

**Clifton Presbyterian Church (PCUSA)**  
*Loving God ~ Loving One Another ~ Loving the World*

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**Breath Prayer:** *INHALE:* God of Hope, *EXHALE:* Help me share your love.

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February 9, 2025  
9:45 AM *Prayer and Care*  
10:00 AM *Worship*

5th Sunday after Epiphany

**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 842      **The Lord Is My Light**

**The Lord is my light, my light and salvation: in God I trust; in God I trust.**

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Time of Prayer and Care

Prelude

**\*Call to Worship**

One: In the sanctuary, God, the Holy One, whose glory fills the whole earth, calls us.

**All: Beside the sea, along ordinary paths, in our daily work, God calls us.**

One: We respond with our whole heart, singing God's praise and giving thanks.

**All: In steadfast love, God fulfills the divine purposes for our lives.**

One: Let us worship our God whose grace overflows.

**\*Presbyterian Hymnal 426 Jesus Calls Us, vv. 1, 4**

**Jesus calls us: o'er the tumult  
of our life's wild, restless sea;  
day by day his sweet voice soundeth  
saying, "Christian, follow me."**

**Jesus calls us: by thy mercies,  
Savior, may we hear thy call,  
give our hearts to thy obedience,  
serve and love thee best of all.**

**Drawing Near to God's Grace**

One: Let us draw near to the One who created and redeemed us, confident of God's steadfast love and faithfulness.

**All: God of Transformation, we come to you today, weary from fishing on the same old side of the boat, frustrated that the tools we have often fail to yield the results we desire. In the midst of our striving, remind us that we can choose new ways of doing things, to shift our perspective so that we may see the rich blessings you have in store, if only we know where to look. Amen.**

**Assurance of God's Grace**

One: The promise is this: God is faithful and steadfast, eager to forgive our sin and welcome us home. Believe in this good news.

**All: We trust in God's grace in Jesus, who sets us free to live in love.**

**Sing Glory PH 580**

*Gloria Patri*

**Glory be to the Father,  
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, amen.**

## The Peace of Christ

One: Just as our worth as humans is not dependent on the bottom line of our bank accounts, our relationships are not dependent upon the earning of favors and the limitations of “quid pro quo.” The peace of Christ has no limits, and we get more just by giving it. So may jar-fulls of peace be with you today.

**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.*

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## Cornerstone for Kids

*Elder Nikki Lehmann will lead the children (preschool – kindergarten, ages 3 – 6 years) through a spiritual journey of learning by listening, reading, and discussing bible stories as well as creating fun, hands-on crafts! The children will be excused from the worship service. Children are also always welcome to remain in worship.*

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## 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](http://www.cliftonpc.org)*

One: Through Jesus Christ we have come to know the abundance of God. Let us give generously, as has been given to us.

**All: Holy One, we give you thanks for your generosity to us. Bless our gifts and multiply them, for the sake of those in need around us; in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

## WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

### Prayer for Illumination

Presbyterian Hymnal 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 Psalm 138:1-3 (NRSVUE)

<sup>1</sup> I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;  
before the gods I sing your praise;

<sup>2</sup> I bow down toward your holy temple  
and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness,  
for you have exalted your name and your word  
above everything.

<sup>3</sup> On the day I called, you answered me;  
you increased my strength of soul.

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

**All: Amen.**

### **Second Reading Luke 5:1-11 (NRSV)**

<sup>5</sup> Once while Jesus was standing beside the Lake of Gennesaret and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, <sup>2</sup> he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gotten out of them and were washing their nets. <sup>3</sup> He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. <sup>4</sup> When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." <sup>5</sup> Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." <sup>6</sup> When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to burst. <sup>7</sup> So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. <sup>8</sup> But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus's knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" <sup>9</sup> For he and all who were with him were astounded at the catch of fish that they had taken, <sup>10</sup> and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." <sup>11</sup> When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed 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.**

Sermon

**Six Stone Jars: The Economy of Jesus  
Fill My Days with Meaning**

*Diane Walton Hendricks*

### ***WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD***

Presbyterian Hymnal #361

How Firm a Foundation *vv 1, 2, 5*

**How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!  
What more can be said than to you God hath said,  
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?**

**"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,  
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.**

**"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;  
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."**

## Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

**All: 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.**

## ***WE ARE SENT TO THE WORLD***

Minute for Ministries

Ringing of the Bell

Charge and Benediction

Benediction Response GtG 543 O Christ, Surround Me

**God be the love to search and keep me;  
God be the prayer to move my voice;  
God be the strength to now uphold me:  
O Christ surround me, O Christ surround me.**

**Walking behind to hem my journey,  
going ahead to light my way,  
and from beneath, above, and all ways:  
O Christ surround me, O Christ surround me.**

*Thank you for joining us for worship this morning. We can be reached at [office@cliftonpc.org](mailto:office@cliftonpc.org)*

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**Thanks to those leading us in worship**

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