

# First United Methodist Church of Gilbert

Serving, Giving, Welcoming, Growing in the likeness of Christ

October 15, 2023

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## Welcome!

Services at 8:00 and 9:30 am • See gilbertumc.org for streaming information \*please stand as you are able

**Pre-service Music** "Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling"

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome and Greeting

Pastor Adriana Hernandez

Passing of the Peace Bringing in the Light of Christ

**Prelude** "Amazing Grace"

\*Call to Worship Liturgist

Leader: Come! Now is the time to worship!

People: We come to worship God who invites us.

Leader: When the Israelites worshiped the golden calf, God listened to Moses

and chose to correct instead of destroy.

People: God persistently invites us to return to God.

Leader: Jesus tells a story of a wedding banquet where the guests dismissed the

invitation and harmed the messengers, so the king invited people off the streets and welcomed all who received the invitation in earnest.

**People:** God persistently invites us to return to God.

Leader: Too often we turn from God's ways, choosing our stiff-necked

insistence that we know what is best instead of trusting God's

provision, love, and guidance.

People: When we turn away and our love fails, God continues to offer us

opportunities to return to God and join in the celebration of God's

abundant love and life.

Leader: Come! Now is the time to worship!

All: We come to worship God who keeps inviting us for the long haul.

### \*Opening Prayer

Liturgist

Holy God, we come before you this day with praise on our lips and songs of joy in our hearts. When we abide in your kingdom and live according to your ways, good triumphs over evil, love is stronger than hate, and truth wins the day. Focus our hearts and minds on things that are worthy of praise, and bless us with a peace that passes all understanding. Amen.

"Offertory" Anthem Choir

**Scripture Reading** Exodus 32: 1 –11; 14; Matthew 22: 1—10

Pastor Rick Casebolt Message

#### Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Response	(8:00)	"O Jesus, I Have Promised"	Vs. 1,4	#396
	(9:30)	"I Surrender All"		Praise Band

**Offering** 

Offertory	(8:00)	"Near to the Heart of God"	
	(9:30)	"What Sin?"	Praise Band

\*Doxology "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" #95

#### \*Offering Prayer

Liturgist

God of steadfast love, your bounty knows no bounds. For the abundant gifts in our lives, we thank you. For the peace that passes all understanding, we praise you. For keeping our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus, we honor you. Receive the gifts we bring you this day, and help us stay focused on things that are excellent and admirable, holy and just, righteous and pure. Amen.

\*Closing Music (8:00)"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" Vs. 1,2,4 #384 "House of the Lord" (9:30)Praise Band

\*Blessing Postlude

"Lord of All Hopefulness"

## Thank you for joining our services today!

If you have any questions or comments please contact us at connection@gilbertumc.org

CLERGY: Pastor Rick Casebolt and Pastor Adriana Hernandez Music Director: Randy Van Der Pol Organist: Marilyn Harter

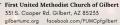
TODAY'S LITURGISTS: Evelyn Plummer & Charlotte Hazelrigg



Sunday, December 10 6pm to 8pm

#### Chili Potluck

- Please bring a dish to share, based on the first letter of your





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#### WHAT WE NEED

Gift cards will be for \$60, any amount is gratefully accepted.

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# Canging of the Greens

· Pictures with Santa

· S'Mores

Saturday DEC. 2 • 11:00 am • Sanctuary Join your church family as we prepare for Advent!



## Christmas Eve Services

4:00 pm – Family Service Pick–up Pageant; Carols; Live Nativity; Petting Zoo

6:00 pm - Candlelight Service\* Lessons and Carols 10:00 pm - Candlelight Service\* Holy Communion and Handbell Choir

\*Livestream available at 10:00PM SERV gilbertumc.org/worship Childcare available in the Nursery 6-7pm





### **Blue Christmas Service**

Thursday, December 21 • 6:30pm

Not everyone enjoys the holiday season.

Many of us grieve the loss of loved ones, find ourselves alone, or just don't feel as joyful as others seem to be

If you identify with these feelings of loss and sadness during the holidays, please join us for our Blue Christmas Service.

## Christmas Cantata

Join us Sunday December 17 for a special service featuring the Chancel choir and guest musicians!



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