

Breath Prayer:
INHALE: Heal the world, O God EXHALE: use me for that work.



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*** Call to Worship**

One: May our days be long in the land in which we reside.

All: May our souls yearn for the peace and justice of God.

One: We come to worship God, to place ourselves within God's purpose,

All: To commit our lives to upholding the principles of the Kingdom.

One: May we love God and love others as we love ourselves.

All: Today, tomorrow, always.

One: Let us worship God.

Presbyterian Hymnal 434 Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples *vv. 1, 3, 4

**Today we all are called to be
disciples of the Lord,
to help to set the captive free,
make plowshare out of sword,
to feed the hungry, quench their thirst,
make love and peace our fast,
to serve the poor and homeless first,
our ease and comfort last.**

**Pray justice may come rolling down
as in a mighty stream,
with righteousness in field and town
to cleanse us and redeem.
For God is longing to restore
an earth where conflicts cease,
a world that was created for
a harmony of peace.**

**May we in service to our God
act out the living word,
and walk the road the saints have trod
till all have seen and heard.
As stewards of the earth may we
give thanks in one accord
to God who calls us all to be
disciples of the Lord.**

Prayer of Confession

One: We gather here as a church family; a worshipping community to honor and to praise God. But as we come, we realize that we are still so often caught up in the ways of sin. Trusting in God's grace that holds us, let us offer our confession together. Let us pray.

All: God of love, we lament the times when we have been caught up in times of friction or discord within the community in which we worship; the community in which we work; the community in which we live... (Pause)... Forgive us, God, we pray. Today, as we reflect on the ways you commanded your people to live alongside one another, may we be reminded of what it means to be a part of this church, our community, our world Amen.

Assurance of God's Grace

One: Friends trust the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ, you have been forgiven, loved, and freed to live in love: respecting, honoring and upholding one another in the community of faith here and wherever our daily life takes us.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sing Praise GtG 609 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Peace of Christ

One: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us share signs of reconciliation and peace. The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us share that peace with one another.

*Those in the sanctuary are invited to greet those around you.
Those on zoom are invited to offer greetings in the chat.*

Offering our Gifts to God

For those who would like to make a physical offering, the offering plates are available in the middle of the sanctuary. Donations can also be made online. www.cliftonpc.org

One: We follow Christ, who freely gave his life for the life of the world. As those who have been claimed and set free by his grace, we respond with gratitude, offering him our lives, our spiritual gifts, and our material goods. Let us pray.

All: Gracious God, we bring to you what we feel able to contribute to the work of this church community and to the work of your global church. Accept our offerings of ourselves and of our money as we seek to play our part. Amen.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer for Illumination 322 Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

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Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

First Reading Matthew 22:34-40 (NRSVUE)

³⁴ When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵ and one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶ “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” ³⁷ He said to him, “ ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ ³⁸ This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ ⁴⁰ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”

One: God be in our listening, God be in our understanding.

All: Amen.

Anthem

Second Reading Exodus 20:12-16 (NRSVUE)

¹² “Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³ “You shall not murder.

¹⁴ “You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵ “You shall not steal.

¹⁶ “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

One: For the Word of God in scripture, for the Word of God among us,
for the Word of God within us,

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon The Ten Statements: Life in Community *Diane Walton Hendricks*

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD AND ARE SENT TO THE WORLD

Presbyterian Hymnal 400 When We Are Living *vv 1, 2, 4*

**When we are living, it is in Christ Jesus,
and when we’re dying, it is in the Lord.**

**Both in our living and in our dying,
we belong to God; we belong to God.**

**Through all our living, we our fruits must give.
Good works of service are for offering.
When we are giving, or when receiving,
we belong to God; we belong to God.**

**Across this wide world, we shall always find
those who are crying with no peace of mind,
but when we help them, or when we feed them,
we belong to God; we belong to God.**

Prayers of the People and 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 and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Minute for Ministries

Ringling of the Bell

Charge and Benediction

Benediction Response GtG 539

We Will Go Out With Joy in the Spirit

**We will go out with joy in the Spirit; we will go out with God.
We will go out with joy in the Spirit; we will go out with God.
Alleluia! We will go out with joy. Alleluia! Alleluia!
We will go out with joy in the Spirit; we will go out with God.
We will go out with joy in the Spirit; we will go out with God.**

Thank you for joining us for worship this morning. We can be reached at office@cliftonpc.org

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