

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

**Sunday 10:15 a.m.**

**January 24, 2021**

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***Jesus Is Lord***

**Sing Praises & Prayers to: Father-JesusChrist-HolySpirit**

**Call to Worship: Psalm 111 (KJV)**

\*\* **Opening Song #79 “To God Be The Glory”**

\*\* **Invocation**

**Congregational Prayer of Confession: (See Bulletin Insert)**

***We thank God that his holy Son is also our friend:***

\*\* #2 “*Holy, Holy, Holy*”

\*\* #162 “*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*”

**Scripture: Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7; Mark 10:20-27 (KJV)**

\*\* #626 **Nicene Creed**

**Pastoral Prayer**

Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

***We proclaim the miraculous power of the gracious God:***

\*\* #303 “*It Took a Miracle*”

**Message: *God does the impossible to save people***

\*\* **Closing Hymn #82 “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”**

\*\* **Benediction: 2 Peter 1:1-4 (NAS)**

\*\* **Congregation Please Stand**

We welcome you to our time of worship this morning. Thanks for being with us today!

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 the parlor***

**Sunday 9:30 AM -- *Music Team Practice***

**10:30 AM -- *Sunday Morning Worship***

***People strive with God before blessing***

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 afternoon prayer meetings have resumed with social distancing.

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](http://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 bring life from barrenness***

*Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7; Mark 10:20-27*

## ***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 the preacher up-front before 10:25 AM.

## ***Text for the week:***

O LORD, thou art my God; I will exalt thee, I will praise thy name; for thou hast done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. ... For thou hast been a stronghold to the poor, a stronghold to the needy in his distress, a shelter from the storm and a shade from the heat ... On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of fat things, a feast of wine on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, of wine on the lees well refined. And he will destroy on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death for ever, and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth; for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, "Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

***Isaiah 15:1, 4ab, 6-9*** (RSV)