

The Lord's Prayer (*shared in unison*)

*Closing Hymn “Make Me a Channel of Your Peace” No. 2171

*Benediction/Sending Forth

Postlude

Worship Resources

Call to Worship, Opening Prayer
https://ministrymatters.com/2026-02-03_october_25_2026_twenty-aecnd_sunday_after_pentecost/

Prayer of Confession & Words of Assurance
Adapted from a prayer of confession posted on the PCUSA website, <http://www.pcusa.org/>



Flowers on the altar are from Liz Egan in honor of Caregivers.



The United Methodist Church of Clinton

12 Commerce Street, Clinton, CT
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Order of Worship

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

October 25, 2026

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

Welcome, Acknowledgements of first-time visitors and announcements

Words to Ponder: *Love God with all your heart, mind, soul, and strength. Love your neighbor as you love yourself. Sounds so simple, but turns out to be kind of complex.*

Introit

Chancel Choir

*Please stand in body, and/or spirit

*Call to Worship (*Responsively*)

L: Come to us, O God.

P: Breathe through our worship with your Holy Spirit.

L: Fill us with your faithful love.

P: Guide us with your ancient teachings.

L: Come to us, O God.

P: Be in our prayer and praise.

*Opening Hymn

“O God Our Help In Ages Past”

No. 117

Opening Prayer (*shared in unison*)

God of ages past and days to come, help us embrace both your ancient wisdom and your ongoing guidance. Help us hear anew your words from years gone by. Open our hearts and minds to fully embrace what it means to love you, to love ourselves, and to love our neighbors as you have loved us. In love and gratitude, we pray. Amen.

Prayer of Confession (*shared in unison*)

Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you; you call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped up in our own concerns. We have gone along with evil, with pride, quarreling, and divisiveness.

Holy God, help us to face up to ourselves, so that, as you move toward us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Moment for silent personal confession

Words of Assurance

Receive this good news: God, who tests our hearts, gives us abundant grace to turn from sin and back to God again and again and again. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God! Amen.

1st Scripture Reading (New Testament)

1Thessalonians 2:1-8

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Chancel Choir

Children’s Moment

Pastor Rhonda R. Taylor

*Gospel Reading

Matthew 22:34-46

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Hymn

“Gift of Love”

No. 408

Sermon

“Live Into It “

Pastor Rhonda R. Taylor

Offertory

*Doxology

No. 95

*Prayer of Dedication (*shared in unison*)

Generous God, you have blessed us with so much. Take these gifts and cause them to work for you in this world which you have loaned to us. A