

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

Sunday 10:27 a.m. **April 23, 2023**
Pastor: Gary Kiontke **Phone: (978) 660-7557**
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Jesus Is Lord

Sing Praises & Prayers to: Father-JesusChrist-HolySpirit

** **Prelude Song:** #297 *“Heaven Came Down and
Glory Filled My Soul”*

Call to Worship: *Psalm 5* (KJV)

** **Opening Hymn:** #363 *“Turn Your eyes Upon Jesus”*

** **Invocation**

Congregational Prayer of Confession: *(Bulletin Insert)*

We ask Jesus to fill our dryness and help us see Him always:

** #367 *“Fill My Cup, Lord”*

** #400 *“Be Thou My Vision”*

Scripture: *Acts 9:1-19 & Matthew 6:24* (KJV)

** #626 **Nicene Creed**

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

We sing of the grace that opened our eyes:

** #299 *“Amazing Grace”*

Message: *It is impossible to be a sinner and a saint*

** **Closing Hymn:** #413 *“Living for Jesus”*

** **Benediction:** *Colossians 1:9-14* (RSV)

** **Postlude Song:** #130 *“Bind Us Together”*

** 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

Wednesday 3:00 PM -- *Bible study – Psalm 90*

Thursday 3:00 PM -- *Prayer in parlor*

Friday 7:00 PM -- *Movie Night*

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

10:30 AM -- *Sunday Morning Worship
Suffering and miracles can produce saving faith*

Our Wednesday Bible Study on *Psalms* is in the Fellowship Hall at 3:00 PM on Wednesdays.

Our movie this month is the second part of the film whose showing was begun in March.

Articles for May *Vestry Voices* are due Monday, May 1.

We are giving people the opportunity to worship virtually.

Go to: www.facebook.com/pg/FCCClintonMA at 10:27 AM on Sunday mornings to watch the worship service live. The video of the service is also available to watch at any time.

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.

Sinners may be blinded by The Light of Jesus

Acts 9:1-19 & Matthew 6:24

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:

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because He considered me faithful, putting me into service; even though I was formerly a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent aggressor. And yet I was shown mercy, because I acted ignorantly in unbelief; and the grace of our Lord was more than abundant, with the faith and love which are *found* in Christ Jesus. It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, among whom I am foremost *of all*.

1 Timothy 1:12-15 (NAS)