

# Clarence Presbyterian Church

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**Growing, Serving, Celebrating**



**5th Sunday in Lent  
March 17, 2024  
10:00 am**



**Friends, at this stop on your life's pilgrimage  
we bid you welcome  
with the hope that here you will find  
the love of God, which He offers  
to all who seek to serve and follow Him!**

**Welcome and thank you for worshipping with us today!**

**Some things you should know:**

- Please silence mobile devices when entering the sanctuary.
- Please stand as you are able when \*asterisk appears.
- Nursery care is available in the education wing for children from birth to 36 months during the 10 am worship service.
- At the 10 am worship service children Pre-K through 12th grade are invited to Sunday School in the Christian Education wing and 3rd Floor Youth Room following the Children's Sermon.
- Communion is served during the 10 am service on the first Sunday of the month. Communion is served each Sunday by intinction at the 8:30 am service. Gluten free bread/wafer is used at all times.
- We live stream the service each Sunday and as well as special services throughout the year.

**Additional assistance available from the ushers:**

- Large print Hymnals, Bibles & Bulletins.
- Printed copies of today's sermon available prior to the services; available online on most Mondays.
- Location of the Elevator, Hearing Devices, Recorded Services.

**Please join us after the Worship Service for coffee and fellowship in the Narthex.**

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE: "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley"

Livingston

WELCOME & CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

INTROIT: "Prayer of St. Patrick"

Patrick (372-466) & Schweizer

*Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger. Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me.*

Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP:

From water to wilderness:

**God's covenant continues; God's Kingdom comes near.**

On stone and in hearts:

**God's covenant continues; God's Kingdom comes near.**

From the ancestor of nations to the Son lifted up:

**God's covenant continues; God's Kingdom comes near.**

We follow Jesus on the Lenten path,

**For where he is, we would be also.**

\*HYMN: #393 "O Day of Rest and Gladness"

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\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Redeeming God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart, and have not loved our neighbor as we ought; we have strayed from your commandments. Do not remember our sins, but forgive our iniquities, that we may fix our eyes on you and sin no more, through Christ our Lord. Amen.** (moment of silent confession)

RESPONSE: "Kyrie eleison"

**Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son** (4x)

**Chri-ste e-le-i-son** (4x)

Hymn #578

Lord have mercy

Christ have mercy

## THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*RESPONSE: "We Are Forgiven"

Hymn #447

**We are forgiven. We are forgiven.  
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.**

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

(Please greet those near you with words such as "The Peace of Christ be with you.")

CHILDREN'S TIME (At the conclusion children PreK—12th Grade will leave for classes.)

ANTHEM: "Fall On Me"

Williams & Nolan

Chancel Choir

*Fall on me, fall on me. Let Your Spirit fall on me. Descending as a dove, come fill me with Your love. Holy Spirit fall on me Fall on me, fall on me. Let Your Spirit fall on me. Come take away my sin and make me new again. Let Your Spirit fall on me. Come now and take away my sin. Come now and make me whole again. Purer help me to be. O let Your Spirit fall on me. Fall on me, fall on me. Let Your Spirit fall on me. May everything I do reflect my love for You. Let Your Spirit fall on me. Holy Spirit fall on me. Amen*

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Pew Bible p. 691

PSALM: Psalm 51:1-12

Pew Bible p. 492

- <sup>1</sup> Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy  
blot out my transgressions.
- <sup>2</sup> **Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin.**
- <sup>3</sup> For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is ever before me.
- <sup>4</sup> **Against you, you alone, have I sinned,  
and done what is evil in your sight,  
so that you are justified in your sentence  
and blameless when you pass judgement.**
- <sup>5</sup> Indeed, I was born guilty,  
a sinner when my mother conceived me.
- <sup>6</sup> **You desire truth in the inward being;  
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.**
- <sup>7</sup> Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- <sup>8</sup> **Let me hear joy and gladness;  
let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.**
- <sup>9</sup> Hide your face from my sins,  
and blot out all my iniquities.
- <sup>10</sup> **Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and put a new and right spirit within me.**
- <sup>11</sup> Do not cast me away from your presence,  
and do not take your holy spirit from me.
- <sup>12</sup> **Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and sustain in me a willing spirit.**

\*RESPONSE: "Gloria Patri"

Hymn #581

***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.***

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: John 12:20-33

Pew Bible p. 100

SERMON: "Reborn"

\*HYMN: #834 "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

PRECIOUS LORD

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(from *The United Church of Canada*)

**We are not alone,  
we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:  
who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus,  
the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others  
by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church:  
to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us.**

**We are not alone.**

**Thanks be to God.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Our church family members who are in care facilities or homebound: Allene Falk, Wayne Gardiner, Chuck and Janet Hodges, Sue Kinnin, Ginger Lindner, Renee Mavis, Jane Schutz, and Wendy Taylor.

