

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

Sunday 10:27 a.m.

August 27, 2023

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Jesus Is Lord

Sing Praises & Prayers to: Father-JesusChrist-HolySpirit

** **Prelude Song:** #453 *"It Is Well with My Soul"*

Call to Worship: *Isaiah 53:4-6* (NASB)

** **Opening Hymn:** #301 *"At The Cross"*

** **Invocation**

Congregational Prayer of Confession: (Bulletin Insert)

We sing of the power of the Cross in our lives:

** #313 *"At Calvary"*

** #247 *"The Old Rugged Cross"*

** **Pastoral Prayer**

Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

** #626 **Nicene Creed**

We sing of the joy found in the shadow of The Cross:

** #239 *"Beneath The Cross of Jesus"*

Scripture: *Matthew 27:27-32* (NASB)

Message: *Carrying a Cross*

** **Closing Hymn:** #412 *"Draw Me Nearer"*

** **Benediction:** *Numbers 6:24-26* (NASB)

** **Postlude Song:** #499 *"I Will Serve Thee"*

** 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

Sunday 9:30 AM -- Music Team Practice

10:30 AM -- Sunday Morning Worship

*Effective prayer moves
from adoration to confession to entreaty*

Articles for August Vestry Voices are due Monday, August 28.

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 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.

Carrying a Cross

Exodus 19:1-6, 20:1-2; Matthew 22:34-40

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:

He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. Anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. What gain, then, is it for anyone to win the whole world and forfeit his life? And indeed what can anyone offer in exchange for his life? For if anyone in this sinful and adulterous generation is ashamed of me and of my words, the Son of man will also be ashamed of him when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels'.

Mark 8:34-38 (NJB)