

\*Please stand in body and/or spirit

## WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Words to Ponder: "Unless it is the Lord who builds the house, the builders' work is pointless."

Prelude

Welcome and Acknowledgment of first-time visitors

Introit "" Chancel Choir

\*Call to Worship (Responsively)

L: Come, take your rest this day

**P: Lord, free us from the stresses we have endured this week.**

L: Come, put your minds at ease.

**P: Lord, ease the burdens and frustrations of our lives.**

L: Come. For this is the house of the Lord. It is here that you will find peace.

**P: Praise and thanks be to God for giving us sanctuary. AMEN.**

\*Opening Hymn "Blessed Be Your Name" See Insert

Opening Prayer (*Unison*)

**Lord, we have come to you this day bringing all that we have, our lives, our hopes and dreams, our fears and sorrows. We place these before you in faith and hope, knowing that no matter what has happened you are with us and blessing us. Open our hearts to receive your words and your spirit, that we may find healing and comfort. Open our lives to the wondrous possibilities for service and joy that you offer to us. Ease our minds and spirits that we may hear the words of encouragement and peace this day. AMEN.**

Prayer of Confession (*Unison*)

**Gracious God, so often we look at ourselves, our gifts and our talents, and wonder what you would do with these offerings. We don't think that we have much to give. So, far too many times, we belittle the gifts and turn our backs on the needs and opportunities present to serve, believing that our gifts cannot possibly make a difference. We think that we must possess the greatest of talents and wealth in order to truly please and serve you. How foolish we are! Forgive us when we stop**

**listening to your healing and comforting words and focus on our anxieties. Heal us, Lord. Help us know that you have given to us such blessings and that these blessings are truly wonderful and meant to be used to joy and service to others. Help us to bring our lives, just as they are, to you and to receive your gentle touch and healing grace. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.**

Moment of silent confession

Words of Assurance

God has given to each one of us such blessings and talents. With joy we bring these gifts to God. You are blessed by God's absolute love for you. Rejoice in that love and find healing and hope. AMEN.

Anthem Chancel Choir

Scripture Reading: Psalm 127

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Children's Moment

(*Children go to Junior Church*)

Gospel Reading: Mark 12:38-44

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "" Rev. Rhonda R. Taylor

\*Hymn "What Gift Can We Bring" #87

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory

\*Doxology #95

\*Prayer of Dedication (*Unison*)

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

The Lord's Prayer

**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, forever. Amen.**

\*Closing "They'll Know We Are Christians" See Insert

\*Benediction

You have heard the words of healing and of peace. You have been blessed by the Spirit of God. Go now into God's world to be the spirit of hope, peace and blessing for others, knowing that God is always with you. Go in peace. AMEN.

\*Response "Bless Us Now" Frank Milnes  
**Bless us now as we depart, Watch o'er us, God, while we're apart; Give strength to conquer daily strain, and bring us to Thy house again. Amen**

Postlude

Sermon Series: Our Call to Stewardship & Discipleship

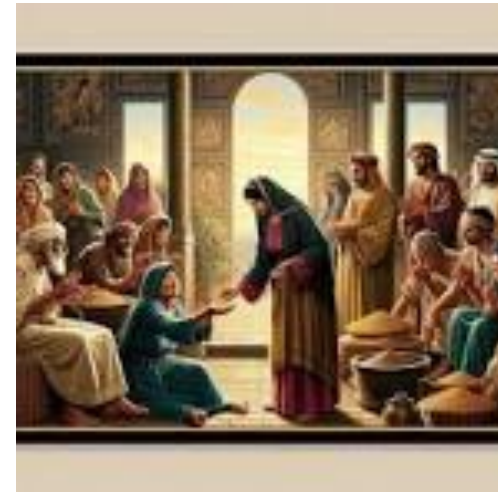
Worship Resources

Call to Worship, Opening Prayer, Confession & Words of Assurance, Words to Ponder, Benediction

<https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/11712/november-10-2024-twenty-fifth-sunday-after-pentecost>

*Flowers today are from Karin Thelin in honor of Corinne Brown and Sherry Hynes for all their work in organizing the UMC Pumpkin Patch.*

# The United Methodist Church 12 Commerce St. Clinton, Connecticut 25th Sunday after Pentecost



***Morning Worship  
November 10, 2024  
10:00 am***