

# Clinton Presbyterian Church



the good news is..

protection & care for  
the vulnerable

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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 15, 2026 - 11:00 am*  
*Fourth Sunday of Lent ~ Order of Worship*

\*Please stand if you are comfortable doing so

PART I: THE PREPARATION OF THE PEOPLE

Welcome

Robin LeRoy

Prelude

Jennifer Bastien

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

One: God loves the field mouse.

**All: God loves the crows that take flight when church bells ring.**

God loves the baby, cooing in the back pew.

**God loves the child who rocks and claps.**

God loves the one with wrinkled hands and soft eyes.

**God loves the bumblebees and the tabby cats.**

God loves those who walk, crawl, and roll.

**God loves the giant oaks and the evergreens,  
standing strong over all of us.**

God loves the young, the impressionable, and the earnest.

**There is no bit of creation that God does not love.**

So let us worship this good-news God!

**Amen.**

Passing of the Peace

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

Call to Confession

The Act of Reconciliation

One: God said, "When a foreigner resides among you in your land, do not mistreat them."

**All: Holy God, we confess,  
we have mistreated the immigrants in our land.**

Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they will be called children of God."

**We confess, we have clung to guns and war  
more than we have pursued peace.**

God said, "When you gather the grapes of your vineyard,  
do not glean what is left; it shall be for the alien,  
the orphan, and the widow."

**We confess, we have hoarded our resources  
and failed to care for our neighbors.**

Jesus said, "Let the children come to me,  
and do not stop them."

**We confess, we have gatekept the good news  
in unfair ways.**

## The Act of Praise

Fortunately for all of us, God also said,  
“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name; you are mine.”

**By God’s grace, despite our shortcomings,  
we are redeemed, claimed, forgiven, and loved.**

May this good news change our lives! **Amen**

**Hymn #347** “Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore”

*Students and Teachers are invited to go to Sunday School*

## PART II: THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

**Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 24:17-22** Worship Leader

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

**Scripture Reading** Matthew 19:13-15 Pastor Meagan

**Sermon** Pastor Meagan

## PART III: THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

**\*Response #391** “Will You Let Me Be Your Servant”

**Affirmation of Faith** From *The Confessions of Belhar*

**We Believe...**

that this unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways:  
in that we love one another;

that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another;

that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to  
one another;

that we share one faith, have one calling,

are of one soul and one mind;

together know and bear one another's burdens,

thereby fulfilling the law of Christ

that we need one another and upbuild one another, admonishing and comforting one  
another;

that we suffer with one another

for the sake of righteousness;

pray together; together serve God in this world;

and together fight against all which may threaten  
or hinder this unity.

**Prayers of the People & Lord’s Prayer** Pastor Meagan

God of Mercy, Hear our prayer

*Start with gratitude!*

**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:
  - Officer Training - Today after church
  - 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 Song****\*Charge & Benediction**

Pastor Meagan

**Postlude**

Jennifer Bastien