THE UNITED CHURCH OF CLINTON

Allan Mueller, Musician
September 10, 2017
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Guest Preacher, Rev. Lee Atherton

PRELUDE May the music bring quiet to your spirit.

WELCOME AND SEEING GOD'S WORK

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Leader: Christ is with us.
People: Christ is in our midst.
Leader: Let us pray

All:
Liberating God:
you set us free from our loneliness by the touch of another's hand;
you deliver us from our selfishness, so we may be of service to others;
you break the chains of our pride, so we might walk with you in humility.

Christ of love,
when we would cling to our anger, you send forgiveness to take us by the hand;
when we would snack on our bitterness, you share the Bread of heaven;
when we would drink from sin's fountain, you pour out the Cup of salvation.

Spirit of new life:
you gather us together in God's school to teach us how
to live together, to love together, to serve together,
so that those around us might know that you are in their midst.

God in Community, Holy in One, fill us with your wisdom as we pray. Amen.

***HYMN OF PRAISE** #589 Lord I want to Be a Christian

CALL TO WORSHIP
Leader: We gather here, where God would teach us:
People: so we may learn to be more compassionate, so we may be taught how to be more loving.
Leader: We gather here, where Jesus would teach us
People: the wisdom to choose forgiveness over holding a grudge, the language of hope so we may speak to all.
Leader: We gather here, where the Spirit imparts wisdom,
People: so we might know how to share grace, so we would learn to welcome all to this Table.

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)***
All you ask of us is to love one another, God of our lives, and you are more than willing to teach us how. Yet we find this simple request so hard to carry out, this easy lesson so difficult to learn. Someone cuts us off in traffic, and we curse them. Another buys something we want but cannot afford, and we overflow with jealousy. A friend gets the acclaim we wanted, and we whisper about them behind their backs.
Forgive us, Merciful God, and unclasp our hands from our grudges. With Christ in our midst, we can become the people your dream about: loving, merciful, gentle, and compassionate children of God.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON
We have gathered as God's people: broken, we are made whole; alone, we are welcomed into a family; forgiven, we are sent to serve. Fed, forgiven, restored, loved. God's grace which makes us new in every moment. Thanks be to God! Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 6:5-13 *(NT Page 6)*

TIME WITH CHILDREN AND CHILDREN'S OFFERING

***HYMN OF PREPARATION** #420 I Come with Joy

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 Psalm 91 *(OT page 606-607)*

SERMON " Chatting with God "

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERING Sing a New Song to the Lord *(see insert)*
***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.**

OFFERING PRAYER
***HYMN OF DEDICATION** Bind Us Together *(see insert)*
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**
***BLESSING**
Leader: Go now to the people who are overwhelmed by despair.
People: We will take the hope which has been given to us and share it with all.
Leader: Go now to those who are at odds with neighbors.
People: We will offer the peace and reconciliation which God has poured into our lives.
Leader: Go now to those who are the most vulnerable in our world.
The blessing of God Almighty: Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit be with you all. 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
to the Glory of God.
Our Guest Preacher this morning is Rev. Lee Atherton.

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
Jayme 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

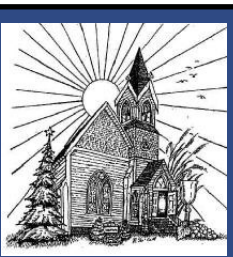
PRAYER REQUEST
If you would like to have a friend or loved ones' name included in the Monday Morning Prayer Request e-mail, please fill out a Prayer Request Card found on the back of the pew and place it in the offering plate.

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

10 - Ava Ruperto
11 - Timothy Khanoyan
13 - Richard Zammitti
13 - Kristen Dietel
14 - David Hoag

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

10 - Servants in Faith / during Coffee Hour
17 - RALLY SUNDAY



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