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

Sunday 10:27 a.m. July 30, 2023

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#### Jesus Is Lord

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

\*\* **Prelude Song:** #332 "I Heard The Voice of Jesus Say"

Call to Worship: Psalm 116:1-9 (KJV)

\*\* Opening Hymn: #437 "Nearer, My God, to Thee"

\*\* Invocation

Congregational Prayer of Confession: (Bulletin Insert)

## We sing of our love for Jesus because He died for us:

\*\* #238 "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

\*\* #262 "My Jesus, I Love Thee"

**Scripture**: *Exodus* 20:3-11; *Matthew* 22:34-40 (KJV)

\*\* #634 Responsive Reading: God's Commandment

# **Pastoral Prayer**

Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

## We sing of desiring to be near God:

\*\* #433 "Near to The Heart of God"

Message: God's LOVE is glorified when it is returned

\*\* Closing Hymn: #250 "Wondrous Love"

\*\* **Benediction:** *Hebrews 4:9-11* (RSV)

\*\* Postlude Song: #228 "I Love You, Lord"

\*\* 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 135

Thursday 3:00 PM -- Prayer in parlor

Sunday 9:30 AM -- Music Team Practice

10:30 AM -- Communion Sunday Worship God tells His people how to love their neighbor

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

Articles for August 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.

# God requires people to worship only Him, especially one day in seven

Exodus 20:3-11; Matthew 22:37-38; Hebrews 4:9-11

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:

Servants, be submissive to your masters with all respect, not only to those who are good and gentle, but also to those who are unreasonable. For this *finds* favor, if for the sake of conscience toward God a man bears up under sorrows when suffering unjustly. For what credit is there if, when you sin and are harshly treated, you endure it with patience? But if when you do what is right and suffer *for it* you patiently endure it, this *finds* favor with God. For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps

1 Peter 2:18-21 (NAS)