

THE  
UNITED  
CHURCH  
OF  
CLINTON

LyAnna Johnson, Guest Preacher  
Allan Mueller, Musician  
July 9, 2017  
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost



**PRELUDE** May the music bring quiet to your spirit.

**WELCOME AND SEEING GOD'S WORK**

**\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE** # 595 Be Thou My Vision

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader : We come seeking Jesus, the Light of the world!

**People: Shine in our hearts Lord Jesus!**

Leader: We believe in the strength of God to illuminate dark places.

**People: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness shall not overcome it.**

Leader: Lord, in this hour of worship, kindle in us the light of your love.

**People: Let your light shine through us, now an forever.**

**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)**

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Our God fulfills his promises and is true to his word. We have confessed our sins. God has forgiven us, because Christ dies for us. Amen

**PASSING THE PEACE**

**SCRIPTURE READING**            Genesis 3:1-15 (*OT page 3*)

**TIME WITH CHILDREN AND CHILDREN'S OFFERING**

**\*HYMN OF PREPARATION**    #585 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

**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. 16:24-25 (*NT page 18*)

**SERMON** "Holy Ground"

**MUSIC FOR MEDITATION**

**PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERING** #326 Thy Word

**\*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*

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**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.**



**This morning, our Lay Reader is Alana Limber.**

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**Please pray for:**

Sara Houghton  
Jim Garceau  
Amanda Howe  
Jeannette Sivert

Yvonne Quinn  
Dorothy Martinath  
Chad Kay  
Jim Burke

Jim Porcella  
Carol Buteau  
Billie Jean Dotson



**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  
1<sup>st</sup> Lt 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.

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**THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS**

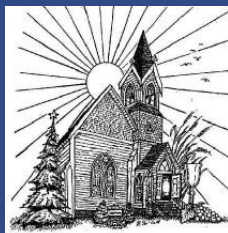
09 - Irving Dietel  
13 - Shannon Khanoyan  
15 - Sue Smethurst  
15 - Erin Ruperto

**THIS WEEK'S ANNIVERSARIES**

14 - Abby & Matthew Arpano

**THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES**

11 - Stewardship/ 2:00 pm  
12 - Deacons/ 6:30 pm  
12 - Council/ 7:30 pm



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