



July 14, 2024
9:45 Prayer & Care
10:00 AM Worship

8th Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER TOGETHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Words in **BOLD** indicate the congregation reading together. Words of the worship leader are in PLAIN type. An asterisk * indicates that the congregation may stand, as able.

Songs marked Presbyterian Hymnal are in the blue pew hymnals.
Songs marked GtG are from the Glory to God Hymnal, and are printed with permission.

Gathering Song GtG 399 God Welcomes All
God welcomes all, strangers and friends;
God's love is strong and it never ends.

Time of Prayer and Care

Prelude

*Opening Sentences *from Psalm 95*

One: Come, let us sing to the Lord;

All: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

One: Let us come into the Divine presence with thanksgiving;

All: let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!

One: It is good to give you thanks, O Lord;

All: To sing praises to your name, O Most High;

One: to declare your steadfast love in the morning,

All: and your faithfulness by night,

One: to the music of the lute and harp,

All: to the melody of the lyre.

One: For you, O God, have made us glad by your work;

All: at the works of your hands we sing for joy.

Singing Hymns of Praise

Prayer of Confession

One: Confident of God's love, let us offer our confession.

All: Eternal God, in Christ we are members of one body. Through all our differences, and in all our wanderings, our hearts still sing your melody. But we confess that no matter what we do, we seem always to be sharp or flat. Forgive the ways in which our lives are out of tune. Remind us that our gifts are no better, and our flaws no worse, than those of our ancestors. Remind us of our true voices. Tune our wills to your will, that we may sing out your promise of abundant life, pouring forth in all the world the radiant harmonies of your love, for it is through your Spirit we sing, and in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of God's Grace

One: God's love is from everlasting to everlasting, and in Christ we are offered new life. Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Singing Hymns of Glory

The Peace of Christ

One: Since we have been made one with God, let us share the peace that has come to us. The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Those in the sanctuary are invited to greet those around you.

Those on zoom are invited to offer greetings in the chat.

Singing Hymns of Peace

Offering our Gifts to God and Prayer of Dedication

For those who would like to make a physical offering, the offering plates are available in the middle of the sanctuary.

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One: It has been said that when we sing, we pray twice; and when we bring you the fruits of our labors, we pray a third time. Let us give generously. Join me in prayer.

All: Holy One, use our gifts to heal and teach, comfort and challenge, that all the world might sing your praise. Amen.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer for Illumination

One: Lord, open our ears to hear your word, open our minds to understand your desire for us and our world, open our hearts to love you more and more, and open our hands to serve in your name, all for the sake of Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Scripture Reading Colossians 3:12-17 (CEB)

¹² Therefore, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³ Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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.

Hymn Singing

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

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

Minute for Ministry

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*

Prayers of the People adapted from Carol Penner www.leadinginworship.com

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