

THE
UNITED
CHURCH
OF
CLINTON

Allan Mueller, Musician
August 20, 2017
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

How Pleasant it is when



kindred
live
together
in unity!

Psalm 133

PRELUDE May the music bring quiet to your spirit.

WELCOME AND SEEING GOD'S WORK

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Loving, living God, be among us now. Show us your ways. Guide our steps. Live in us, that we may be people of steadfast hope and powerful giving. Help us hear your words, challenging us to give you all the things that are yours. Help us remember that all we are and all we have are gifts from you, gifts to be shared in service and love. Holy One among us, help us be a holy people who receive your word with joy and live your message with love. Amen.

***HYMN OF PRAISE** #518 This Is a Day of New Beginnings

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all the generations.
(*Psalm 90:1*)

People: You, O Lord, have been a dwelling place for us and our children.

Leader: Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. (*Psalm 90:2*)

People: You, O Lord, have been with us for these sixty years!

Leader: God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. (*Psalm 46:1*)

People: You, O Lord, have been our refuge and our strength!

Leader: The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. (*Psalm 46:7, 11*)

People: You, O Lord, are the eternal One and we have trusted you.

Leader: Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. (*Lamentations 3:22, 23*)

People: You, O Lord, have been our faithful One!

Leader: Jesus said, "I will build my church and the gates of Hades will not overcome it." (*Matthew 16:18*)

People: You, O Lord, have built your church in this place and we have been blessed.

FOLLOWED BY THE LORD'S PRAYER: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen

***GLORIA PATRI (# 35 in Hymnal)**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, World without end. Amen. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In unison)

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have sinned and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we should have done; we have done those things which we should not have done; and there is nothing good in us. O Lord, have mercy on us and spare those who confess their faults. Help us to live a godly, righteous, and sober life; to the glory of His name. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in loving kindness. As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgression from us.

PASSING THE PEACE

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 133 (*OT page 636-637*)

TIME WITH CHILDREN AND CHILDREN'S OFFERING

***HYMN OF PREPARATION** Make Me a Channel of Your Peace (*see insert*)

TIME OF PRAYER

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

SILENT PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE (# 306 in Hymnal)

**Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord.
Incline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace. Amen**

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 15:10-20, 21-28 (*NT page 17*)

SERMON "Sing to the Lord!"

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

*Special Music in honor of Mary Ellen & Barry Matthew's Anniversary
and Barry's Birthday*

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERING #589 Lord, I Want to Be a Christian
***THE DOXOLOGY (# 46 in Hymnal) Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***HYMN OF DEDICATION #552 Standing on the Promises**

During the Hymn of Dedication we invite you to come before the altar and make a commitment to God...

...to ask Jesus Christ to be your Savior.

...to renew your commitment to Jesus as Lord.

...to invest your life as a member of the church by transfer of membership or as a new Christian dedication.

***BENEDICTION**

As we offer our treasure and hearts to you, O God, may they be used to pass on the promise of hope, of peace, of life, of community to all in need of your gifts and presence in their lives. Amen.

BLESSING

We thank you God for...

Every prayer we have prayed

Every song we have sung

All the things we have learned

All the laughter and fun

Thank you for all the joy you bring

And our wonderful times together

May we walk with you as each new day begins

This day and forever

Amen.

***BELL AND POSTLUDE**

**Please rise in Body or in Spirit*



WELCOME

To The United Church of Clinton

If you are visiting with us today, we want to welcome you to our worship.
Please come and join us after worship for coffee and fellowship in Marquardt Hall .
We are so glad you are here and hope you will come again.



**Flowers have been placed on the altar
in celebration of Barry Matthew's Birthday
by Mary Ellen Matthew.**



Please pray for:

Sara Houghton

Jim Garceau

Amanda Howe

Jeannette Sivert

The Turcotte Family

Jim Porcella

Carol Buteau

Chad Kay

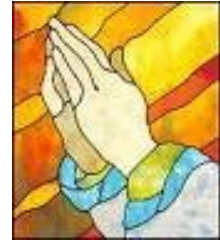
Jim Burke

Shelly L.

Bill Meehan

Billie Jean Dotson

Jayne Wiggington



Please pray for our Home Worshipers:

Mary Bisson, Marge Sheridan, Marilyn Center,
Corinne Dobeck, Eunice Salmon, Gloria Nillson,
Corinne Gebhardt & Herman Schultz

Please pray for those in the Military:

Mike Clark (Mary & Joe's son)

S/SGT Frank R. Heron (Marge Sheridan's grandson)

Captain Aubrey Sontag

Captain Tiffany Sontag

S/A Jill Milewski

Pvt. Alex Apell

All who are deployed

PRAYER REQUEST

If you would like to have a friend or loved ones' name included in the Monday Morning Prayer Request e-mail, please fill out a Prayer Request Card found on the back of the pew and place it in the offering plate.

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

20 - Barry Matthew

20 - Erin Gilchrest

20 - Haleigh Dobeck

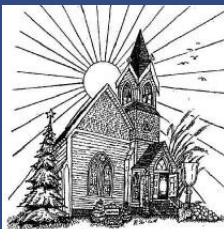
21 - Mason Taylor

22 - Michael Daniels

THIS WEEK'S ANNIVERSARIES

25 - Jeanne & Irving Dietel

26 - Karen & Warren Patten



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