Sally Mason
Ray & Betty Brown
Joseph & Florence Palmieri

Leslie Palmieri

In memory of Sabrina & Emerson Foote
on their wedding anniversary

Katherine Foote

In honor of Elizabeth Ojeda, loving wife &
daughter, & Lucy Lee Ojeda, caring mother &
wife, and in memory of José Ojeda

The Ojeda-Petito Family

In memory of Loved Ones

Linda Mahony & Bob Dutra

In honor & memory of Loved Ones

Stephanie Gould

For Joseph

The D'Ascoli Family

For Loved Ones

The Steinberg Family