



# Order of Worship March 7, 2021

**Welcome** Rev. Tracy McNeil Wines

Introit Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross arr. Smith

Angel Ringers

**Greeting** Kate Lanman

Again and again,

We come to this space.

Again and again,

We gather as a community.

Again and again,

We move closer to God.

And again and again,

God is here.

We are met.

We are heard.

We are shown the way.

So again and again,

Let us worship holy God.

Opening Hymn God of Grace and God of Glory UMH 577

**Boy Scout Sunday Recognition** 

Science tells us that a person makes about 35,000 choices in a day.

35,000 choices each and every day!

In the prayer of confession, we pause to take a moment to think and to ask:

How many of our decisions are choices God would have us make?

How many are not?

So let us pray together, knowing that we need guidance, and trusting that even if we fall, God is showing us the way.

God of Justice.

We are guilty of building tables.

We have built tables that oppression dines on,

Sexism thrives on, and racism lives on.

God of Justice,

We are guilty of forgetting where we are,

Of turning faith into a negotiation tool

And the church into a place for insiders.

God of Justice.

We are guilty of ignoring the point;

For you taught that the temple was for worship

And your message was for all.

God of our hearts,

Be in our decision making.

Draw near to our choices.

Forgive our mistakes.

And as you do,

Flip every table, habit, belief, or point of view that needs adjusting.

With hope we pray for a better day. Amen.

Rev. Tracy McNeil Wines

Family of faith,

The good news is that God took on flesh

and walked this earth to show us the way.

God took on flesh so that we could see what it looks like to

disrupt and overturn systems of corruption.

God took on flesh to teach us another way.

God took on flesh to point us to restoration.

God took on flesh so that we might be forgiven.

Friends, we are held, loved, and forgiven by a just and merciful God.

Thanks be to God for a love like that.

Anthem Lenten Song Horman

Children's Choir

Scripture John 2:13-22 Linda Holz

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Sermon Again & Again:

**We Are Shown the Way** Rev. Tracy McNeil Wines

Offering Prayer Rev. Tracy McNeil Wines

As we come to the time when we make our love visible through the giving of our tithes and offerings, let us pray:

Generous God;

Again and again your grace sustains us,

Again and again your love provides for us,

Again and again your arm steadies us.

We give you these gifts,

with gratitude and joy,

thankful that you are God over all.

Amen.

#### Clarendon Ringers

Prayer Hannah Wines

O Lord our God, as we sit in quietness our thoughts are far from quiet.

We are wrestling with doubts and fears,

We are looking for answers,

We are hoping against hope

We are seeking strength

We are hungry.

For warm sunshine

For healed bodies

For rest from tears.

Your word says the hungry will be filled.

And we ask today for you to fill us.

Fill us with the breath of life.

Fill us with thankful hearts

Fill us with calmness, courage and most of all, with the knowledge of your presence.

There are others we know and love who are ill

and we ask, O God, that you would surround them

with your strong healing presence.

Grant wisdom to those who need answers to difficult questions.

Grant hope to those who despair

and friendship to those who feel lonely.

Most of all, O Lord God, may we know your love,

your great love which you have for each one.

You know the hairs on our head, you count each beat of our heart.

You knit us together when we were being formed,

you know our getting up and our lying down.

You are familiar with all our ways.

There is no place we can hide from you.

You were there at our beginning

and you will be with us through to the end.

May we not lose sight of your constant care.

We look to you O God to be present in our communities and in our world. Continue to show us how we at Clarendon United Methodist Church can be part of your work in the world.

Teach us how we can grow into faith,
and become more and more like Jesus.

We also ask O Lord that you would bless the work of our hands. Bless all that we offer today—
not only what we give of our money,
but the offerings of our time and our talents.

And now we gather all our prayers together, the spoken and the unspoken and pray the prayer that you taught us:

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 trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever. Amen.

 Hymn
 Build My Life
 see song sheet below

 Benediction
 Rev. Tracy McNeil Wines

 Postlude
 "Vater Unser im Himmelreich" - setting II
 Scheidemann

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## God of Grace and God of Glory



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### Build My Life

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