

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

Sunday 10:15 a.m.

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Jesus Is Lord

Sing Praises & Prayers to: Father-JesusChrist-HolySpirit

Call to Worship: *Psalm 105:8-15* (KJV)

** **Opening Song** #457 *“Be Still My Soul”*

** **Invocation**

Congregational Prayer of Confession: (See Bulletin Insert)

We thank God for His provisions after we turn to Him:

** #479 *“God Leads Us Along”*

** #313 *“At Calvary”*

Scripture: *Genesis 32:9-13, 22-32 & Mark 14:32-36* (KJV)

** #666 **Responsive Reading:** *Growth in Grace*

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

We tell God we will fully surrender to Him:

** #408 *“I Surrender All”*

Message: *God changes those who surrender to Him*

** **Closing Hymn** #436 *“Take My Life and Let It Be”*

** **Benediction:** *1 Corinthians 15:51-58* (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**

God's plan overrides human conflict

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.

We plan to assemble and mail out the February *Vestry Voices* this week.

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 fcclintonma.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.

People strive with God before blessing

Genesis 32:9-13, 22-32 & Mark 14:32-36

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:

And they brought the boy to Him. And when he saw Him, immediately the spirit threw him into a convulsion, and falling to the ground, he *began* rolling about and foaming *at the mouth*. And He asked his father, ‘How long has this been happening to him?’ And he said, ‘From childhood. And it has often thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But if You can do anything, take pity on us and help us!’ And Jesus said to him, ‘“If You can!” All things are possible to him who believes.’ Immediately the boy’s father cried out and *began* saying, ‘I do believe; help my unbelief.’ And when Jesus saw that a crowd was rapidly gathering, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, ‘You deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him and do not enter him again’. And after crying out and throwing him into terrible convulsions, it came out; and *the boy* became so much like a corpse that most *of them* said, ‘He is dead!’ But Jesus took him by the hand and raised him; and he got up.

Mark 9:20-27 (RSV)