

Worship Resource:

Prayer of Confession, Words of Assurance

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Flowers on the alter today are in honor of our veterans both past and present.



The United Methodist Church of Clinton

12 Commerce Street, Clinton, CT

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Order of Worship

October 11, 2026

20th Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

Welcome, Acknowledgements of first-time visitors and announcements

Words to Ponder: *Rejoice in the Lord always. Rejoice in the Lord. Rejoice.*

Introit

Chancel Choir

*Please stand in body, and/or spirit

*Call to Worship
Praise be to God, who has brought us here this day.
Praise and thanks to God for all the blessings we have received.
What joy we have in God’s presence!
What peace is brought to us in God’s house!
This is truly the day that the Lord has made!
Let us rejoice and be glad in it! Amen

*Opening Hymn “Great is the Lord ” No. 2022

Opening Prayer

Prayer of Confession (shared in unison)
Lord, you know we are in the midst of a very confusing political season. The shouts of the partisan communities often deafen us to the needs of those around us. Help us remember that you have called us to service, to ministries of hope and healing. Forgive us when we get so caught up in the chaos that we forget your presence. Give us courage and strength to truly serve you by serving your people. For we ask this in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

Moment for silent personal confession

Words of Assurance
Beloved of the Lord, you are healed and forgiven. You are called to go forth in compassionate ministry to help others in need. Know that God always goes with you on your journeys into ministry. Be at peace. Amen.

New Testament Reading Philippians 4:1-9
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem Chancel Choir

Children’s Moment

*Gospel Reading Matthew 22:1-14
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Hymn “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” No. 381

Sermon Pastor Rhonda R. Taylor

Offertory

*Doxology No. 95

Prayer of Dedication

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

*Closing Hymn “Lord of All Hopefulness” No. 2197

*Benediction/Going Forth

*Response “Bless Us Now”
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