

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



*5th Sunday after Pentecost
June 28, 2026*

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: *In Christ Jesus, all are welcome here. Welcome, people of God!*

Introit

Chancel Choir

*Call to Worship (Responsively)

L: Come! Come! Everybody Worship!

P: Come! Come! Welcome to the house of the Lord.

L: Rejoice! Celebrate the Lord!

P: Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!

*Opening Hymn

"I will Call Upon the Lord"

No. 2002

Opening Prayer (Unison)

Lord, as we walked through the doors to this place of worship, we brought with us our cares and concerns, our joys and our sorrows. Touch our hearts and heal us, Lord. Make us ready to become your faithful disciples. AMEN.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Comforter, draw near, for You have waited and watched, as we have stumbled through the tasks of life.

Our ears have not been open to the sound of Your gentleness, and so with frustration and anger, we have turned on those we love and cherish and brought hurt and division to life.

Our eyes have not noticed the beauty of our surroundings, and in resentment of being restrained from living, we have played our part in the changing pattern of creation, forgetting to steward all You have made.

In prayer, we remember You invite us to choose between the path of darkness and the path of light, and laying our sorrow and failure on the ground, we long for Your forgiveness to call us towards life with You. We wait to be reshaped by the fire of Your Holy Spirit, as new vigor spurs us to walk with You.

Brief moment of silent reflection

Words of Assurance

God's gift of eternal life has been given in Jesus Christ, who offers us forgiveness from our sins and welcomes us to the way of holiness. Amen.

1st Scripture Reading

Genesis 22:1-14 (Old Testament)

Abraham takes his son Isaac out to sacrifice him to the Lord, but God stops him and provides a ram for the offering instead.

Leader: This is the Word of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

2nd Scripture Reading

Psalm 13 (Old Testament)

A psalm of lament in which the psalmist cries out to God, but also affirms his trust in God's goodness and love.

Leader: This is the Word of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Lift Up Your Voice by Brian Tate

Chancel Choir

Children's Moment

Pastor Rhonda

*3rd Scripture Reading (Gospel)

Matthew 10:40-42

Jesus teaches that those who receive prophets and righteous people will be rewarded, as will those who care for the followers of Christ.

Leader: This is the Word of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Hymn

"Living for Jesus"

No. 2149

Sermon

"God Will Provide"

Pastor Rhonda Taylor

Offertory

*Doxology

#95

*Prayer of Dedication

Faithful Provider, we bring our gifts with trembling hands and trusting hearts. We offer these gifts, not as bargains or sacrifices to earn your love, but as signs of our trust in you. Use them, we pray, to bless others—to meet needs, to heal hurts, to build hope. And as you provide for the world through us, keep us faithful to your calling, even when the way is unclear. May our giving be our “Here I am,” ready and willing to serve. In Christ’s name, Amen.

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 Hymn

“Together We Serve”

No. 2175

Benediction/Going Forth

*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



Flowers today are from Debbie Anderson.

“It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;
2 to declare your steadfast love in the morning,
and your faithfulness by night.”

On Sunday, July 5th the Choir will be helping our congregation celebrate America 250 Singing "[The Battle Hymn of the Republic](#)" and "[America the Beautiful](#)" Wear something **Red**, **White**, and/or **Blue**!

Lectionary readings for this week: Genesis 22:1-14; Psalm 13; Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42

Artwork on the bulletin front cover : <https://bible.art/gallery/genesis-22:1>

Worship Resources

Opening Prayer - https://ministrymatters.com/2020-05-25_worship_connection_proper_8_a/
Prayer of Confession & Words of Assurance

(umcdiscipleship.org) Written by Rev MaryAnn Rennie, Church of Scotland. Reposted on the Pilgrim WR Uniting Church website at <https://pilgrimwr.unitingchurch.org.au/?p=7103>.

SUNDAY, JUNE 28

9:00 Sunday School

10:00 Worship

MONDAY, JUNE 29

3:00 Book Club

TUESDAY, JUNE 30

7:00 Bible Study Online (Last session before summer break)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1

9:00 TOPS

5:00 Soup Kitchen

6:00 Scouts

FRIDAY, JULY 3

Office Closed (in observation of Independence Day)

5:30 AA

This week we pray for... those with impaired health: Joe and Amanda Andrejcsk, Alice Reale, Melissa Bouffard, Dottie Capece, Ron Dangona, Michael McKinnon, Kathy Schuyler, Bev Engelhart, Patty Holdridge, Tom Symmes, Barb Vincelette, Sue & Bob Morrison, Marilyn Gerard, Jeffrey Harding, Ginny Hauser, Mike Loukides, Lyle Cubberly and Bev Bowen.

June 28th

Ushers: Lynn Sellers, David Moore, Bob Morrison, Brian Piezcko

Camera Operator: Jill Hale

Video Coordinator: Lisa Sutherland

Worship Leader: Dennis Dollahite

Lectionary scriptures: Genesis 22:1-14, Psalm 13, Romans 6:12-23, Matthew 10:40-42

Sermon: Pastor Rhonda R. Taylor

Fellowship Hosts: Tammy Drena, Sharon Minick

Counters: Jackie Blomberg, Robin Patton

Music/Choir Director: Bob Hale

Organist: Patty Hurlburt

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