

THE
UNITED
CHURCH
OF
CLINTON

Allan Mueller, Musician
July 23, 2017
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

I CHOSE YOU.
I WANTED YOU.
I APPOINTED YOU.
I SET YOU WHERE YOU ARE.

JOHN 15:16

PRELUDE May the music bring quiet to your spirit.

WELCOME AND SEEING GOD'S WORK

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

***HYMN OF PRAISE** #59 This Is My Father's World

CALL TO WORSHIP (*adapted from Psalm 18*)

Leader: The Lord is my protector; he is a strong fortress.

People: how I love you, Lord! You are my defender.

Leader: He protects me like a shield, he defends me and keeps me safe.

People: How I love you, Lord! You are my defender.

Leader: I call to the Lord, and he saves me from my enemies.

People: Praise the Lord, Amen.

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)

As you know, God our healer, we stand on the edge of your promises and hopes, yet cannot seem to let ourselves cross over into the life you intend for us, we seek praise from our families, yet are unable to tell them how much we love them, we care more about our needs and desires, than for the struggles of our neighbors; we think more about the trash we read and see than focusing on the spirit of wisdom.

Forgive us, Everlasting God, renew our lives with your Grace; restore our hopes with your vision of tomorrow; refresh our spirits with your joy which comes to us new in each moment in the gift of your Child, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

This moment, this morning, this day, and in all the days to come God's compassion and hope fill our lives. What joyous good news! Our hope is not vain. God forgives our sins and is the dwelling place for all people. Thanks be to God. Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE

SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 34: 6-7 (*OT page 88*)

TIME WITH CHILDREN AND CHILDREN'S OFFERING

***HYMN OF PREPARATION** #77 On Eagle's Wings

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 John 15: 16-17 (*NT page 114*)

SERMON

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERING #425 Let Us Break Bread Together

***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 #528 Give Thanks**

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.

***COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING**

***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
to the
Glory of God.

Our Lay Leader this morning is Kelly Turcotte.

Please pray for:

Sara Houghton

Jim Garceau

Amanda Howe

Jeannette Sivert

Jim Porcella

Dorothy Martinath

Chad Kay

Jim Burke

George Musche, Jr

Carol Buteau

Billie Jean Dotson

Jayne Wiggington



Please pray for our Home Worshippers:

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

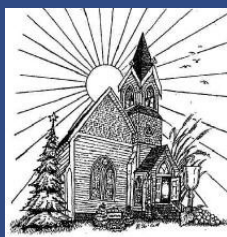
Please pray for those in the Military:

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

24 - Corinne Dobeck
28 - Shane Gilman
29 - Alan Baer
29 - Maddison Arpano



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