

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



*August 2, 2026
10th Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Communion*

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*Please stand in body, and/or spirit

Hymn Sing

Welcome, Acknowledgements of first-time visitors and announcements

Words to Ponder:

God's love and grace welcome us here. Christ's bounty feeds us at his table.

*Call to Worship (Responsively)

L: Come, all who are hungry and thirsty.

P: The Lord will provide for our needs.

L: Come this day to the table of the Lord.

P: Here we will find welcome and sustenance.

L: Come to this time of gathering and praise.

**P: Lord, we come with open hearts and spirits to receive your gracious gift of love.
Amen.**

*Opening Hymn

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"

No. 79

Opening Prayer

Lord, we come to you this day in the midst of our summer months. For many this is a time of relaxation; but for others, the burdens, worries, and cares continue to weigh them down. Be with each of us as we open our ears to hear your words, our hearts to feel your presence, and our spirits to receive your healing touch. In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.

Special Music

David Hurlburt

*Scripture Reading (Gospel)

Matthew 14:13-21

Jesus tries to get some time to himself after hearing of John's death, but the crowds find him, and end up, late in the day, in a remote place and without food. Jesus instructs the disciples to feed them, but they object that they only have few resources. Jesus then feeds the crowds with the disciples' food, after which baskets of leftovers are gathered up.

Leader: This is the Word of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

Sermon

“Overturning Assumptions”

Pastor Rhonda Taylor

Offertory

*Doxology

#95

*Prayer of Dedication

Source of Compassion, all you have given us is yours. May our gifts become loaves and fish for those who hunger. May our offerings become love and light for those who feel lost and afraid. Help us share our abundance with those in want, that the world may be fed and made whole again. Amen.

Sharing of Joys and Concerns / Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Rhonda

Communion Hymn

“Sweet Hour of Prayer”

No. 496

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.

Words of Assurance
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

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing”

No. 671

Benediction/Going Forth

The Lord has forgiven and restored you. You are strengthened for ministry in the name of Jesus Christ. Go in peace and may God's peace flow through you to others. 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

Worship Resources

Call to Worship, Opening Prayer, Benediction

https://ministrymatters.com/2020-06-24_worship_connection_proper_13_a_option_2_/



Flowers on the altar are from Deb Anderson

“Happy are the pure in heart;
they will see God!

Matthew 5:8 Good News Bible



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SUNDAY, AUGUST 2ND

9:00 Adult Sunday School

10:00 Worship

11:00 Fellowship

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4TH

8:00 WIC

10:00 Clever Crafters

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5TH

9:00 TOPS

5:00 Soup Kitchen

6:00 Scouts

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7TH

5:30 AA

This week we pray for...those with impaired health: Joe and Amanda Andrejcsk, Alice Reale, Melissa Bouffard, Dottie Capece, Michael McKinnon, Kathy Schuyler, Bev Engelhart, Patty Holdridge, Tom Symmes, Barb Vincelette, Jeffrey Harding, Ginny Hauser.

August 2nd

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

Camera Operator: Val Gilcher

Video Coordinator: Karin Thelin

Worship Leader: Sharon Minick

Lectionary Scriptures: Genesis 32:22-31; Psalm 17:1-7, 15, Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21

Sermon: Pastor Rhonda Taylor

Communion Steward: Sharon Minick

Fellowship Host: Laurie Bell

Counters: Jackie Blomberg & Gay McPhee

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