

*The United Methodist Church
12 Commerce Street
Clinton, CT*



*February 1, 2026
Holy Communion*

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*Please stand in body, and/or spirit

Prelude

Welcome, Acknowledgements of first-time visitors and announcements

Words to Ponder:

Those who walk blamelessly, speak truthfully, and live gently are able to kneel before the Lord and not be put to shame.

Introit

Chancel Choir

*Call to Worship (Responsively)

What does the Lord require of us?

To do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God.

With what shall we come before the Lord?

With speech that is gentle, and words that build up.

How shall we live our faith?

With actions that bring peace, and works that lift up the lowly.

Come and worship God in spirit and in truth.

*Opening Hymn

“Be Thou My Vision”

No. 451

Opening Prayer (Unison)

Oh God, Our Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer-How do we thank you?

How do we show our gratitude? Do you want signs and sacrifices?

Do you want gold and cattle? Can we turn over our children to you?

Would that repay our debt, make everything right? Tell us, what do you require in return for all your goodness? Oh God, our teacher, example, companion—

You have shown us what is good, and call us to remember that what you require is not repayment of debt or settling the score, but obedience. Show us, God, when to do justice, how to love kindness, and where to walk, humbly, with you.

Amen.

Scripture Reading (Old Testament)

Micah 6:1-8

Leader: This is the Word of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem “Come Share the Lord” - Leech/Tabell Chancel Choir

Scripture Reading (Gospel) Matthew 5:1-12

Leader: This is the Word of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Middle Hymn “Near to the Heart of God” No. 472

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

Sermon “Integrity: Be It, Live It” Pastor Rhonda R. Taylor

Offertory

*Doxology #95

*Prayer of Dedication (Unison)

Source of justice and mercy, work through this offering to bring your gifts to the world: righteousness and peace, love and kindness, hope and joy. May our gifts truly express our gratitude for your many blessings for our church and for your children everywhere. Amen.

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

*Communion Hymn “Come to the Table” No. 2264

A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE

INVITATION

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,
who earnestly repent of their sin
and seek to live in peace with one another.
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All pray in silence.

Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: Glory to God. Amen.

THE PEACE

Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through the prophets. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

Your Spirit anointed him

to preach good news to the poor,
to proclaim release to the captives
and recovering of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,
and to announce that the time had come
when you would save your people.

He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection

you gave birth to your Church,
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

When the Lord Jesus ascended,

he promised to be with us always,

in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us,

he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread,

gave it to his disciples, and said:

"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup,

gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:

"Drink from this, all of you;

this is my blood of the new covenant,

poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,

we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living

sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and cup.

Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the
body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

BREAKING THE BREAD

Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf. The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

Holy Communion is served

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.**

**Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give
ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Closing Hymn

“Sent Out in Jesus’ Name”

No. 2184 (2x)

Benediction (Responsively)

Seek justice and discover God’s blessings.

We will walk humbly with our God.

Practice kindness and touch Christ’s presence.

We will live in Christ’s Way of peace.

Share mercy and abide in the Holy Spirit.

We will leave footprints of light and compassion with every step we take.

Frank Milnes

Postlude

Flowers this week are in honor of Graham Templeton's Birthday on the 3rd.

<https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2014/01/prayer-micah-6-6-8.html>.

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