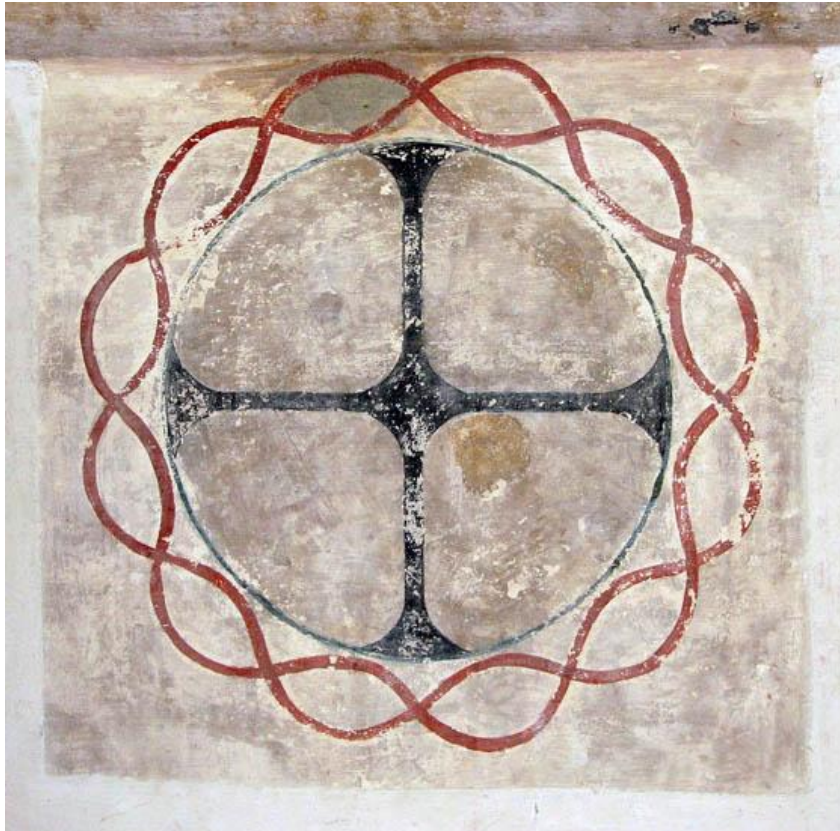


Clifton Presbyterian Church is a welcoming Christian Community driven by compassion, generosity, resilience and service to others.

Breath Prayer

INHALE: Servant God *EXHALE: may I serve in love*



*All Saints Church - Consecration Cross in Roanoke, England
from Art in the Christian Tradition of Vanderbilt University*

June 14, 2026
9:45 AM *Prayer and Care*
10:00 AM *Worship*

3rd 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 104*

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul.

All: O God, how fantastic you are! You are clothed in glory and grandeur!

One: You wear light like a robe; You open the skies like a curtain.

All: You make the clouds your chariot and ride on the wings of the wind.

One: You set the earth on its foundations, so that it shall never be shaken.

All: God, you have done so many things!

You have made the earth overflow in wonder.

We praise you, with every bit of ourselves!

One: Let us worship God!

***Presbyterian Hymnal 473 For the Beauty of the Earth** *v 1-3*

For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies:

Refrain: Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon, and stars of light: (Refrain)

For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight: (Refrain)

Prayer of Confession

One: Even the disciples, those closest to Jesus, get it wrong sometimes. They ask off-the-wall questions and frequently misunderstand Jesus' plans for the world and for them. But Jesus loves them still and trusts them with his companionship and his ministry. Trusting in a savior who can see our human fumbling and still long to be near us and shape us anew, let us come before God with the confessions of our hearts.

All: Holy God, through Jesus, you taught us that the last shall be first and the first shall be last, but we often struggle with creating space so that others might thrive. We are haphazard with your creation, choosing convenience over conservation, and recklessly assume there will always be enough to go around. And sometimes we fall prey to the world's priorities, which whisper that we must come in first and have the

most and that we are always in jeopardy of not being enough. Help us, O God, to lean into the example of our servant savior, who models power in vulnerability and invites us to serve one another. Amen.

Assurance of God's Grace

One: Family of God, our hope is in Christ, who came not to be served but to serve, and who gave his life as a ransom for our own. In the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the debt of our sin has been paid, and we have been freed for new life. In Jesus Christ, we are all 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: Our God trusts us to be agents of change and love. May we respond to the generosity of our God and to God's ceaseless hope in us by serving God through the sharing of the gifts of our time, toil and treasure.

All: God of love, we know that all good things come from you. As we return our gifts to you, we pray that they will bring you joy. We pray that you will show us how to use them to serve you, your church and your people, so that you may be glorified. We pray this in the name of the one who modeled servant love for us, Jesus Christ. 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 Ephesians 4:7, 11-13 (NRSVUE)

⁷ But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift...

¹¹ He himself granted that some are apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers ¹² to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³ until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.

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

All: Amen.

Anthem

Second Reading Mark 10:35-45 (NRSVUE)

³⁵ James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." ³⁶ And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" ³⁷ And they said to him, "Appoint us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." ³⁸ But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" ³⁹ They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized you will be baptized, ⁴⁰ but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to appoint, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

⁴¹ When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴² So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³ But it is not so among you; instead, whoever wishes to become great among you must

be your servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵ For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give his life a ransom for many.”

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

Power that Serves Life

Diane Walton Hendricks

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Presbyterian Hymnal 525 Here I Am, Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Refrain: Here I am, Lord.

Is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.

They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send? (Refrain)

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.

**Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send? (Refrain)**

Commissioning of Trustee

Today we recognize Mark Sykes as he begins his term as Trustee.

Question to New Trustee

Question to Congregation

Do we, the members of Clifton Presbyterian Church, receive Mark Sykes as your trustee, and do you promise to support him in his work for the church? **We do.**

Ordination and Installation of Deacons and Elders

Today we celebrate the ordination and installation of Sara Caparelli and Brian Cress as ruling elders. We also celebrate the ordination and installation of Rene Law as deacon. We also celebrate the installation of Kim Sykes and Pete Daniels, who have previously been ordained as a deacon. Deb Lorey and Suzanne Howell, elders elect, and Donna Bestebrentje, deacon elect, are out of town and will be ordained/installed at a later date.

Constitutional Questions to Deacons and Elders

Constitutional Questions to Congregation

Do we, the members of Clifton Presbyterian Church, accept Sara Caparelli, Brian Cress, Pete Daniels, Rene Law, and Kim Sykes as deacons or ruling elders, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ? **We do.**

Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church? **We do.**

Laying on of Hands and Prayer of Ordination and Installation

WE ARE SENT TO THE WORLD

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

Some liturgy from *Presbyterian Outlook Worship Resources*
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Thanks to those leading us in worship

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