

CLARK COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JANUARY 7, 2017

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RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERING

\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE (Doxology)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving (including the prayers of the people)

L: The Lord be with you.

**P: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

**P: We lift them up to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

L: Holy Lord, Father almighty, everlasting God we thank you for commanding light out of darkness for dividing waters into sea and dry land, for creating the whole world and calling it good. We thank you for making us in your image to live with each other in love; for the breath of life, the gift of speech, and the freedom to choose your way.

Great and wonderful are your works, Lord God almighty. Your ways are just and true. With men and women of faith from all times and places, we lift our hearts in joyful praise, for you alone are holy:

**P: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and Earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

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L: Holy God, we thank you for your Son Jesus, who lived with us sharing joy and sorrow. He told your story, healed the sick, and was a friend of sinners. Obeying you, he took up his cross and was murdered by those he loved. We praise you that he is not dead, but is risen to rule the world. We trust him to overcome every power to hurt or divide us, so that when you bring in your promised kingdom, we will celebrate victory with him.

**P: Remembering the Lord Jesus,  
we break bread and share one cup,  
announcing his death for our sins and the sins of the world,  
and telling his resurrection to all persons and all nations.**

L: Jesus prayed with and for his disciples, those who would be his disciples, and all those he loved. Following his example we lift up to you prayers for those we love and for the whole world....

Great and loving God: Give your Holy Spirit in the breaking of bread and the pouring of the cup, so that we may be drawn together, and, joined to Christ the Lord, receive new life, and remain his glad and faithful people until we feast with him in glory. O God, who called us from death to life: we give ourselves to you; and with the church through all ages, we thank you for your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray saying: Our Father who art in Heaven...

Breaking of Bread and Sharing of Cup

Closing Prayer

\*SENDING HYMN #716: "God Be With You"

A SERVICE OF SENDING

Words of Introduction

Prayer

Elder: Let us pray for the saving presence of our living Lord:

In your world,

**People: be present, Lord.**

Elder: In this congregation,

**People: be present, Lord.**

Elder: In this community,

**People: be present, Lord.**

Elder: In this presbytery and the whole church,

**People: be present, Lord.**

Elder: In the homes and hearts of all your people,

**People: be present, Lord.**

Pastor: Let us pray for the mercy of the Lord:

For work begun but not completed,

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

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Elder: Let us give thanks for our journey together in this place:

For friendships made,

for joys celebrated

and for times of nurture and growth,

**All: thanks be to God.**

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Elder: For our fellowship in Jesus Christ,

and for the love of God which has sustained us.

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THE DISSOLUTION

\*BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord be kind and gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**People: Alleluia! Amen.**

Pastor: Go in peace.

**People: Go in peace.**

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE #614: "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

POSTLUDE

Worship Participants, September 3, 2017

Pastor: Rev. Burnetta Armour

Choir Director and Pianist: Shirley Starker

Liturgist: Becky Baker

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**REPORTS FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING ARE DUE TO SHAYLA BY JANUARY 7<sup>TH</sup>.**

**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION AND POTLUCK LUNCH ON JANUARY 14:** The Annual Meeting of the Clark Community Presbyterian Church and Potluck lunch will be held on January 14 immediately following worship. **Worship on that Sunday will be held at 11 AM.** Please make all effort to attend this important meeting.

**WORSHIP TIMES SWITCHED ON JANUARY 14:** On January 14<sup>th</sup>, worship times for Millersburg First and Clark Community will be switched. We will worship here at Clark at 11 AM. Please mark this on your calendars.

**PARTY FOR PASTOR BURNETTA:** To celebrate Pastor Burnetta, James, and Collin's time with us, we will be holding a party on January 7<sup>th</sup> from 2-4 in the Miley Center. Please come and celebrate with us.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

January 7: Reports due for Annual Meeting

January 7: Pastor Burnetta's last Sunday

January 7, 2-4 PM @ Miley Center: Party for the Armours

January 14 @ 11 AM: Worship

January 14 (Immediately following Worship): Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Potluck Lunch

### **WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2018**

Liturgist: Sandy Wagers

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*Lord God, may our noise be joyful and our worship glad as we come into your presence with thanksgiving for the way you move among us—embracing us, pushing us, changing us. Let our praise for you, O God, never cease for you are a good God whose steadfast love is with us now and forevermore. Amen.*

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*When we gather to praise God, we remember that we are people who have preferred our wills to his. Accepting his power to become new persons in Christ, let us confess our sin before God and one another first in a time of silent prayer for our sins as individuals and then in a time of prayer said responsively for our sins as a community. Let us pray...*

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