

Clifton Presbyterian Church is a welcoming Christian Community driven by compassion, generosity, resilience and service to others.

Breath Prayer:

INHALE: O Great Love EXHALE: flow through me.



June 21, 2026
Fourth 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 you wish.*

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

*** Call to Worship** *from Psalm 37*

One: Trust in the LORD, take delight in the LORD, commit your way to the LORD.

All: We trust in God, who acts with justice and shines God's light.

One: Be still before the LORD, and wait patiently for God.

All: Our salvation comes from the LORD, who is our refuge and our strength.

***Presbyterian Hymnal 276 Great Is Thy Faithfulness *v* 1, 2**

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Prayer of Confession

One: The world says that we get what we deserve. When we believe that, we hide our true selves from God and pretend to be without sin or deny the reality of our falling short of our calling as disciples of Jesus Christ. Jesus teaches us the truth. Grace is God's gift to us. God is merciful. God's love is the final word. Trusting in the grace, mercy, and love of God let us confess our sin together. Let us pray.

All: Loving God, you call us to your merciful, gracious love freely given without expectation or strings attached. While we are eager to experience your mercy and grace in our own lives, we are quick to make our extension of your mercy and grace conditional for others. We would rather show mercy to those we judge worthy. We would rather extend grace to those who will show us grace in return. We would rather love those who are easiest to love. Forgive us, Redeeming God. So transform our hearts with your amazing grace and unconditional love that our relationships are transformed as we extend your mercy and grace as an expression of our gratitude for your saving love we know in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance of God's Grace

One: God's grace overflows and brings us new life. Friends, trust the good news: through the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

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: We believe that the church is the body of Christ, the family of faith with one common name: Christian. Like many families, when we get together, we revel in the reunion. At Clifton Presbyterian Church the passing of the peace is a robust time of reconnecting with old friends and welcoming new ones. If it all gets too much, feel free to return to your seat and let it all happen around you. We trust that you are caught up in the love that binds us all together, even if you'd rather just sit. 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: God is generous beyond measure. With thanksgiving for God's generosity in our lives, let us be generous as we offer ourselves and our resources for the ongoing ministry of Jesus Christ in the world. Let us pray.

All: Generous God, receive our gifts offered in joy and gratitude and do more with them than we can ask or imagine. In the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who alone is the Head of the Church. 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.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

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

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

First Reading Isaiah 44:1-8 (NRSVUE)

¹ But now hear, O Jacob my servant, Israel whom I have chosen!

² Thus says the LORD who made you, who formed you in the womb and will help you:
Do not fear, O Jacob my servant, Jeshurun whom I have chosen.

³ For I will pour water on the thirsty land and streams on the dry ground;
I will pour my spirit upon your descendants and my blessing on your offspring.

⁴ They shall spring up like a green tamarisk, like willows by flowing streams.

⁵ This one will say, "I am the LORD's"; another will be called by the name of Jacob;
yet another will write on the hand, "The LORD's," and adopt the name of Israel.

⁶ Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:
I am the first, and I am the last; besides me there is no god.

⁷ Who is like me? Let them proclaim it; let them declare and set it forth before me.
Who has announced from of old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be.

⁸ Do not fear or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it?
You are my witnesses!

Is there any god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one.

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

All: Amen.

Anthem

Second Reading John 7:37-39 (NRSVUE)

³⁷ On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, ³⁸ and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.' " ³⁹ Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive, for as yet there was no Spirit because Jesus was not yet glorified.

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

It Flows Out!

Rev. Brian Clark

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

Hymn GtG 295

Go to the World *vv 2, 3, 4*

Go to the world! Go into every place.

Go live the word of God's redeeming grace.

Go seek God's presence in each time and space.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

**Go to the world! Go struggle, bless, and pray;
the nights of tears give way to joyous day.
As servant church, you follow Christ's own way.
Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,
for I am with you till the age shall end,
when all the hosts of glory cry "Amen!"
Alleluia. Alleluia.**

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

Ringing 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

Liturgy Liturgy written by Brian Coulter and Michael Washchevski for the Presbyterian Outlook Worship Resources
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We welcome Rev. Brian Clark to our pulpit. Brian serves as Director of the Missional Incubator for National Capital Presbytery, after a long tenure as organizing pastor and co-pastor of Riverside Presbyterian Church. Brian was a key visionary for a missional facility that would serve the community, not just the congregation. After intentionally not building a traditional church facility on an empty 5 acre lot, Brian helped to lead the Riverside congregation to enter into a business partnership, ultimately opening Ridgetop Coffee and Tea, and leasing space that provides ongoing income so that those who donate to Riverside Church donate to mission and ministry, not a building. In addition, he has experience redeveloping a rural church facility into a multipurpose facility that hosted everything from volleyball to the high school prom. After years

of coaching church planters and entrepreneurial leaders, Brian is focusing this season of his ministry to equipping a new generation of leaders for missional entrepreneurship to better engage our postmodern culture with the gospel.

Thanks to those leading us in worship

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