

United Church of Clinton



Christ The King Sunday

November 25, 2018
Pastor, Rev. Lee Atherton
Lay Reader, Janet Lamy

Worship - 10:00 am
Musician, Ilana Cady

Ministers, The People of God

"I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened...that you may know the hope to which he has called you." Ephesians 1:18 NIV

RINGING of the BOWL / TIME of CENTERING

Please use this time during the prelude in silent prayer and preparation for worship.

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL to WORSHIP** (please stand as you are able)

Leader: Come, let us celebrate the goodness of God.

People: God has blessed us with God's great love.

Leader: Let us come to this time, letting go of our worries.

People: Let us come to this time praising God.

Leader: Come, now is the time to worship.

People: We come rejoicing, for God is so good to us. Amen!

*HYMN of PRAISE SUPPORTING HUMAN JUSTICE

“Open the Eyes of My Heart”

You are invited to bring your gifts to support our outreach and mission opportunities.

CHORUS

E5 Bsus D#

O - pen the eyes — of my heart, — Lord, o - pen the eyes — of my heart, —

Detailed description: This block contains the first line of musical notation for the chorus. It is in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps) and 4/4 time. The melody starts with a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note D5, an eighth note E5, a quarter note F#5, a quarter note G5, a quarter note A5, a quarter note B5, a quarter note A5, a quarter note G5, a quarter note F#5, a quarter note E5, and a quarter note D5. There is a double bar line after the first measure. The second measure starts with a quarter note D5, an eighth note E5, a quarter note F#5, a quarter note G5, a quarter note A5, a quarter note B5, a quarter note A5, a quarter note G5, a quarter note F#5, a quarter note E5, and a quarter note D5. Chord symbols E5 and Bsus D# are placed above the first and second measures respectively.

4

A2 C# A2 E Esus

I want to see You, — I want to see You; —

Detailed description: This block contains the second line of musical notation. It starts with a boxed number '4'. The melody begins with a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note D5, an eighth note E5, a quarter note F#5, a quarter note G5, a quarter note A5, a quarter note B5, a quarter note A5, a quarter note G5, a quarter note F#5, a quarter note E5, and a quarter note D5. There is a double bar line after the first measure. The second measure starts with a quarter note D5, an eighth note E5, a quarter note F#5, a quarter note G5, a quarter note A5, a quarter note B5, a quarter note A5, a quarter note G5, a quarter note F#5, a quarter note E5, and a quarter note D5. Chord symbols A2 C#, A2, E, and Esus are placed above the first, second, third, and fourth measures respectively. A triplet of eighth notes (F#5, G5, A5) is marked above the first measure of the second line.

9

E5 Bsus D#

O - pen the eyes — of my heart, — Lord, o - pen the eyes — of my heart, — I want to

Detailed description: This block contains the third line of musical notation. It starts with a boxed number '9'. The melody begins with a quarter note D5, an eighth note E5, a quarter note F#5, a quarter note G5, a quarter note A5, a quarter note B5, a quarter note A5, a quarter note G5, a quarter note F#5, a quarter note E5, and a quarter note D5. There is a double bar line after the first measure. The second measure starts with a quarter note D5, an eighth note E5, a quarter note F#5, a quarter note G5, a quarter note A5, a quarter note B5, a quarter note A5, a quarter note G5, a quarter note F#5, a quarter note E5, and a quarter note D5. Chord symbols E5 and Bsus D# are placed above the first and second measures respectively. A triplet of eighth notes (F#5, G5, A5) is marked above the first measure of the third line.

13

A2 C# A2 E Esus

see You, — I want to see You. — To see You

Detailed description: This block contains the fourth line of musical notation. It starts with a boxed number '13'. The melody begins with a quarter note D5, an eighth note E5, a quarter note F#5, a quarter note G5, a quarter note A5, a quarter note B5, a quarter note A5, a quarter note G5, a quarter note F#5, a quarter note E5, and a quarter note D5. There is a double bar line after the first measure. The second measure starts with a quarter note D5, an eighth note E5, a quarter note F#5, a quarter note G5, a quarter note A5, a quarter note B5, a quarter note A5, a quarter note G5, a quarter note F#5, a quarter note E5, and a quarter note D5. Chord symbols A2 C#, A2, E, and Esus are placed above the first, second, third, and fourth measures respectively. A triplet of eighth notes (F#5, G5, A5) is marked above the first measure of the second line.

17

BRIDGE

B C₇m7 A2 B_{sus}

high and lift - ed up, — shin - ing in the light of Your glo - ry;

***PRAYER of the DAY**

We come this day, rejoicing, in the presence of the King of Kings, Jesus Christ. At his birth the angels proclaimed his name to be Emmanuel, God with us. Today in this place, in this time of worship, may we truly feel the power and presence of Jesus Christ in our lives. May our hearts and spirits be warmed and challenged to proclaim with our lives, "Christ is Lord!" God in Community, Holy in One, we pray as our King taught us saying, "Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by 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**

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.

(you may be seated)

SCRIPTURE Revelation 1:4b-8 p. 266

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

***HYMN** "When Morning Gilds the Skies" #100

PRAYERS of CONFESSION and RESTORATION

Mighty God, we make choices that reveal who we are. Your word has not been on our lips. We don't reflect your Spirit in our actions toward others. We don't follow the One who is King of Kings. Forgive us. Do not turn your face from us but help us to face ourselves honestly so that we may faithfully follow Jesus Christ, our King, our Lord, our Savior.

PASSING *the* PEACE of CHRIST

In the spirit of worship, and abiding in Christ's love, let us turn to one another singing "Peace Be with You". Please be seated when the music ends.

