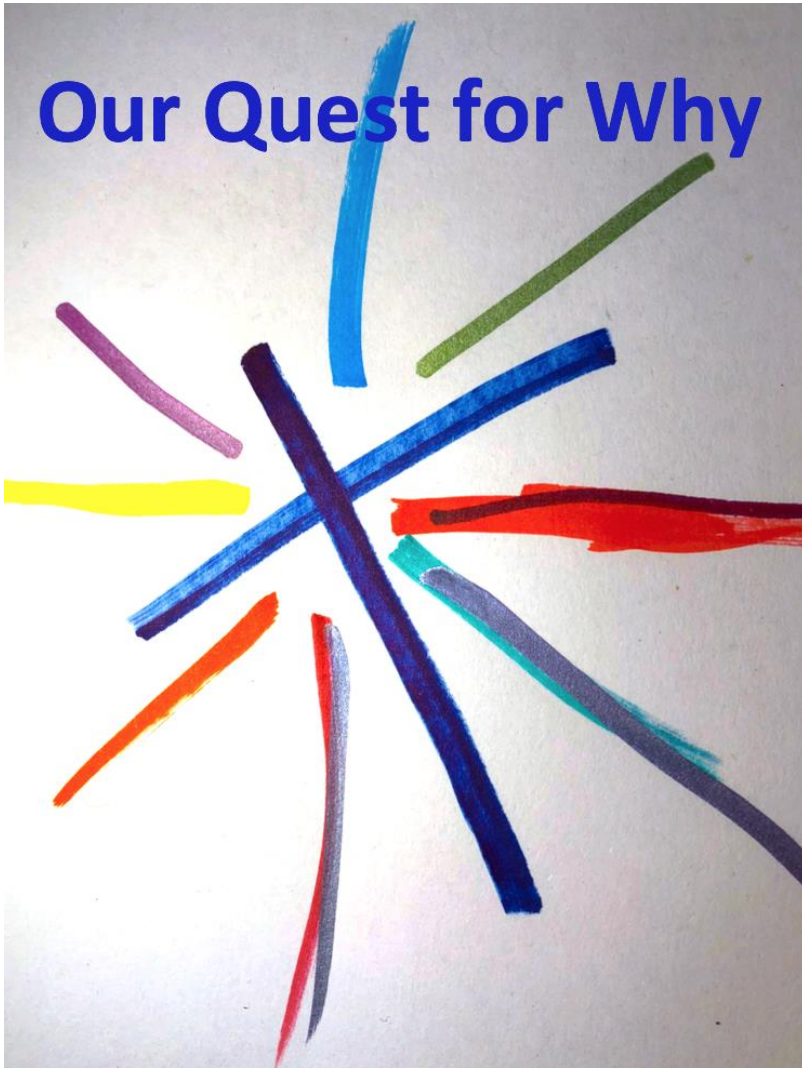


United Church of Clinton

Our Quest for Why



November 4, 2018
Pastor, Rev. Lee Atherton

Worship - 10:00 am
Musician, Ilana Cady

Ministers, The People of God

"He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." Micah 6:8

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) **Psalm 24**

Leader: The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, for he founded it on the seas and established it on the waters.

People: Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord? Who may stand in his holy place?

Leader: The one who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not trust in an idol.

People: They will receive blessing from the Lord and vindication from God their Savior.

Leader: Lift up your heads, your gates; lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

People: Who is he, this King of glory? The Lord Almighty – he is the King of glory.

***HYMN of PRAISE SUPPORTING HUMAN JUSTICE**

"For All the Saints"

#637

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

PRAYER of the DAY

As always, Lord, we do desire to get things straight, to know up front the core of life, the center of commandment's lure. And in our hearing, love becomes the prize and leads us near your kingdom, our God. Confirm in us the seeds of love for you, for all who wander near that in this energy of life we find your kingdom's grace. 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 John 11:32-44

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

***HYMN** "I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"

Insert

PRAYERS of CONFESSION and RESTORATION

Leader: Patient, Forgiving Spirit, we come seeking your face.

