

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



May 11, 2025

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 this world of trials, tribulations, dangers, and death, our loving God watches over us, as a mother bear watches over her cubs. Our Lord walks with us, as a loving companion cares for her beloved. Our Savior makes us lie down in green pastures, as a good shepherd cares for his sheep.

Introit

Chancel Choir

*Call to Worship (Responsively)

The God of love and grace invites us in.

Blessed be the God of love!

The God of power and might welcomes us here.

Glory to God on high!

The God of wisdom and truth speaks to us now.

Praise the One who speaks truth to our hearts!

*Opening Hymn

“Great Is the Lord”

#2022

Opening Prayer (Unison)

Shepherding God, guide us in this time of worship. Help us receive your wisdom and respond with lives of faithful discipleship. Walk closely with us and help us feel your constant presence, both now and forevermore. Amen.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God of love and grace, we yearn for a world where love and grace guide our steps and bless our days. We dream of families and communities led by love and guided by grace. Yet, division, danger, and death interrupt our dreams and dampen our hopes for our lives. Comfort us in our sorrow. Heal us in our troubles. Protect us in this dangerous world. Unify us with your love and grace, that we might offer your abundant love and amazing grace, everywhere we go. Amen.

Time of silent prayer

Words of Assurance

In God's love, we are held. In Christ's grace, we are forgiven. In the Spirit's power, we are strengthened. Give thanks for these marvelous gifts. Amen.

1st Scripture Readings (Old Testament)

Psalm 23

(New Testament)

Acts 9:36-43

Leader: This is the Word of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Chancel Choir

Children's moment

Pastor Rhonda R. Taylor

(Children go to Junior Church)

*2nd Scripture Reading (Gospel Lesson)

John 10:22-30

Leader: This is the Word of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Hymn

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

#140

Sermon

"A Living Witness"

Pastor Rhonda R. Taylor

Offertory

*Doxology

#95

*Prayer of Dedication (Unison)

Generous God, we dedicate these gifts and offerings into your service. May our generosity flow abundantly into a world in need of your transforming love and grace. In your loving name, we pray. 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

“Marching to Zion”

#733

Benediction (Responsively)

Blessed by God,

may we bless the world in the week ahead.

Loved by Christ,

may we love others, in all we say and do.

Empowered by the Spirit,

may we follow faithfully where God leads. 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



**Flowers this week are for Carol and Dick Bell's 60th Anniversary. They are from Jody, Jen, Jeff, Jason and family.*

Worship Resources

Call to Worship, Opening Prayer (Yearning), Words of Assurance, Prayer of Dedication. Benediction

<https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/11835/may-11-2025-fourth-sunday-of-easter>

Missions Meeting is May 12th at 5:30 pm

SUNDAY, MAY 11 (Mother's Day)

9:00 Sunday School

10:00 Worship

11:00 Fellowship

12:00 Confirmation Class

MONDAY, MAY 12

5:30 Missions Meeting

TUESDAY, MAY 13

10:00 Clever Crafters

7:00 Bible Study Online

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14

9:30 TOPS

5:00 Soup Kitchen

7:00 Church Council Online

THURSDAY, MAY 15

10:00 Bible Study

6:30 Scouts

7:30 Choir

FRIDAY, MAY 16

5:30 AA meeting

Ushers: Jeane Howard, Diana Vincent, Rick Gilcher, Sherry Hynes

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