

THE
UNITED
CHURCH
OF
CLINTON

Allan Mueller, Musician
September 3, 2017
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost



PRELUDE May the music bring quiet to your spirit.

WELCOME AND SEEING GOD'S WORK

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Lord, we come before you today and thank you for all the blessings that you have given us. Many times our lives are so full of busy work that we neglect our relationship with you, for that we are sorry. We know that you never neglect us, for if you did our very lives would cease to be. Make us an instrument to your teachings and guide us in our journey. Be with us now as we gather in your name, may we feel your presence among us. In Jesus precious name we pray. Amen.

***HYMN OF PRAISE #53 Morning Has Broken**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come and worship everyone on earth everywhere the sun shines,

All: Let's praise God together!

Leader: For listening when we call answering our prayers forgiving our mistakes and providing what we need.

All: Let's praise God together!

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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)

God, forgive us for wanting more, even when we have more than we need. Create in us new hearts to love our neighbors as much as we love ourselves. Help us to know that our abundance is for others' needs. Great Teacher, write your law on our hearts: God's abundance is enough for all if we share.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God hears our prayer, this we know is true. God's forgiveness embraces us, this is good news for all.
Amen

PASSING THE PEACE

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 105:1-6, 45 (*OT pages 615, 617*)

TIME WITH CHILDREN AND CHILDREN'S OFFERING

***HYMN OF PREPARATION** #70 God of the Sparrow God of the Whale

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 16:21-28 (*NT pages 18-19*)

SERMON "Make Me an Instrument"

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace;
where there is hatred let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master,
grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console;
to be understood, as to understand;
to be loved, as to love;

For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERING #579 Standing in the Need of Prayer

***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

Creator of all, thank you for the capacity and the privilege of giving. May these gifts, which we give right back to you, transform hunger into nutritious food; literacy into education; thirst into clean, accessible water; disease into healing; displacement into welcome; and despair into hope. We humbly ask you to consecrate these gifts for the transformation of lives and communities so that our abundance may be for their need and their need become our abundance. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN #422 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

(The Sanctus is to be sung.)

Holy, holy, holy Lord; God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

Hosanna in the highest!

Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

Hosanna in the highest!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

SHARING THE ELEMENTS WITH COMMUNION OFFERING

(If able, please come forward to receive communion by intinction - take a piece of the bread and then dip it in the juice. If you are unable to come forward raise your hand and communion will be brought to you. Also as you come forward, and in response to the grace you have received, feel free to make an offering towards our community café meal that we provide each month)

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

This table is open to all who confess Jesus as the Christ and seek to follow Christ's way. Come to this table not because you must, but because you may. Come...partake and share, just as you are, for all are welcome here.)

INVITATION

COMMUNION PRAYER

***HYMN OF DEDICATION #600 Jesu, Jesu**

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**

Church, hear the Good News: there is enough for all! May we do our part to distribute our abundance equitably and compassionately, so that the needs of our world may be no more. Our sisters and brothers are counting on us. Go now, from this sacred place into a world that is waiting for all you have to give.

***BELL AND POSTLUDE**

**Please rise in Body or in Spirit.*



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.**

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 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
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.

In the aftermath of the tragic work accident that resulted in the death of Kevin Turcotte, Kelly Turcotte's husband, Laura Taylor has set up an online Meal/Service Train to provide Kelly and her family with their immediate household needs. If you would like to volunteer for the Meal/Service Train, which entails donating food ingredients (not cooked meals) and other household necessities, please visit <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/127063> to register when and what you can provide. Thank you.

Laura is also in the process of finalizing arrangements to establish a Turcotte Family Fund in the Workers Credit Union at 145 Main Street, Lancaster, MA 01523. Details on how to donate to the Turcotte Family Fund will follow in a future email.

Please continue keep Kelly, her children, and Kevin's family and friends in your prayers at this sad time.

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

- 03 - Andy Burgwinkel
- 04 - Alana Hoag
- 06 - Mary Ellen Poulin
- 08 - Cathy Poulin
- 08 - Will Summit Slade

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

- 04 - Labor Day/*Office Closed*
- 05 - Missions & Social Justice
7:00 pm
- 06 - Deacons/ 6:30 pm
- 06 - Council/ 7:30 pm
- 09 - OLDE HOME DAY
- 10 - Youth Council/ 9:00am
- 10 - Servants in Faith
/ after worship

PLEASE SUPPORT



our monthly meal for
WHEAT's Community Café.
Cost of the pizza, salad, and ice cream meal on the 3rd Monday of each month is around \$130.00.



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