

# The United Church of Clinton



**June 14, 2026**

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## Ministers, The People of God

### PRAYER *of* THANKSGIVING *and* DEDICATION

Faithful God, thank you for the gifts we receive and that we give. Bless them so that needs will be met, your beloved will experience communal embrace, and you will be honored and glorified. Amen.

**\*SONG “Lift Every Voice and Sing”**

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### BENEDICTION

May laughter and love fill your heart and joy and peace flow like a mighty river from you, as you share the glory of God in hope and peace, boasting in the goodness of God, and delighting in the wonders of God, as you work the harvest of the kindom, Go, and be fruitful in the power of God!

**SUNG “Amen”** *(feel free to clap along!)*

### Postlude

\* Please stand if you are able.

**Bold-** Words in bold are said in unison.

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

***Warm Birthday wishes go out to:***

***Catherine Irvine June 2nd***

***Angela Pane June 3rd***

***Christine Burgos June 6th***

***Carlos Burgos June 11th***

***Molly Arpano June 15th***

***Jean Lidstone June 22nd***

***Laura Taylor June 2nd***

***William Jent June 5th***

***Zack Newton June 6th***

***Bailee McNamara June 12th***

***Drew Dobeck June 19th***

***Ryan O’Toole June 28th***

***Happy Anniversary wishes go out to:***

***Debbie & Joe Facendola June 6th***

*Shall I Be Fruitful?: Service Prayers for the Third Sunday after Pentecost Year A was written by the Rev. Dr. Cheryl A Lindsay, Minister for Worship and Theology for the United Church of Christ. And Juneteenth Prayer Vigils for Freedom ~ Across the SNEUCC!*

*During the First Hymn we will bring forth funds for Strengthen the Church. Thank you for your generosity!*

*For all joys and concerns mentioned in the Pastor’s Tuesday email.*

*Remember in your prayers our special members: June and Edie K.*

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Third Sunday After Pentecost

Juneteenth Focus

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING of the BELL/TIME of CENTER

\*CALL to WORSHIP

Leader: Freedom: Was fought and died for.

People: Freedom we have gained and there are freedoms yet to be obtained.

Leader: We have the freedom to dream in this year filled with possibilities, casting off old things that are too

weighty to bear and old habits that hinder us.

People: We have the freedom to embrace new hopes and new visions that are personal, communal, and worldwide. We

shall not fully inhale freedom until it is breathed around the world.

Leader: We are people of hope, undeterred, and people of faith. This is what makes us free.

Collective: We serve the One who has made us free indeed, no turning back, no turning back.

\*SONG of PRAISE and SUPPORTING HUMAN JUSTICE

“The Summons” (Found in insert)

\*PRAYER of the DAY

God of Ever Flowing Streams of Freedom, (Well, I) woke up this mornin’ with my mind stayed on freedom.

Woke up this mornin’ with my mind stayed on freedom. Hallelu, hallelu, hallelujah. Oh well, I’m walkin’ and

talkin’ walkin’ and talkin’ with my mind stayed on freedom. Amen and Amen.

\*AFFIRMING and CONNECTING (Passing of the Peace) We sing: “Peace be with You” Twice.

\* 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. (Be seated)

Moment for All God’s Children

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.

\*SONG “Spirit” #249

SCRIPTURE Psalm 116: 1-2, 12-19 (The Message Translation)

I love God because he listened to me, listened as I begged for mercy. He listened so intently as I laid out my case before

him.<sup>12-19</sup> What can I give back to God for the blessings he’s poured out on me? I’ll lift high the cup of salvation—a toast to

God! I’ll pray in the name of God; I’ll complete what I promised God I’d do, and I’ll do it together with his people. When

they arrive at the gates of death, God welcomes those who love him. Oh, God, here I am, your servant, your faithful

servant: set me free for your service! I’m ready to offer the thanksgiving sacrifice and pray in the name of God. I’ll complete

what I promised God I’d do, and I’ll do it in company with his people, In the place of worship, in God’s house, in Jerusalem,

God’s city. Hallelujah!

PRAYER of TRANSFORMATION and NEW LIFE

God of Grace, we give you thanks for love that transcends our shortcomings, that greets us with mercy, and

that offers the possibility of transformed life. Plant seeds in us that will stretch our faith in you and in us.

Nurture us to live miraculous lives. Let our faith and our work join with your power to make us fruitful despite

our limitations, doubts, and fears. May the fruit we produce add sustenance and hope in your kindom. Amen.

WORDS OF GRACE AND ASSURANCE

Gracious ones, you may receive the nourishment and encouragement of God to be fruitful even when the Holy One amazes

us beyond expectation and dream. God is with us in season and out of season. Expect an abundant and bountiful harvest to

witness to God’s work in and through us.

Prayer Concerns and Joys Lifted Up

PASTORAL PRAYER

SCRIPTURE Matthew 9:35 10:8a (Message Translation Version)

<sup>35-38</sup> Then Jesus made a circuit of all the towns and villages. He taught in their meeting places, reported kingdom news, and

healed their diseased bodies, healed their bruised and hurt lives. When he looked out over the crowds, his heart broke. So

confused and aimless they were, like sheep with no shepherd. “What a huge harvest!” he said to his disciples. “How few

workers! On your knees and pray for harvest hands!”<sup>5-8</sup> Jesus sent his twelve harvest hands out with this charge: “Don’t

begin by traveling to some far-off place to convert unbelievers. And don’t try to be dramatic by tackling some public enemy.

Go to the lost, confused people right here in the neighborhood. Tell them that the kingdom is here. Bring health to the sick.

Raise the dead. Touch the untouchables. Kick out the demons. You have been treated generously, so live generously.

Meditation - Rev. Marilyn Wilcox

Rev. Darrell Goodwin, Executive Conference Minister & President, is encouraging SNEUCC church to open their doors and

host a Prayer Vigil for Freedom on Juneteenth. He wrote:

On Juneteenth, a sacred day that reminds us that while freedom was delayed, it could not be forever denied; I am asking

each of our nearly 600 churches to open their doors and participate in a

Prayer Vigil for Freedom.

Freedom from war. Freedom from fear. Freedom from systems of harm. Freedom from hatred, violence, and division.

Freedom for all God’s people to live fully into the dignity God has given them. The form is yours to shape. The time is yours to

choose. The liturgy can be simple or elaborate. Just open the doors.

Musical Meditation

INVITATION to GENEROSITY

What shall we return to the Holy One for God’s bounty to us? God calls us to live fruitful and faithful lives that witness to

and spread the good news of the kindom in the world. God provides for our needs abundantly so that all may flourish. May

we us the bounty that we receive as gifts to share rather than as resources to hoard. Let generosity, trust, and hope guide us

to support the ministry of this faith community and the wider church.

Passing of the Plate

DOXOLOGY (Use whatever words are comfortable for you)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below; praise God above ye heavenly host.

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost (Father, Son, and Holy Ghost). Amen.

***Song “ The Summons”***

***Will you come and follow me  
if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don’t know  
and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown,  
will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown  
in you and you in me?***

***Will you leave yourself behind  
if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind  
and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare  
should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer  
in you and you in me?***

***Will you let the blinded see  
if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free  
and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean,  
and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean  
in you and you in me?***

***Will you love the ‘you’ you hide  
if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside  
and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you’ve found  
to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound  
in you and you in me?***

***Lord, your summons echoes true  
when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you  
and never be the same.  
In your company I’ll go  
where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I’ll move and live and grow  
in you and you in me.***









