

The United Church of Clinton

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

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Sunrise Worship

Ministers, The People of God

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Good morning and Happy Easter from The United Church of Clinton!

Pastor: Christ is Risen!

All: He has Risen Indeed!

***CALL to WORSHIP**

Leader: We come to this place, seeking Jesus in the familiar story of our faith. Do not meet us only here, O Living Christ, but surprise us with Resurrection power in all the places of our lives!

People: We gather together to pray the story we know by heart, a story of loving triumph and powerful grace.

Leader: This story of "Alleluia!" means great joy for the One who lives and who witnesses this new life in all the places of our lives!

People: We rejoice and thank you for the life of your son, resurrected by the power of your loving, vibrant Spirit.

All: Let this same Spirit fill all the places of our lives, that we may know the truth of resurrection for the rest of our lives! We join our hearts in lifting up the words: "Alleluia! Gracious Jesus!" For Christ is living and so are we! Alleluia indeed!

***SONG "Morning Has Broken"**

(1) Morning has broken like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken like the first bird,
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the word!

(2) Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

(3) Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
born of the one light, Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!

(4) Morning has broken like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the word!

*****Please go to insert "Let us pray"*****

***SONG "He Lives"**

I serve a risen Savior, he's in the world today
I know that he is living, whatever others say,
I see his hand of mercy, I hear his voice of cheer,
And just the time I need him, he's always near.

**He Lives, he Lives Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me,
Along life's narrow way.
He lives, he lives, salvation to impact!
You ask me how I know he lives?
He lives within my heart.**

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian,
Lift up your voice and sing,
Eternal hallelujah to Jesus Christ the King!
The hope of all who seek him,
The help of all who find;
None other is so loving, so good and kind.

**He Lives, he Lives Christ Jesus lives today!
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He lives, he lives, salvation to impact!
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BENEDICTION (Spoken in Unison)

**May God's abiding love and hope give us new life. May God's unmerited grace and mercy keep us hope-filled. And may God's restorative justice bring to us all, perfect peace. For Christ is risen! Praise be to God! Hallelujah!
Sung Amen**

Please join us back at The United Church of Clinton, 109 Haskell Ave., Clinton for a potluck breakfast! Happy Easter!

Let us pray:

Good News God, your angels appeared to the faithful women of Jesus' company, bringing them news more wonderful and awe-inspiring than they could imagine—Christ is Risen! Surely your angels can interrupt our lives, too, breaking into our losses and sorrows and offering a message of tremendous joy to change our lives! Come this Easter morning, we pray, and fill us with the joy of the women disciples, the first witnesses to your resurrection, that our lives may also be renewed in hope and glory. Let us roll back the stone of the grave and sing Alleluia once again! In Christ we pray, who also taught us to pray by saying (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 and ever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Matthew 16: 1-8 (New International Version of the Bible)

Jesus Has Risen. When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might anoint Jesus' body. 2 Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb 3 and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?" 4 but when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. 5 As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. 6 "Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. 7 But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.'" 8 Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.[a]

MEDITATION - Pastor Marilyn

***SONG "In the Garden" (found on next page-turn over)**

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***SONG "In the Garden"**

(1) I come to the garden alone,
while the dew is still on the roses;
and the voice I hear, falling on my ear,
the Son of God discloses.

Refrain

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And he walks with me,
and he talks with me,
and he tells me I am his own,
and the joy we share,
as we tarry there,
none have ever known.

(2) He speaks, and the sound of his voice
is so sweet the birds hush their singing,
and the melody that he gave to me
within my heart is ringing.

Refrain

(3) I'd stay in the garden with him
though the night around me be falling
but he bids me go; through the voice of woe
his voice to me is calling.

Refrain

COMMUNION

***SONG "Eat This Bread"**

Eat this bread, drink this cup,
come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
trust in me and you will not thirst.

Sharing of the bread and cup

PRAYER of THANKSGIVING for COMMUNION and EASTER MORNING

All: We give thanks for your love, your grace, and your power on this blessed Resurrection morning and through the sacrament of communion! We thank you for the many friends and loved ones who have made the extra effort to gather here with us today. We thank you for the brilliance of the colors on us and around us that remind us of new life! Today, blessed God, we gather to remember and celebrate: *We remember Jesus*, who healed the sick and raised the dead. *We remember Jesus*, who gathered children to himself and dealt kindly with women centuries before our efforts at women's liberation. *We remember Jesus*, who always kept the mission in the forefront, and the minutia in the lowest seat. *We remember Jesus*, Son of God, Song of God, who sang God's melody to us. *We remember Jesus*, who consented to suffer and die at our hand. Today, Almighty God, we celebrate the fact that death could not hold Jesus in the grave! We celebrate that not even death is able to separate us from the love of God! We celebrate the new life that we have in Christ! We celebrate the assurance that we have of eternal life! Today we celebrate and give thanks that in life, in death, in life after death we belong to God!

Amen. ***please continue on inside back page of bulletin***

