

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

Sunday 10:27 a.m. **April 30, 2023**
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Jesus Is Lord

Sing Praises & Prayers to: Father-JesusChrist-HolySpirit

- ** **Prelude Song:** #317 “*Love Lifted Me*”
- Call to Worship:** *Psalm 86:9-17* (NEB)
- ** **Opening Hymn:** #351 “*Since Jesus Came into My Heart*”
- ** **Invocation**
- Congregational Prayer of Confession:** (*Bulletin Insert*)
- We Praise God for His greatest miracle – The Blood of Jesus:**
- ** #16 “*How Great Thou Art*”
- ** #334 “*There Is Power in The Blood*”
- Scripture:** *Acts 16:16-34; Luke 6:18-19, 22-23* (NEB)
- ** #663 **Responsive Reading:** *Confession of Christ*
- Pastoral Prayer**
- Lord’s Prayer (debts/debtors)
- We sing about faith in sorrows:**
- ** #453 “*It Is Well with My Soul*”
- Message:** *Rejoice in persecution for being like Jesus*
- ** **Closing Hymn:** #555 “*When We All Get to Heaven*”
- ** **Benediction:** *James 2:21-26* (NAS)
- ** **Postlude Song:** #24 “*Be Still and Know*”
- ** 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 93*
Thursday 3:00 PM -- *Prayer in parlor*
Sunday 9:30 AM -- *Music Team Practice*
10:30 AM -- *Communion Sunday Worship*
Preachers search a culture to find a Gospel key

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

Articles for May *Vestry Voices* are due tomorrow.

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.

Suffering and miracles can produce saving faith

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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 the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mount where Jesus appointed them, and having seen him, they bowed to him, but some did waver. And having come near, Jesus spake to them, saying, 'Given to me was all authority in heaven and on earth; having gone, then, disciple all the nations, (baptizing them -- to the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all, whatever I did command you,) and lo, I am with you all the days -- till the full end of the age.'

Matthew 28:16-20 (YLT)