

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



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June 9, 2024
9:45 Prayer & 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 able.

Songs marked Presbyterian Hymnal are in the blue pew hymnals.

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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**

One: When forces of the world threaten us,

All: God stands with us.

One: When our bodies or spirits turn against us,

All: God holds us in love.

One: When others abandon us,

All: God never leaves us.

One: Let us worship our God, who longs for us to live lives of wholeness, joy, and love.

***Hymn Presbyterian Hymnal #400 When We Are Living vv. 1, 2**

**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.**

Prayer of Confession

One: The geography of sin is a waterless waste. But God gives springs of living water, streams of justice and mercy splashing into the wilderness from the mountain of God. Let us confess our sins, let us pray.

All: Holy One, God Most High, grant us faith to confess our sins and seek your mercy. There are barren places in our lives where we have wandered far from you. We have listened to voices who distracted us from your call. We have submitted to powers competing to our loyalty to you. We have not taken the hand you offer to lead us out of sin and into your holy ways. God our Savior, forgive us. Quench our thirst for you from the Rock of our salvation and let your love well up in us unto eternal life. Amen.

Assurance of God's Grace

One: Christ covers us with baptismal waters, so that our lives are hidden in him. Jesus Christ is sovereign even over the powers of evil, so that his reign brings freedom and joy. Know that, by the power of the Holy Spirit, in Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sing Glory

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: Since we have been made one with God, and one with each other in Christ, let us share Christ's peace with those who are nearby, and offer hopes of peace for those who

are far off, and consider the work of peace that God invites us to practice. 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.

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.

Donations can also be made online. www.cliftonpc.org

One: God gives us enough for our journey of faith. Let us present our gifts so that others may know their blessings and give thanks to God. Let us pray.

All: Holy God, you promise hope to the despairing, healing to the sick, and release from bondage to all who are oppressed by evil. Use our gifts to fulfill your purpose as we await the time when all creation is one in your love. Amen.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer for Illumination GtG 455 Listen to the Word That God Has Spoken

Listen to the word that God has spoken;

listen to the One who is close at hand;

listen to the voice that began creation;

listen even if you don't understand.

First Scripture Reading Numbers 20:2-8 (CEB)

² Now there was no water for the community, and they assembled against Moses and Aaron. ³ Then the people confronted Moses and said to him, "If only we too had died when our brothers perished in the LORD's presence! ⁴ Why have you brought the LORD's assembly into this desert to kill us and our animals here? ⁵ Why have you led us up from Egypt to bring us to this evil place without grain, figs, vines, or pomegranates? And there's no water to drink!"

⁶ Moses and Aaron went away from the assembly to the entrance of the meeting tent and they fell on their faces. Then the LORD's glory appeared to them. ⁷ The LORD spoke to Moses: ⁸ "You and Aaron your brother, take the staff and assemble the community. In their presence, tell the rock to provide water. You will produce water from the rock for them and allow the community and their animals to drink."

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

All: Amen.

Anthem **Blessed Assurance/ Amazing Grace** *by. Fanny Crosby & John Newton*
Hannah Harris & John Kim

Second Reading Galatians 3:23-29 (CEB)

²³ Before faith came, we were guarded under the Law, locked up until faith that was coming would be revealed, ²⁴ so that the Law became our custodian until Christ so that we might be made righteous by faith.

²⁵ But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a custodian.

²⁶ You are all God's children through faith in Christ Jesus. ²⁷ All of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek; there is neither slave nor free; nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

²⁹ Now if you belong to Christ, then indeed you are Abraham's descendants, heirs according to the promise.

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

Baptism and Dr. Seuss

Diane Walton Hendricks

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

Hymn Presbyterian Hymnal #492 Baptized in Water *vv. 1-3*

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
cleansed by the blood of Christ our King;
heirs of salvation, trusting the promise,
faithfully now God's praises we sing.**

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
dead in the tomb with Christ our King;
one with his rising, freed and forgiven,
thankfully now God's praises we sing.**

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
marked with the sign of Christ our King;
born of the Spirit, we are God's children;
joyfully now God's praises we sing.**

Presentation for Baptism

Elder Jim Wrightson

The Session presents Eleanor and Henry, children of George and Heather Scott, for the sacrament of baptism.

Profession of Faith: The Apostle's Creed

One: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the

right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Thanksgiving Over the Water

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise...

Sacrament of Baptism

Welcome

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.

Celebrating Graduates

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

Thanks to those leading us in worship

Hosts: Beth Corish & Ed Corish

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