

This Week at Gilead

Today, Sunday, April 12

- 9:10 a.m. Gilead Singers rehearse.
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship.
- Deacons meeting following worship in the large classroom.

Monday, April 13

- 11:00 a.m. Stretch Exercise Class

Tuesday, April 14

- 6:30 p.m. Stated Session meeting in the lounge.

Wednesday, April 15

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

Thursday, April 16

- 11:00 a.m. Stretch Exercise Class
- 7:00 p.m. Gilead Singers rehearse.

Friday, April 17

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

Sunday, April 19

- 8:30 a.m. New Gilead Bell Chimes ringers rehearse to play on Easter Sunday.
- 9:10 a.m. Gilead Singers rehearse.
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship
- 1:00 p.m. Putnam Recreation Program for Habilitation "Annual Bowling Tournament Fundraiser" at Fishkill Bowl, 110 Route 82. Come cheer on our Gilead bowlers!

Upcoming

Monday, April 20th- Adult Study, "Reflections on the Lord's Prayer," 6:00 p.m. in the lounge. Each session will take a closer look at a theme or phrase of the prayer Jesus taught us. Handouts for the first session are available in the lounge so please take one and read it beforehand. See Rev. Summer for more details or if you have any questions.

Saturday, April 25th- Volunteers needed to help with set-up for Rev. Summer's installation reception, 10:00 a.m.

Gilead Food Pantry collection at Stop and Shop in Mahopac from 2:00 – 8:00 p.m. If you can help out, please sign-up on the sheet in the lounge. Thanks!

Sunday, April 26th- Bell Chimes rehearse at 8:30 a.m. to play in worship on May 3rd.

Join us at 3:00 p.m. for Rev. Summer's installation service. We will have a reception following this and sign up in the lounge to bring finger foods (cookies, cheese & crackers, fruit, etc.) or beverages.

In recognition of Women's History Month, we will again support The Lilac House as our March & April mission. Their mission is to help formerly incarcerated women successfully re-enter the community and address trauma and other individual needs in a supportive environment of reentry professionals and mentors with shared experience. Your kindness and commitment to serving others make a meaningful difference in the lives of the women they support. Please see the list in the lounge or the Grapevine newsletter for specific items needed.

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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 12, 2026, 10:00 a.m.
The Second Sunday of Easter, Year A

OPENING MUSIC

"I Know That My Redeemer Liveth"
Mary Temple, organ

by G. F. Handel
and J. H. Filmont

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

One: Great is the mystery of the faith:

All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

One: Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?

All: The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

One: Christ is risen!

All: He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

***PURPLE HYMNAL #236 "The Strife is O'er"**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER & INVITATION TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, your Word teaches us that whether we live or whether we die, we are yours. Forgive us for forgetting your gracious promise of life. We live in fear, thinking death has the final say. We follow our own ways rather than your life-giving path in Jesus Christ. Help us put our trust in you, our God who has the power of life over death. We believe, Lord; help our unbelief. In the name of Jesus Christ, risen from the dead never to die again, we pray. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The scriptures teach: "If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."

We confess that Jesus is Lord and we believe and celebrate the good news that God raised him from the dead.

Trust in this promise: In Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

***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 "Christ Arose" by Robert Lowry
Gilead Singers

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

The children are dismissed to Sunday School.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

That Sunday evening the disciples were meeting behind locked doors because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders. Suddenly, Jesus was standing there among them! "Peace be with you," he said. As he spoke, he showed them the wounds in his hands and his side. They were filled with joy when they saw the Lord! Again he said, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you." Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven. If you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." One of the twelve disciples, Thomas (nicknamed the Twin), was not with the others when Jesus came. They told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he replied, "I won't believe it unless I see the nail wounds in his hands, put my fingers into them, and place my hand into the wound in his side." Eight days later the disciples were together again, and this time Thomas was with them. The doors were locked; but suddenly, as before, Jesus was standing among them. "Peace be with you," he said. Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and look at my hands. Put your hand into the wound in my side. Don't be faithless any longer. Believe!" "My Lord and my God!" Thomas exclaimed. Then Jesus told him, "You believe because you have seen me. Blessed are those who believe without seeing me." The disciples saw Jesus do many other miraculous things in addition to the ones recorded in this book. But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing in him you will have life by the power of his name. *John 20:19-31, New Living Translation*

The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Not the Only One" Rev. Summer Sattora

***PURPLE HYMNAL #254 "That Easter Day with Joy was Bright"**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Philippians 2:5-11)

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death- even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Creator.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts, debtors)

CONG. RESPONSE (PURPLE HYMNAL #469) "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers" Welsh melody
Gilead Singers text by John Bell & Graham Maule

***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: Generous God, you are our portion and our cup. In you our hearts are glad, our souls rejoice, and our bodies rest. Bless and multiply our offerings and pledges that they may bring the joy of your presence more deeply into the world. Amen.**

***PURPLE HYMNAL #238 "Thine is the Glory"**

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION "Christ is Risen from the Dead"

POSTLUDE "He Rose Triumphantly" by Bentley D. Ackley
Mary Temple, organ

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

*Thank you to our Lay Reader today, Brenda Verdesi,
and to our A/V team: Lexie Fischer, Stephanie Gould, and Josh Steinberg.*

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