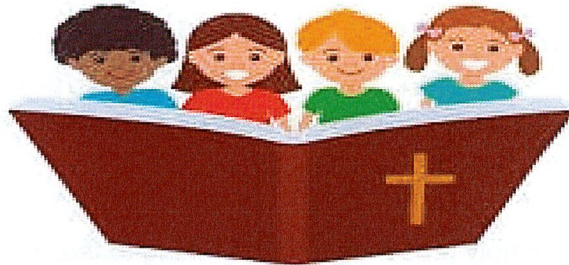


**The United Methodist Church  
12 Commerce Street  
Clinton, CT**



**June 7, 2026  
Children's Sunday**

## WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Words to Ponder: "Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord." Jeremiah 17:7

Welcome: Natalie Sutherland

Introit: Chancel Choir

Call to Worship (Responsively) Grade 3-5 Class

Leader: Even though we don't always see him, God is always with us.

People: When we are worried or scared,

Leader: God is with us.

People: When everyone around us is afraid,

Leader: God is with us.

All: God is always with us.

Hymn #322, Up From the Grave He Arose

*\*This hymn was chosen by the grades 3-5 Sunday School class as one of their favorites.*

Opening Prayer Lydia Templeton

We come into Your holy presence today, seeking to feel Your nearness and to know Your will. We ask that You guide us in this time of worship, and that Your Spirit fills each of our hearts. May we hear Your still, small voice leading us, and may we respond with willing and open hearts. Bless this gathering with the peace and joy that comes from Your presence.

Prayer of Confession Tavis Nicklis

In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

1st Scripture Reading: 1Samuel, 17: 1-18, 41-50 Gr. 3-5 Class

*\*Classes chose scriptures from their lessons this year.*

Anthem "Train Up A Child" Chancel Choir

Recognition of Teachers Becky Templeton  
Bev Bowen

Children's Moment Heifer Project

Hymn

#338, Where He Leads Me

*\*This hymn was chosen by the Middle School / High School Class*

2nd Scripture Reading: Samuel 15:22, 2 Samuel 6:21

Tavis/Lydia

Sermon: Lessons from Sunday School

Class Presentations

Presentation of Scholarships: Pastor Rhonda, Bev Bowen, Becky Templeton  
*Receiving Scholarship: Stella Blare & Timothy Hayes*

Offertory

Doxology

#95

Prayer of Dedication (Unison)

Natalie

Lord, align our hearts with Yours as we dedicate these gifts. May our motives be pure, and our intentions be in harmony with Your will. Let this act of dedication be a step towards a deeper connection with You.

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Bev Bowen

Service of Word and Table (Thanksgiving and Holy Communion)

A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE (HOLY COMMUNION)

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.**

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.**

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.**

All honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Led by K-2 Class

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

**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.**

*The congregation will partake in Holy Communion together*

**PRAYER AFTER HOLY COMMUNION**

**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.**

Final Hymn:

#558, We are the Church

*\*This hymn was chosen by the Pk-K Class*

Benediction

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

**SUNDAY, JUN 7**

9:00 Sunday School

10:00 Worship

11:00 Fellowship

**TUESDAY, JUN 9**

Clever Crafters 10-2pm

7:00 Bible Study Online

**WEDNESDAY, JUN 10**

9:30 TOPS

5:00 Community Supper

7:00 Church Council Meeting Online

**THURSDAY, JUN 11**

10:00 Bible Study

7:30 Choir

**FRIDAY, JUN 12**

5:30 AA meeting

