

# United Church of Clinton



## World Communion Sunday

Pastor, Rev. Lee Atherton

Musician, Ilana Cody

### Ministers, The People of God

*"This is the joyful feast of the people of God. Men and women, youth and children, come from the east and the west, from the north and the south, and gather about Christ's table."*

## **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*)

(Based on Lamentations 3 and Psalm 137)

Leader: Sing to the Lord, who is always understanding!

Adults: But how can we sing the Lord's song when so many are without?

Children: We are created for community!

Leader: Lord, whose faithfulness renews us every morning!

Adults: But how can we sing the lords song when so many are gone?

Children: We are created for community!

Leader: Sing to the Lord, who has not forgotten the melodies of salvation!

Adults: Let us remember the joy of the Lord and sing a new song together!

Children: We are created for community!

**\*HYMN of PRAISE SUPPORTING HUMAN JUSTICE** *"In Christ There Is No East or West"* #687

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

## **PRAYER of the DAY**

Almighty God,

even as the drums of warfare beat on through the night,

even as the cries of injustice linger in the morning,

even as the hustle of busyness rumbles through the day,

quiet our hearts. Still our thoughts. Join us in our worship. Remember us in your mercy

as we try to remember you,

through the proclamation of your good news, in story and in song, and through the hospitality of your gracious table.

Welcome us again, one Lord,

Creator, Son, and Holy Spirit. **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**

Matthew 18:15-20

**A MESSAGE *and* ACTIVITY for ALL AGES****\*HYMN***"He's Got The Whole World In His Hands"*

Insert

**PRAYERS of CONFESSION *and* FORGIVENESS**

Jesus Christ, call us to be community. Remind us that we are yours. Help us to do good things in your name. Wake up our hearts so we learn to respect everyone – even when their community is so different than ours. And celebrate with us the diversity within that unity. May it be so now and forever. 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****PRAYER RESPONSE** "Heal Me, Hands of Jesus"

Heal me, hands of Jesus, and search out all my pain;

Restore my hope, remove my fear, and bring me peace again.

**MOMENT OF MUSICAL REFLECTION****PRESENTING OUR GIFTS to GOD****HYMN of DEDICATION***"Bind Us Together"*

Insert

**\*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**

God of all creation, breathe your life-giving breath upon these gifts that they might be a blessing to all.

**CELEBRATION of COMMUNION****COMMUNION HYMN***"One Bread, One Body"*

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## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (adapted from the Belhar Confession)

**We believe in one holy, universal Christian church,  
the unity of the communion of saints of the entire human family. And we believe  
that that this unity of the people of God  
must be manifest and active,  
in that we love one another;  
that we give ourselves willingly and joyfully to one another,  
that we are share one baptism together,  
that we eat of one bread and drink of one cup together,  
that we confess one name, one Lord, for one cause, with one hope, which is the  
height and the breadth and the depth  
and the love of Christ, forever and ever. Amen.**

## **INVITATION**

**Leader:** Dear friends, the Spirit of God gives life to the world!

**People:** **Life that never ends!**

**Leader:** Here and now Christ feeds the world!

**People:** **Plenty for all, enough for today!**

**Leader:** Come to the table of justice and joy!

**People:** **No one will be turned away! No neighbor in need will go wanting!**

**Leader:** Let praise go up to God our Life!

**People:** **From every creature on God's good earth!**

## **PREFACE**

**Leader:** .... And with everything that lives under, on, and above the world, we give you glory, and we praise your name!

## **SANCTUS**

### **REMEMBERING JESUS**

**Leader:** And now, O God, we remember Jesus. We remember that he forgave our sins.

**People:** He breathed on us the peace of God.

**Leader:** We remember that he called us friends.

**People:** He taught us to love each other as he loved us.

Leader: Se remember that he feasted with the poor and rich, with strangers and friends.

People: To eat with him was to Know how good you are.

### **WORDS of INSTITUTION**

Leader: ...Whenever you do these things, remember me.

### **ACCLAMATION**

#### **PRAYER to the HOLY SPIRIT**

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, bless this bread that the earth has given and human hands have made.

People: May it be for all the Bread of Life!

Leader: Bless also this cup, fruit of the vine and work of human hands.

People: May it be for all the Cup of Peace!

Leader: Bless us too, that by our eating and drinking we may have love for each other and be servants of Christ's peace, until the New Day comes and every creature finds an honored place at the Banquet of Life!