Our church family members in the hospital, receiving treatments and/or recovering at home: Jeff Deal, Bev Drake, Jared Grenzebach, Barbara Kautz, Norm Kreib, Scott Kronmuller, Debbie Meinzer, Audrey Owen, Mary Louise Rampolla, Margaret Thayer, Bill Weikert, and Paull Utter.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts/debtors)

**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.**

CALL TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY: "He Touched Me"

Gaither

\*DOXOLOGY: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Hymn #609

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*HYMN: #724 "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

ANGEL'S STORY

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "Postlude"

Boellmann (1862-1897)

*Thank you to Cathy Holmes for her musical contribution to today's services.*

**Minister:**

Rev. Dr. Jason Cashing

**Director of Music Ministry:**

Kotoe Shimojo

**Sunday School Superintendent:**

Jenna Abel

**Bell Ringer:**

Andolina Family

**Acolyte:**

Luke Story

**Bible Carrier:**

Carrie Cashing

**Lay Reader:**

Jon Hickey

**Greeters:**

Eva Wolfley, Dylan Wolfley

**Ushers:**

Betty Behr, Larry Hamilton

**Nursery:**

Kim Story, Debbie Swain

**Counters:**

Paul Belanger, Wyatt Belanger, Jamie Dussing

**Christ Candle:** The flame of the Christ candle is in memory of Ethel Erb from the Kenyon/Sciolino Family.

**Flowers:** In honor of Donald Siegel's birthday and the acceptance of Helen Siegel's dissertation, from Allyson and Hope.

### CALENDAR FOR THE COMING WEEK

#### Today

8:30 am      **Worship/Communion**—Sanctuary  
Adult Ed—Lower South End Education Wing  
9:15 am      Coffee Fellowship—Narthex  
9:20 am      Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary  
10:00 am      **Worship**—Sanctuary/Live Stream  
Nursery—Upper Hall Christian Education Wing  
10:15 am      Sunday School—Various  
11:00 am      Children's Choir Rehearsal—Bodine Room  
11:00 am      Coffee Fellowship—Narthex  
11:30 am      Confirmation Class w/Mentors—3rd Floor

#### Monday, March 18th

9 am—noon      CCNS—Upper South End Christian Ed Wing  
9 am—2 pm      Clarence Food Pantry—Bodine Room  
11:30 am      CCNS & UPK Tae Kwan Do—UFH

#### Tuesday, March 19th

9 am—noon      CCNS—Upper South End Christian Ed Wing  
10:30 am      Fruit Basket Preparation—Upper Fellowship Hall  
6:30 pm      Financial Resources Committee—Narthex  
7:00 pm      Mission Study Committee—Narthex

#### Wednesday, March 20th

9 am—noon      CCNS—Upper South End Christian Ed Wing  
9:00 am      Loose Screws Social Club

### **Thursday, March 21st**

9 am—noon CCNS—Upper South End Christian Ed Wing  
9:30 am Knitters' Gathering—Lower Fellowship Hall  
7:15—8:45 pm Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary

### **Friday, March 22nd**

9 am—noon CCNS—Upper South End Christian Ed Wing

### **Saturday, March 23rd**

9 am—1 pm All Board Retreat—Various

### **Sunday, March 24th—Palm Sunday**

8:30 am **Worship/Communion**—Sanctuary  
Adult Ed—Lower South End Education Wing  
9:15 am Coffee Fellowship—Narthex  
9:20 am Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary  
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**One Great Hour of Sharing collection continues through Easter!**

**Pantry needs** this week are regular coffee, women's deodorant, and mayonnaise. Thanks!

**The 2024 Confirmands and their mentors** will meet today, 11:30 am to 1:30 pm in the 3rd floor youth room. Lunch will be provided.

**Easter Flowers/Remembrance**—You may make a donation towards Easter plants or to the general Gifts and Memorials fund. If you wish to donate an Easter plant, you may pick it up after the 10 am Easter Service. Fill out the donation envelope found in the pew racks or send in your donation information and a check clearly marked for "Easter Flowers". Dedications will be listed in the Easter bulletins.

**Fruit Baskets for Pantry** clients will be prepared by volunteers on Tuesday, **March 19 at 10:30 am in the Upper Fellowship Hall**. If you are able, please join us. It is a joyful time knowing we are easing the burdens of those less fortunate. We welcome donations of baskets (all sizes) and non perishable items such as tea, coffee, hot chocolate, candy, cookies, crackers and snacks. A box is in the Narthex to collect your contributions. Monetary donations for the purchase of fruit are also welcome.

**The Financial Resources Committee** will have a brief meeting on Tuesday, March 19 at 6:30 pm in the Narthex.

**The Mission Study Committee** will meet on Tuesday, March 19 at 7 pm in the Narthex.

**Knit Around, Thursday, March 21**—For those knitters who would like to get together to chat and knit or crochet, we will meet in the Lower Fellowship Hall on Thursday, March 21, 9:30 to 11 am. Bring your yarn and needles and we can knit, teach, learn and chat! Newcomers are welcome!

**All Boards Retreat** is scheduled for Saturday, March 23, 9 am to 1 pm and includes lunch. Please meet in the Sanctuary.

**2024 Ride for Roswell/Clarence Christian Crusaders** have begun organizing. See *Staying Connected* for details on this and other events!



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