

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

**Sunday 10:27 a.m. August 20, 2023**

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**Guest Preacher: Walter Mutti**

**Pianist: Luis Gregorio**

*Jesus Is Lord*

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

\*\* **Prelude:** #79 *“To God Be the Glory”*

**Call to Worship:** *Psalm 145:8-10 (NASB)*

\*\* **Opening Song:** #82 *“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”*

\*\* **Invocation**

*Congregational Prayer of Confession (See Bulletin Insert)*

*We sing of God's gracious giving:*

\*\* #311 *“He Giveth More Grace”*

**Pastoral Prayer**

Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

*We sing of God's merciful and forgiving love:*

\*\* #305 *“The Love of God”*

**Scripture:** *Matthew 18:21-35 (NASB)*

**Message:** *Being unoffendable*

*We prepare our hearts for Communion:*

\*\* #245 *“We Are the Reason”*

*Responsive Reading (See Bulletin Insert)*

**Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

\*\* **Closing Hymn:** #133 *“I Then Shall Live”*

\*\* **Benediction:** *Jude vv. 24-25 (NASB)*

\*\* **Postlude:** #57 *“Jesus, Name Above All Names”*

\*\* 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**

**Friday 7:00 PM -- VOM Hearts of Fire**

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

**10:27 AM -- Sunday Morning Worship**

***Guest Preacher – Walter Mutti***

Our Bible Study on *Psalms* will not be meeting this week.

We are having a special movie night this month: The Voice of the Martyrs Hearts of Fire Virtual Event featuring the testimonies of Gracia Burnham, Anita Smith, Helen Berhane and Susanna Koh. See flyer in back on kitchen wall bulletin board.

Articles for the September *Vestry Voices* are due Monday, August 28.

We are giving people the opportunity to worship virtually.

Go to: [www.facebook.com/pg/FCCClintonMA](http://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](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.

# *Being unoffendable*

*Matthew 18:21-35*

## *Notes:*

### *Text for the week:*

And so, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience; bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you. And beyond all these things *put on* love, which is the perfect bond of unity.

*Colossians 3:12-14* (NASB)