

*Please stand in body and/or spirit

Words to Ponder: "Change is inevitable. Growth is intentional." -
Glenda Cloud

Hymn Sing

Welcome and Acknowledgment of first-time visitors

Introit "Surely the Presence of the Lord is in This Place" Chancel Choir

*Call to Worship

Leader: God we come to worship you in Spirit and Truth!

People: We come to empty ourselves for you.

Leader: Receive our praise and worship, our joys and sorrows, our
hopes and fears.

People: We give all ourselves to you in worship

Leader: So that you will fill us up with your Spirit

**People: And send us out into your world again to continue the
work of your kingdom!**

ALL: Praise God! Praise God! Praise God!

*Opening Hymn "Trust and Obey" #467

Opening Prayer (*Unison*)

**Holy God, as we enter your presence during this time of worship,
may our spirit, heart and mind be like yours. Help us to carry out
Your will with purpose and in love and grace. In the name of Jesus
Christ, we pray. Amen.**

Prayer of Confession (*Unison*)

**Lord, we confess that at times we are selfish and proud, ignoring
You, Lord, and neglecting others. Fill us with Your love that we
may forgive others as You have forgiven us. We confess that we
have not loved You, Lord, with all our heart, soul, mind, and
strength, and we have not loved those around us as we love
ourselves.**

Silent Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

Baptize us with Your holy love, cleansing our hearts from all that
displeases You. Father, through the redeeming death of Your Son
on the cross, and by the Holy Spirit's constant infilling and
cleansing, we pray You will deliver us from evil, for Your name's
sake. Amen.

Anthem "How Great Is Our God" Chancel Choir

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 29:11-14a; Hebrews 10:19-25

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Children's Moment Pastor Rhonda R. Taylor
(*Children go to Junior Church*)

Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:34-40

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "You have to-we have to be Intentional"
Pastor Rhonda R. Taylor

*Hymn "Jesus is All the World to Me" #469

Pastoral Prayer
Offertory

*Doxology #95

*Prayer of Dedication (*Unison*)

**Gracious God, we dedicate these tithes and offerings to your
service. With wisdom and in courage, may our gifts bring hope
and relief to those in need. Guide us to use these resources to
promote justice, mercy, and compassion in our community. May
we always act with gratitude, recognizing your providence in all**

we do. Bless these gifts now and those who give them so that, together, we may reflect your love and grace in the world. In Christ, our savior and redeemer, 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 "Guide My Feet" See Insert

*Benediction

Go in peace to serve the Lord. Remember the healing love that has taken place in your life.. Be open to all the wonders and opportunities that God puts before 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

Opening Prayer – written by Pastor Rhonda

Prayer of Confession & Words of Assurance – written by Jerry D. Porter, General Superintendent emeritus in the Church of the Nazarene.

<https://holinesstoday.org/imported-news/intentional-confession>

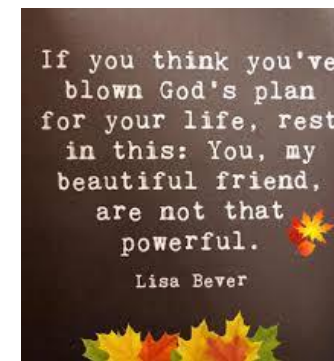
Prayer of Dedication -Adapted by Pastor Rhonda -

<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org> Benediction -

<https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/3097/worship-connection-september-29-2024>

** Flowers today are from the Hales in honor of Jill's Birthday. **

**The United Methodist Church
12 Commerce St.
Clinton, Connecticut
19th Sunday after Pentecost**



*Morning Worship
September 29, 2024
10:00 am*