Our Service of Worship on the Lord's Day (Rom. 12:1 – NAS)

Sunday 10:15 a.m. January 17, 2021

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Jesus Is Lord

Sing Praises & Prayers to: Father-JesusChrist-HolySpirit

Call to Worship: Psalm 113 (KJV)

** **Opening Song:** #611 "Happy the Home When God Is There"

** Invocation

Responsive Confession Prayer: #657, Sing Joyfully

We thank God for His providence:

** #67 "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

Scripture: *Genesis* 15:1-6 & *Luke* 3:7-9 (KJV)

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

We acknowledge our need to be cleansed:

** #356 "A Child of The King"

Message: Righteousness is a gift of faith

We declare our joy in being a child of The King:

** #265 "Let Us Break Bread Together"

Responsive Reading (See Bulletin Insert)

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

** Closing Hymn: "People Need The Lord" (Bulletin Insert)

** **Benediction:** *Romans* 1:14-17 (RSV)

** Congregation Please Stand

We welcome you to our Sunday worship service.

People arriving after 10:15 are encouraged to join in singing to The Lord, or to focus on The Lord by reflecting on the words of the songs, or otherwise communing with God.

This Week at the Church

Thursday
3:00 PM -- Prayer in FCC Parlor
Sunday
9:30 AM -- Music Team Practice
10:30 AM -- Sunday Morning Worship
God can bring life from barrenness

We are looking into gathering people to study the Bible possibly in person, or virtually (ZOOM), or some hybrid of both. We are also considering meeting during the week. And we are open to different topics or books. Sally Camara has come up with a survey questionnaire. Please contact either Sally or Pastor Gary.

Our Thursday evening prayer meetings have resumed with social distancing. Notice the time change to 3:00 PM!

We are giving people the opportunity to worship virtually. A video of our worship (on a one week delay) airs on Comcast (Xfinity) Clinton channels 8 and 99 on Mondays at 8:00 PM, Tuesdays at 6:30 AM, and Sundays at 5:30 AM. To listen to last week's sermon: Go to fccclintonma.org. On the left hand side go to 'Blog Postings' and click on 'Sunday Services'. Under 'Sunday Service – month, day, year' hit the prompt 'Continue Reading ->'. This will bring up PDFs of the Bulletin and Sermon Outline as well as two audios. Click on the big arrow on the left and it will start to play.

God can create children of faith from stone

Genesis 15:1-6 & Luke 3:7-9

Notes:

Prayer: To have a request included in the **Pastoral Prayer**, phone the church office and leave a message any time before 9:00 AM on Sunday morning. *Or*, fill out a green 'Prayer Request' card on the back table as you come in and give to Pastor Gary up front before 9:25 AM.

Boxtop\$ for Education: See the downstairs bulletin board. If you are not doing this, consider starting now – either for your own children, or children in the church family.

Text for the week:

When they come there, they will remove all its detestable things and all its abominations from it. And I shall give them one heart, and shall put a new spirit within them. And I shall take the heart of stone out of their flesh and give them a heart of flesh, that they may walk in My statutes and keep My ordinances, and do them. Then they will be My people, and I shall be their God.

Ezekiel 11:18-20 (NAS)