

***SONG “The Tree of the Field”**
1. You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;
the mountains and the hills will break forth before you;
there’ll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field will clap,
will clap their hands.

2. And all the trees of the field will clap their hands X X
the trees of the field will clap their hands X X
the trees of the field will clap their hands X X
while you go out with joy.

Repeat verses 1 & 2

And shout when you go out with joy! X X

BENEDICTION
As you go from this gathering, find hope in the journey, cultivate joy in the journey, give love in the journey, share peace in the journey, and trust that the God of the journey, will be with you now and always.
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!

<i>Warm Birthday wishes go out to:</i>	
<i>Sophia Burgos August 6th</i>	<i>Samantha Wheeler Jenner August 16th</i>
<i>Haleigh Dobeck August 20th</i>	<i>Erin Gilchrest August 20th</i>
<i>Mason Taylor August 21st</i>	<i>Guiseppe (Joe) Facendola August 27th</i>
<i>Amy Arpano August 29th</i>	

Happy Anniversary go out to:
Christine & Carlos Burgos August 5th
Chrissy & Donnie Dobeck August 5th
Laura & David Taylor August 28th

Journeyed on by Stages was written by the Rev. Dr. Cheryl A Lindsay, Minister for Worship and Theology for the United Church of Christ.

During the First Hymn we have a collection for our monthly meal at WHEAT Community Cafe. 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.*

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CLINTON
109 Haskell Avenue Clinton, Massachusetts 01510
Website: clintonunitedchurch.org E:Mail: Uccclintonma@gmail.com
rev.marilyn.uccclintonma@gmail.com

The United Church of Clinton



August 9, 2026

Pastor, Rev. Marilyn Wilcox
Musician, Kate Lyczkowski
Lay Reader, Teresa Sontag

Ministers, The People of God

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING of the BELL/TIME of CENTER

*CALL to WORSHIP (inspired by Psalm 33)

One: Rejoice in the Holy One! God loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of God’s steadfast love.

Many: The Voice created the heavens and the earth. Praise God with loud shouts!

One: Rejoice in the Holy One! God loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of God’s steadfast love.

Many: Let our voices ring and sing a new song. Let us turn toward the Creator in awe.

One: Rejoice in the Holy One! God loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of God’s steadfast love.

Many: Happy are the people who seek God’s counsel, who seek God’s heart, and who seek God’s kindom. Rejoice in the Holy One!

*SONG of PRAISE and SUPPORTING HUMAN JUSTICE

“Tell Me the stories of Jesus” #190

*PRAYER of the DAY

Wonderful God, we delight in your presence. We find shelter in your abiding and enduring love. You humble us, Holy Love, by gathering us a people. Thank you for being our Companion and Guide on this journey. Receive our songs, prayers, and openness. Nourish us from the fountain of your word and the hospitality of your table. May we find hope and inspiration, courage and direction, community and resolve as we worship you. Amen.

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

* 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 (Sung) #308

*SONG “J-e-s-u-s” (to the tune of B-I-N-G-O)

1.I have a friend	2. I have a friend
who loves me so,	who loves me so,
and Jesus is his name, O!	and Jesus is his name, O!
J-E-S-U-S, J-E-S-U-S, J-E-S-U-S,	J-E-S-U-S, J-E-S-U-S, J-E-S-U-S,
and Jesus is his name, O!	and Jesus is his name, O!

3.I have a friend	4.I have a friend
who loves me so,	who loves me so,
and Jesus is his name, O!	and Jesus is his name, O!
J-E-S-X-X, J-E-S-X-X, J-E-S-X-X,	J-E-X-X-X, J-E-X-X-X, J-E-X-X-X,
and Jesus is his name, O!	and Jesus is his name, O!

5.I have a friend	6.I have a friend
who loves me so,	who loves me so,
and Jesus is his name, O!	and Jesus is his name, O!
J-X-X-X-X, J-X-X-X-X, J-E-S-X-X,	X-X-X-X-X, X-X-X-X-X, X-X-X-X-X,
and Jesus is his name, O!	and Jesus is his name, O!

And Jesus is his name, O!

SCRIPTURE Psalm 105: 1-6, 16-22, 45b (Common English Bible)

Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name; make his deeds known to all people! 2 Sing to God; sing praises to the Lord; dwell on all his wondrous works! 3 Give praise to God’s holy name! Let the hearts rejoice of all those seeking the Lord! 4 Pursue the Lord and his strength; seek his face always! 5 Remember the wondrous works he has done, all his marvelous works, and the justice he declared– 6 you who are the offspring of Abraham, his servant, and the children of Jacob, his chosen ones. 16 When God called for a famine in the land, destroying every source of food, 17 he sent a man ahead of them, who was sold as a slave: it was Joseph.

18 Joseph’s feet hurt in his shackles; his neck was in an iron collar, 19 until what he predicted actually happened, until what the Lord had said proved him true.[a] 20 The king sent for Joseph and set him free; the ruler of many people released him. 21 The king made Joseph master of his house and ruler over everything he owned, 22 to make sure his princes acted according to his will, and to teach wisdom to his advisors. 45 all so that they would keep his laws and observe his instructions. Praise the Lord!

PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION and NEW LIFE

Holy One, through the Prophet Hosea, you declared, “I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.” We confess that, at times, we offer the ritual and routine of religious practices rather than a discerning heart that breaks with compassion and beats for justice. Strengthen us to the tenderness of knowing you, O God, more deeply, loving our neighbors more justly, and embracing our lives more fully.

WORDS of GRACE

Community of Faith, rest assured that renewal and revival is possible and available to us. Let us embrace our rituals to sing even old songs as if they are new, pray routine prayers as if they have been written in our hearts, and join in worship as if this were the first or last time. The Holy One makes all things new, and that may be so in us this day and every day.

Prayer Concerns and Joys Lifted Up

PASTORAL PRAYER

SCRIPTURE Matthew 6: 9-13 (Common English Bible)

Pray like this: Our Father who is in heaven, uphold the holiness of your name, 10 Bring in your kingdom so that you will is done on earth as it’s done in heaven. 11 Give us the bread we need for today. 12 Forgive us for the ways we have wronged you, just as we also forgive those who have wronged us. 13 And don’t lead us into temptation, but rescue us from the evil one.

Meditation - Rev. Marilyn Wilcox

Musical Meditation

INVITATION to GENEROSITY

Let us share the gifts of life and love given to sustain us on the journey. Our generosity strengthens communities and witnesses to the love of God in the world. May our time, talent, and treasure testify to the goodness and abundance of God’s creation.

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

PRAYER of THANKSGIVING and DEDICATION

Holy One, as we worship you through our giving, we dedicate these gifts to the work of your kingdom come and our hope that your will be done in our community and world. Amen.

