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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 9, 2025 - 11:00 am

First Sunday of Lent ☪ Order of Worship

*Please stand if you are comfortable doing so

PART I: THE PREPARATION OF THE PEOPLE

Welcome Caroline Tamfu

Prelude Jennifer Bastien

Introit Worship Leader

One: We gather to worship together,

In-Person: Different people, different lives, different histories,

One: Yet all children of the same Parent,

Remote: Created lovingly by the Source of all life!

One: We gather to reconnect with one another,

In-Person: Different people, different lives, different histories,

One: Yet all disciples of one Teacher.

Remote: Jesus, the Word made flesh, dwelling among us.

One: We gather with different joys and sorrows, different hopes and fears....

In-Person: Different people, different lives, different histories,

One: Yet one people with one God, one faith, one baptism.

ALL: Let us open ourselves to the presence of God at work in us, among us, and through us.

Invitation to Reconciliation

The Act of Penitence

God our rock, while you remain steadfast,

everything else in our lives, our communities, and our world, seems to crumble. We are weighed down with worry, with fear, with exhaustion. We see the good that needs to be done, and we are not always able to do it. Forgive us, empower us, restore us, refresh us.

Moment of Silence

The Act of Praise Worship Leader

One: Friends, God sees our desire to do good, sees our worn our hearts, and reaches out to wrap us in their loving arms.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Amen.

***Passing of the Peace** Worship Leader

Gathering in Praise “Spirit, Open My Heart” (insert)

Students and Teachers are invited to go to Sunday School

PART II: THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Scripture Reading Matthew 7:24-29 Worship Leader

Lenten Study: Protecting the Space for Difference

*Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you,
for the glory of God. -Romans 15:7*

PART III: THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn Song with Melanie

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

God of Mercy, **Hear our prayer**

Start with gratitudes!

Call for the Offering

Offertory

Prayer of Dedication

Announcements

Pastor Meagan

- Leave a note for Gary if something needs cleaning - notepad on the office door with a pen!!
- Looking for volunteers to join the prayer shawl ministry. The group will meet either before or after church one Sunday a month. This is open to any and all no matter skill level.
- This Lent: Join Adult Bible Study in person or online for a special series with the Icon Museum and Study Center! Wednesdays 7-8 PM, March 12-April 9.



***Congregational Song**

***Closing Prayer & Benediction**

Pastor Meagan

One: Church, do you believe that you have been forgiven and freed by God?

All: We believe!

One: Church, do you believe that God's love is more powerful than sin or hate or even death?

All: We believe!

One: Church, do you believe that God's Spirit goes with you to give you courage?

All: We believe!

One: Then let us go in peace to love and serve God and our neighbors! Amen?

All: Amen!

Postlude

Jennifer Bastien

Good Futures Questions

- What inspires you about our congregation's engagement in our wider community and neighborhood - either currently or in the past?
- In the last few years, what moment stands out as being an example of our congregation at its best?
- What is different about us, compared to other congregations, in a positive sense?
- What about us gives you hope for our future as a congregation?