

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

March 23, 2025
3rd Sunday in LENT

Worship Service



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WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*Please stand in body, and/or spirit

Prelude

Welcome, Acknowledgments of first-time visitors and announcements

Words to Ponder

"Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success." - Henry Ford

Introit

Chancel Choir

*Call to Worship

L: Wrap yourselves in the healing love of God!

P: We seek God's presence in our lives.

L: Know that God continually surrounds us with patience and persistence.
Let us rejoice! Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised!

P: We will turn our lives again to the Lord, to serve and seek God's presence. AMEN.

*Opening Hymn

"We Walk by Faith"

No. 2196

Opening Prayer (Unison)

Gracious and eternal God, you call us into a new way of being, and give us so many second chances in life. May your love wash over us, as we turn toward you from our sinful ways. Mold us as your people in new and powerful ways, that we may be true disciples of your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen. *From Abingdon Worship Annual edited by Mary J. Scifres and B.J. Beu, Copyright © Abingdon Press.*

1st Scripture Reading (Old Testament)

Psalm 63:1-8

Leader: This is the Word of God

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Chancel Choir

Children's Moment

2nd Scripture Reading (Old Testament)

Isaiah 55:1-9

Leader: This is the Word of God

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Meditation

Pastor Rhonda R. Taylor

Town Hall Meeting



"And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching" (Hebrews 10:24-25).

Offertory

*Doxology

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*Prayer of Dedication (Unison)

Faithful God, our guide and sustainer, as we offer these gifts, may they bear fruit for your kingdom. In this solemn season of Lent, we remember your call to repentance and renewal. Help us tend the soil of our hearts so that we may grow in faith and bear witness to your grace. Use these offerings to bring hope to those in need and light to those in darkness. May we live as your fruitful servants, trusting in your abundant mercy. In the name of Christ who calls us to new life, we pray. Amen.

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

*Closing Hymn "Guide Me, O Great Thou Jehovah" No. 127

*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 Deb Anderson.

SUNDAY, MAR 23

9:00 Sunday School

10:00 Worship

11:00 Fellowship

12:00 Confirmation Class

TUESDAY, MAR 25

7:00 Lenten Study Online

10:00 Clever Crafters

WEDNESDAY, MAR 26

9:30 TOPS

5:00 Soup Kitchen

THURSDAY, MAR 27

10:00 Lenten Study

6:30 Scouts

7:30 Choir Practice

FRIDAY, MAR 28

5:30 AA meeting

Ushers: Lyle Cubberly, Lynn Sellers, David Moore, Bob Morrison

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