SHARING OUR JOYS, CONCERNS, *and* GLIMPSES of GOD

You are invited to share your concern or celebration briefly so that all who wish will have time to share. Please consider the privacy of other's information.

PASTOR'S PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

"Heal Me, Hands of Jesus" (verse 1)

#504

Heal me, hands of Jesus, and search out all my pain;
Restore my hope, remove my fear, and bring me peace again.

PRESENTING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Part 1 (melody)

Hum - ble thy - self in the sight of the
Lord. Hum-ble thy - self in the sight of the
Lord, and
he shall lift you up, high-er and high - er, and
he shall lift you up. Repeat ending Song ending
up.

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: "Hum - ble thy - self in the sight of the Lord. Hum-ble thy - self in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up, high-er and high - er, and he shall lift you up." The score includes a "Repeat ending" and a "Song ending" box at the end.

HYMN of DEDICATION "Humble Thyself in the Sight of the Lord & Awesome God"

First time: Unison
Repeats: Parts

Our God is an awe-some God; he reigns from
heav-en a - bove with wis - dom, pow'r, and love. Our
God is an awe-some God! Our God! Our God is an awe-some
God! Our God is an awe - some God!

Repeat ending | *Song ending*
Parts

slowing

***SONG of PRAISE (#46 in Hymnal)**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host, Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER of DEDICATION**

SCRIPTURE

John 18:33-37

p. 166

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

MUSICAL REFLECTION

***SENDING HYMN**

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

#66

BLESSING *and* SENDING FORTH

SUNG AMEN

BELL *and* POSTLUDE

Our worship has ended ~ Let our service begin!

New Joys and Concerns, Ongoing Prayers

Bobby and Lauren and Justin Fillios	Chet Thompson, Jan’s Ganusko’s brother
Bonnie Clark	Jamie and Heather McNamara Kayla Morkert
Bill Yacopucci	Marj and Art Lamy Abby
Kim, Kelly Turcotte’s sister	Brendan, Linda Wheeler’s relative
Bob Wheeler	Carol and Steve Granger Dolly Duca
Tyler Bauman & Family	Bill Cummins Laura Garceau and family

The Week (and month) Ahead

Today	10:00am	Worship
		After Worship Confirmation
	5:00pm	Community Thanksgiving Service at United Church of Clinton
Thursday, November 22		Happy Thanksgiving!! May your day be full of blessings!
Friday, November 30	4-8pm	German Christmas Market
Saturday, December 1	10am-5pm	German Christmas Market
Sunday, December 2	8:00am	Bible Study
	9:15am	Ensemble
	10:00am	Worship
	2:00pm	Community Carol-Sing a long

Happenings at United Church



Music Note: In the style of contemporary praise music we could sing “Awesome God” by Rich Mullins repeatedly. Many consider the song one of the top Christian songs of the past decade.

The German Christmas Market and your help is needed. It will be here before you know it! This is a huge fund-raiser and community awareness for our church and needs lots of helping hands to be successful. If you can help in any way – before or during; half an hour or lots of hours; at home or at church – be in touch with Dawn Sivert or leave a message at the office.

Kick off your holiday shopping with a trip to Germany! This year’s German Christmas Market will begin Friday, November 30th at 4-8pm, and run Saturday 10-5. On Sunday afternoon at 2pm, we will gather in the sanctuary for a sing along.

Advent begins next Sunday. Would you be interested in a **Home Advent Bible Study?** Please let Pastor Lee know of your interested by next Sunday, the 25th.

Special Music ahead! Our musician, Ilana Cady has invited her mom and her choir to join us for worship on December 9th. Come enjoy a music filled worship!

This year’s annual Christmas pageant presented by the children and youth of our church will be during worship on December 16th.

Pub Theology on December 3rd - Come Check it Out!! Robin Bartlett, pastor of First Church in Sterling will lead this evening's conversation. Let Pastor Lee if you want to go see what it's all about! If there's interest, she'll bring Pub Theology right here to Clinton! December 3rd, 7pm, The Mill in West Boylston.

Blue Christmas/Longest Night Worship With Those Who Mourn Blue? Yes, blue as in the blues. As in "I am feeling blue." Not everyone is up and cheery for the Christmas holidays. Dealing with the death of a loved one, facing life after divorce or separation, coping with the loss of a job, living with cancer or some other dis-ease that puts a question mark over the future, and a number of other human situations make parties and joviality painful for many people in our congregations and communities. Pastor Lee

will lead a special worship on December 18th at 6:30pm. She will create sacred space for people living through dark times.

Ladies – Mark Your Calendars! It's a long way off, but Pastor Lee is planning a retreat for the women of United Church and the wider UCC for March 1-2. The theme will be about preparing for Lent.

If you would be interested in attending an evening Bible Study using an on-line audio/video meeting room, let Pastor Lee know.

The Suggestion Box

If you have an idea or suggestion, add a note to the suggestion box in the hall between the sanctuary and Marquart Hall. Here are Pastor Lee's responses to recent submissions.

[The Vision Statement of the United Church of Clinton](#)

[God's people loving and serving God.](#)

[The Mission Statement of the United Church of Clinton](#)

[At the United Church of Clinton we seek to:](#)

- † [Spread the word of God;](#)
- † [Love God and our neighbors passionately;](#)
- † [Provide Christian education to people of all ages;](#)
- † [Work together in the local community and beyond by using our spiritual gifts in faithful service to those in need;](#)
- † [Live and bear testimony to our faith by being an example of Christian living;](#)
- † [Reach out to friends, families, and neighbors and invite them to join with us for reverent worship, heartfelt prayer, joyful music, and devoted celebration of the sacraments;](#)
- † [Encourage and create a sense of love and belonging to God's family.](#)