All: We pray in the name of the Risen One, who is with us now, and to the end of the age!

Leader: He taught us to pray, and so we sing

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*"The Lords Prayer"*

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### **SHARING the BREAD and CUP**

At United Church we share communion by intinction (dipping the bread in the juice). You are invited to come forward to feast. After the bread and then the juice are offered to you, you may respond "Thanks be to God", or "Amen".

### **GIVING THANKS**

Leader: Let us give thanks to God in union with each other, with Christians everywhere, and with the poor and suffering neighbor, in whom we daily meet the living Christ.

**All: Thank you, God, for life in the Spirit of Jesus: for gladness in this bread and cup, for love that cannot die, for peace the world cannot give, for joy in the company of friends, for the glory of creation, and for the mission of justice you have made our own. Give us the gifts of this holy communion: oneness of heart, love for neighbors, forgiveness of enemies, the will to serve you every day, and life that never ends. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

## ***Our worship has ended ~ Let our service begin!***

### **New Joys and Concerns, Ongoing Prayers**

✝ Carl O’Donnell, recovering from a fall.

Bobby and Lauren Fillios

Bill Yacopucci

Bob Wheeler

Tyler Bauman & Family

Scott Maynard

Rachael and Kevin III

Carol and Steve Granger

Bill Cummins

Marj and Art Lamy

Gloria Nillson

Larry Gilman, Sr

Dolly Duca Cathy Darazio

Charlotte Conway

### **The Week (and month) Ahead**

<b>Sunday, October 7</b>	10:00am	World Communion Sunday
		After Worship Vitality Team
<b>Tuesday, October 9</b>		Deacons
		Worship Planning
<b>Wednesday, October 10</b>	6:30pm	Social Justice
	7:30pm	Church Council
<b>Sunday, October 14</b>	7:30am	Confirmation
	9:15am	Ensemble

### **Happenings at United Church**

**Today is World Communion Sunday with many Christian churches around the world.**

On the first Sunday of October every year Christians join together to celebrate and promote Christian unity and ecumenical cooperation. The tradition began in 1933 by Hugh Thomson Kerr who ministered in the Shadyside Presbyterian Church. According to *Presbyterian Outlook*:

“Davitt S. Bell (the late Clerk of Session and church historian at Shadyside) recalled that Dr. Kerr first conceived the notion of World Communion Sunday during his year as

moderator of the General Assembly (1930). Dr. Kerr's younger son, the Rev. Dr. Donald Craig Kerr, who is pastor emeritus of the Roland Park Presbyterian Church in Baltimore, was sixteen in 1933. He has related that World Communion Sunday grew out of the Division of Stewardship at ShadySide. It was their attempt to bring churches together in a service of Christian unity—in which everyone might receive both inspiration and information, and above all, to know how important the Church of Jesus Christ is, and how each congregation is interconnected one with another.”

In 1940, the Federal Council of Churches (now the National Council of Churches), led by Jesse Moren Bader, endorsed World Communion Sunday and began to promote it to Christian churches worldwide.



**Supporting Human Justice** Our donations today will support Wheat Community Café, whose mission is to give support to individuals and families who find

themselves experiencing economic and personal challenges by providing emergency assistance and programs that promote self-sufficiency. We serve residents of Berlin, Bolton, Clinton, Lancaster and Sterling.

**Who are you?! Imagine going to a small community event where everyone knows everyone – except you!** If you had never been to our church before, and you’re a newcomer to the town of Clinton, what would help make this first visit more comfortable for you? One way we could help - Let Lee know if you read this misplaced sentence and you can win a DD gift card – is to ALWAYS wear our name tags – not only to worship, but to coffee hour too. Help new-comers feel welcome by letting them know who you are. If you need one, let Lee know.

**Got a suggestion?** A worship theme idea? Small group ministry? On-line workshop topic? A retreat? You name it – if you put your ideas and suggestions in the suggestion box on the table by the handicap bathroom we’ll do our best to make it happen.

**The German Christmas Market** will be here before you know it! This amazing event 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.



**About the Artwork:** This six-foot banner at the Presbyterian denominational offices in Louisville was created to illustrate the Peacemaking Offering for World Communion Sunday on October 5, 1997. This design was originally drawn in oil pastels by Dorothea B. Kennedy and was translated into fabric by Gloiela Yau Dolak. As the mountains and hills rejoice, the thirsty of all nations are invited to come to the water; the hungry are invited to come to the table. Everyone is welcome.

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

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