



## ***Clover Hill Reformed Church***

February 18, 2024 10:00am

Lent, Week 1

Offering plates are located at the entrances to the sanctuary.

*\*All who are able, please stand where indicated.*

*Before worship, speak with God.*

*During worship allow God to speak with you.*

*After worship speak with your neighbor.*

### **Approach to the Word**

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

**Beyond the Days**

Ricky Manalo, CSP

*\*Call to Worship*

We come, so God might open our eyes,

**THAT WE MAY DISCOVER THE WONDERS SURROUNDING US;**

**THAT WE MAY EMBRACE THE JOY DEEP WITHIN US.**

We gather, so Christ might widen our hearts,

**THAT WE MAY HEAR THE SOUNDS OF BROKENNESS AROUND US;**

**THAT WE MAY SING THE MELODIES OF HOPE.**

We are here, so the Spirit might teach us the ways of humility,

**THAT WE MAY WALK THAT STREET NAMED ENDURING LOVE;**

**THAT WE MAY WAIT AT THE CORNER CALLED FAITHFULNESS.**

*\*Opening Hymn #81*

**Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days**

Prayer of Confession

Search us, O God, and know our hearts;

Try us and know our thoughts.

**SEE IF THERE IS ANY WICKED WAY IN US,**

**AND LEAD US IN THE WAY EVERLASTING.**

Let us pray.

Everlasting God,

Fountain of all life and the true home of every heart:

**OUR HEARTS ARE RESTLESS UNTIL THEY REST IN YOU.**

Have you been restless? Name this restlessness to God in this silence.

Yet we confess that our hearts have been enslaved

By selfish passion and base desire.

**WE HAVE SOUGHT AFTER MANY THINGS**

**AND HAVE NEGLECTED THE ONE THING NEEDFUL.**

Have you sought after things that have not satisfied this last week? Name that to God in this silence.

We have not loved you with our whole hearts;  
**HELP US TO TURN TO YOU AND FIND FORGIVENESS.**  
Take a deep breath, in and out.

Lead us home,  
**THAT WE MAY AGAIN FIND IN YOU  
OUR LIFE AND JOY AND PEACE.**

Sung Response

Kyrie

**LORD HAVE MERCY UPON US.  
CHRIST HAVE MERCY UPON US.  
LORD HAVE MERCY UPON US.**

Assurance of Pardon

The Lord God said:  
**I WILL GIVE YOU A NEW HEART AND PUT A NEW SPIRIT WITHIN YOU;  
I WILL REMOVE FROM YOU YOUR HEART OF STONE  
AND GIVE YOU A HEART OF FLESH.**

Brothers and sisters: In Christ, all God's promises are "yes."  
Hear the good news: Through Christ  
Our minds and hearts are cleansed, healed and renewed!

The Law

How then are we to live?  
**WE ARE TO TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL OF OUR HEART  
AND LEAN NOT ON OUR OWN UNDERSTANDING;  
IN ALL OUR WAYS, SUBMIT TO GOD,  
AND GOD WILL MAKE OUR PATHS STRAIGHT.**

\*Song of Response

Gloria Patri

**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, AMEN.**

### Word of God

Children's Sermon

Special Music

Scripture Reading

John 8:12-20

Mark 1:9-15

Sermon

Seek the Lord

Roc O'Connor, SJ

Ginny DiMilia

*Be Thou My Vision*

## Response to the Word

\*Affirmation of Faith

Nicene Creed

(this form of the Nicene Creed was accepted at the council of Chalcedon in 451)

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

**WE BELIEVE IN ONE LORD, JESUS CHRIST,  
THE ONLY SON OF GOD,  
ETERNALLY BEGOTTEN OF THE FATHER,  
GOD FROM GOD, LIGHT FROM LIGHT,  
TRUE GOD FROM TRUE GOD,  
BEGOTTEN, NOT MADE,  
OF ONE BEING WITH THE FATHER;  
THROUGH HIM ALL THINGS WERE MADE.**

For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,  
and became truly human.

**FOR OUR SAKE HE WAS CRUCIFIED UNDER PONTIUS PILATE;  
HE SUFFERED DEATH AND WAS BURIED.**

On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**HE WILL COME AGAIN IN GLORY TO JUDGE THE LIVING AND THE DEAD,  
AND HIS KINGDOM WILL HAVE NO END.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father [and the Son\*],  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

**WE BELIEVE IN ONE HOLY CATHOLIC AND APOSTOLIC CHURCH.  
WE ACKNOWLEDGE ONE BAPTISM FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.  
WE LOOK FOR THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD,  
AND THE LIFE OF THE WORLD TO COME. AMEN.**

\* this phrase was not added until 589

\*Hymn # 339

Be Thou My Vision

Prayers of the People

Although we do not pass the plate during worship, let us take a moment to remember the tremendous blessings of God in our lives. In response, let us offer ourselves anew to God's kingdom. (There are offering plates as you leave worship for you to leave your gifts.)

*What joys and concerns can we share with one another?*

*Hold silence for those prayers that we have not shared but remain on our hearts and in our minds.*

God who comforts us,

We hold those before you who need your presence to surround them.

**GOD WHO HEALS US,**

**WE HOLD THOSE BEFORE YOU WHO ARE HURTING AND MENDING.**

God who guides us,

We hold those before you who are lost or confused.

**GOD WHO LOVES US,**

**WE HOLD THOSE BEFORE YOU WHO ARE LONELY OR AFRAID.**

Show us how to be avenues of comfort, healing, guidance and love.

*We pray this in the name of the one who taught us to pray,*

**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.**

\*Doxology #591

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

**PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW;**

**PRAISE CHRIST, ALL PEOPLE HERE BELOW;**

**PRAISE HOLY SPIRIT EVERMORE;**

**PRAISE TRIUNE GOD, WHOM WE ADORE. AMEN.**

Dispersion to Serve God

\*Closing Hymn #308

O Sing a Song of Bethlehem

\*Benediction

\*Passing the Peace

Make sure to celebrate the peace that has been created in our gathering  
by greeting one another.

\*Postlude

Hosea

Gregory Norbet