People: Holding on to ancient angers and hurts, refusing to believe that you make all things new.

Leader: Like Mary and Martha, we have forgotten your promises of eternal life.

People: Like the crowd that mourned for Lazarus, we have not believed that we would see your glory.

Leader: Forgive our unbelief, O God.

People: Bring us back and restore our trust in you.

Leader: God shows us a vision of a new heaven and a new earth, where everyone will live in peace and blessing. Trusting in God's promise to wipe away all our tears, in the name of Christ, we are forgiven.

All: Amen!

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 and BLESSING the PRAYER SHAWLS

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

HYMN of DEDICATION "Holy Ground" #112

***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**

Knowing we have been blessed beyond imagination we offer these gifts praying that they be used to touch the lives of the broken, the lonely, the seeking, the hungry, the hopeless – all who are our brothers and sisters. Amen.

For the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

With those who have gone before us,
**Whose hands touched the bread,
Whose lips embraced the cup,
We worship you.
We glorify you.**

Remembering

We remember those who have died in the past year.
We celebrate their lives, even as we continue to grieve.

Reading of Names and Tolling of Bell

Larry Gilman Jr	Marilyn E. Center	Herman Schultz
Andrew Matthew	Dudley Moses	John Gunn
Carl O'Donnell	John Clark	Virginia Roncoroni
Nancy Broman	Daphne Schuler	Catherine Murphy
John Nugent	Alison MacDonald	Catherine MacNamara
Frederick Wheeler		

And we remember all those who have gone before us. *(bell tolls)*

This is the mystery of our faith:

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Song **Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether** *(verse 3)*

#392

Breaking Bread and Pouring Wine

Gathered with his friends, Jesus took bread, broke it and said:

"This is my body, broken for you. Take and eat."

And pouring the wine:

"This is my blood, spilled out for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Prayer for the Holy Spirit

God of all, send your Spirit to this place so that those gathered here, in this sacred moment, may know your presence. As we eat the bread and drink of the cup, make us one with the saints, and with our sisters and brothers in faith around the world.

Be with us God, not only here but in every moment of our lives. Help us to know you, to be guided by the Holy Spirit, and to live Christ. Now and forever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (sung)

#308

Call to the Feast

This is the feast prepared for you. Come and share for all is ready.

Sharing the Bread and Wine

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Creative, connecting God, you have sent your Spirit and made us the body of Christ; From child-like faith, to youthful energy, from middle-aged mindfulness, to elder's wisdom. We thank you for this time, this remembrance.

Increase our faith.

Boldly!

Help us to love.

Boldly!

Encourage us to act.

Boldly!

In the name of Jesus Christ we pray.

Amen.

***SENDING HYMN**

“Soon and Very Soon”

Insert

BLESSING *and* SENDING FORTH

SUNG AMEN

BELL *and* POSTLUDE

Our worship has ended ~ Let our service begin!

Celebrating their Lives: Holy Communion for All Saints' Day was written by the Rev. Scott A. Ressman, Pastor of the United Church of Rockville Centre, Rockville Center, New York.

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New Joys and Concerns, Ongoing Prayers

Laura Garceau and family on the passing of her mother.

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	Gloria Nillson
Bob Wheeler	Carol and Steve Granger	Larry Gilman, Sr
Tyler Bauman & Family	Bill Cummins	Dolly Duca

The Week (and month) Ahead

Today	10:00am	Worship – Communion All Saints Day
Tuesday, November 6	7:00pm	Bereavement Group (please rsvp – 508-308-7116
Sunday, November 11	8:00am	Bible Study
	9:15am	Ensemble
	10:00am	Worship
	11:45 – 1:15	Confirmation

This Weeks Birthdays

02 - Patrick Ruperto 05 - Donald Dobeck, Jr 08 - April Duclos 08 - Jeffrey Kane
11 - James White 11 - Elijah Turcotte

Happenings at United Church

The German Christmas Market will be here before you know it! This is a huge fundraiser 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.

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.

~~We celebrate the Confirmation of 4 young men this year. Please congratulate Drew Dobeck, Zachary Newton, Ryan George~~

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