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

October 18, 2020

20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10:00 AM

WE GATHER TOGETHER FOR WORSHIP *(online - Zoom)*

Lighting of the Candle

Audrey



Prelude

Gaelic Morning
arr. Dan Forrest

John Kim, Music Director

Welcome

WE OPEN OUR LIVES TO GOD

Gathering Words *from Psalm 96:1-2*

- L: O sing to the LORD a new song;
P: **Sing to the LORD, all the earth.**
L: Sing to the LORD, bless God's name;
P: **Tell of God's salvation from day to day.**

Opening Prayer

- L: Let us pray together:
P: **Ever-living God, the heavens were glad and the earth rejoiced when you sent your Son, the incarnate Word, to dwell with us. Help us to proclaim your glory to those who do not know you, until the whole earth sings a new song to you, with your Son and the Holy Spirit: one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Hymn #430

"Come Sing, O Church in Joy!"

DARWALL'S 148TH

Hannah Harris, Soloist

**Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now
and praise the Lord!**

Call to Confession *from Romans 5:8, Hebrews 4:16*

- L: The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were wandering from God, even before we knew we needed it, Christ died for us. Because we trust in what God has done in Christ, we dare to come to God in prayer, confident that God already knows and loves us.

Prayer of Confession

- L: Let us pray together:
P: **Holy One, you have made us in your image, and we belong to you alone. But too often we forget your claim upon us. We give ourselves away to powers and ideologies that distort our true identity and lead us away from you and what you long for our lives and for the life of the world. Forgive us, we pray. Remind us to turn and return to you and the fullness you intend.**

(A time of silence for our personal prayers)

- L: This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.
P: **Amen.**

Assurance of God's Grace *Romans 8:34, 2 Corinthians 5:17*

- L: Hear the Good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ. And Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun.
P: **We trust that we are forgiven, loved, and freed to live a new life in God. Thanks be to God!**

The Peace of Christ

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.

**Glory to God, glory to God,
 glory in the highest!
 Glory to God, glory to God,
 alleluia, alleluia!**

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Call for the Offering *from Matthew 10:8*

Jesus reminds us that we have freely received God’s love, and so we are welcomed into a life of generosity, sharing freely from what we have. So let us return to God the offerings of our life, and the gifts of the earth. We can support the vital work that continues at CPC through our financial giving by donating online through the CPC website or by mailing a donation to the church.



Prayer of Dedication

L: Let us pray.

P: We praise you God, for you are gracious. You have loved us from the beginning of time, and remember us when we are in trouble. You come to us in Jesus Christ, who redeemed the world and saved us from the power of sin. You send us your Holy Spirit, and claim us as your holy people. Through your goodness, we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our lives and our offerings for your glory and in service to your work of reconciliation. Amen.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer for Illumination

L: Let us pray.

P: O Lord our God, your word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love, that we may be obedient to your will and live always for your glory; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Epistle Reading

Romans 1:16, 17

¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. ¹⁷ For in it the righteousness of God is revealed through faith for faith; as it is written, “The one who is righteous will live by faith.”

Anthem

Word of Life
 arr. Joel Raney

CPC Virtual Choir

Gospel Reading

Matthew 22:15-22

¹⁵ Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. ¹⁶ So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" ¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰ Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" ²¹ They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." ²² When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Sermon

What is the Good News?

The Rev. Dr. Diane Walton Hendricks

Hymn #376

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

HYFRYDOL

Hannah Harris, Soloist

**Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion; pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.**

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.

WE GO INTO THE MISSION FIELD AND LIVE INTO GOD'S WORD

Celebrating Your Ministries

† Minute for Mission

Ringing of the Bell

Benediction

Benediction Response

"Hallelujah, We Sing Your Praises"

HALLELUYA! PELO TSA RONA

Hannah Harris, Soloist

**Hallelujah! We sing your praises;
all our hearts are filled with gladness.
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Community Sharing, as soon as recording stops

- † Celebration of Birthdays and Anniversaries
- † Specific prayer requests
- † Time for Fellowship

Called Congregational Meeting for election of Nominee to serve as Elder for Communication:
JOYCE RARUMANGKAY

***Thank you for joining us for worship this morning.
We can be reached at office@cliftonpc.org***

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