

Clinton Presbyterian Church



the good news is...

rooted in justice, mercy,
& faithfulness

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*The mission of the Clinton Presbyterian Church
is to reflect the love of Jesus Christ in our church, community and the world.
We do this by welcoming ALL
who want to worship and learn about the love of God.
We welcome people of all ages, sizes, races,
orientations, gender identities, ethnicities and financial statuses.
Come, let's journey together as we live out our mission to reflect, grow and serve!*

March 22, 2026 - 11:00 am

Fifth Sunday in Lent ~ Order of Worship

*Please stand if you are comfortable doing so

PART I: THE PREPARATION OF THE PEOPLE

Welcome

Louann Joyce

Prelude

Jennifer Bastien

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

Welcome to the weary and the worn.

Welcome to the wiggly and the eager.

Welcome to the skeptical and the seeking.

Welcome to the early risers and those still trying to wake up.

Welcome to the rule followers and the rule breakers.

Welcome to those hungry for justice and those desperate for mercy.

Welcome to the sinners and the saints.

This is God's house.

You can make yourself at home here.

Let us worship our just, merciful, and faithful God!

Passing of the Peace

Gathering in Praise #252 "Lord, Who Throughout These 40 Days"

Call to Confession

The Act of Reconciliation

Holy God, we love to live our lives by the rules.

We love clear answers. We love right and wrong.

We love swift justice.

We love to pick up stones, but you show us another way.

You welcome shades of gray and nuanced conversation.

You prioritize mercy over legality.

You prioritize people over tradition.

You prioritize love over everything.

Forgive us for losing sight of what truly matters.

Forgive us for clinging tighter to laws
than to each other or to you.

Forgive us. Soften our hearts.

Root us in mercy, justice, and love.

With hope for a better tomorrow, we pray. Amen.

The Act of Praise

Church family, Jesus saw a crowd ready to throw stones
and invited them to choose another way.

Jesus offered them grace, mercy, and compassion,
and the same can be said for us.

So hear and believe the good news of the gospel:

Our God is a God of mercy.

Our God is a God of compassion.

**Our God is a God of grace.
We are forgiven, loved,
and invited to choose another way.
Thanks be to God for yet another second chance.
Amen.**

Hymn “For Everyone Born” See insert for words

Students and Teachers are invited to go to Sunday School

PART II: THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Scripture Reading: Matthew 23:23 Worship Leader

Refrain #469 V.1 “Lord of All Hopefulness” Jenn B

Scripture Reading John 8:2-11 Melanie Trottier-Mitcheson

Sermon Melanie Trottier-Mitcheson

PART III: THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

***Response** See insert “Let Us Remember”

Ordination and Installation of Officers

Affirmation of Faith From *The Confessions of Belhar*

We Believe...

that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another;
that this unity can be established only in freedom and not under constraint;
that the variety of spiritual gifts, opportunities, backgrounds, convictions, as well as the various languages and cultures, are by virtue of the reconciliation in Christ, opportunities for mutual service and enrichment within the one visible people of God;

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer Pastor Meagan

God of Mercy, Hear our prayer

Start with gratitudes!

Call for the Offering

Offertory

Doxology #147

***Prayer of Dedication** Worship Leader

Announcements Pastor Meagan

- Please leave a note for Gary if you see any cleaning issues.
- Upcoming:
 - March 29th - Palm Sunday led by the Children and Youth, Diaper Pantry packing after church
 - Wednesday, April 1: Diaper Pantry distribution 5-7 PM
 - Thursday, April 2: Maundy Thursday Soup Supper and Bible Study
 - Friday April 3: Good Friday Stations of the Cross at Burlington ICE Detention center
 - April 5: Easter Sunday!

***Congregational Songs**

***Charge & Benediction** Pastor Meagan

Postlude Jennifer Bastien