

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

**Sunday 10:27 a.m.**

**October 15, 2023**

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***Jesus Is Lord***

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

\*\* **Prelude:** #358 “ ‘Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

**Call to Worship:** Psalm 116:7-14 (KJV)

\*\* **Opening Song:** #410 “Cleanse Me”

\*\* **Invocation**

**Congregational Prayer of Confession** (See Bulletin Insert)

***We sing a prayer to the Father to be given rest:***

\*\* #418 “Dear Lord and Father of Mankind”

**Scripture:** Nehemiah 13:15-31 & Mark 3:1-5 (KJV)

**Pastoral Prayer**

Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

***We pray The Lord will heal us according to His will:***

\*\* #414 “Have Thine Own Way Lord”

**Message:** *The Sabbath is for healing*

***We prepare our hearts for Communion:***

\*\* #265 “Let Us Break Bread Together”

**Responsive Reading** (See Bulletin Insert)

**Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

\*\* **Closing Hymn:** #315 “The Solid Rock”

\*\* **Benediction:** 1 Thessalonians 3:11-13 (NASB)

\*\* **Postlude:** #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**

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

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

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

***The Fire and Purpose of Trials***

The FCC Annual Member's Meeting is today at noon!

Peter Anderson will fill the pulpit next week and lead worship while the Kiontke family has a week-long retreat in Maine.

Be sure to consider the options for our next mid-week Bible study, and let your first three choices in order be known. And please feel free to choose a topic of your own first.

November *Vestry Voices* articles are due Monday, October 30.

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.

***God's people who keep the Sabbath  
holy will keep themselves holy***

*Nehemiah 13:15-31 & Mark 3:1-5*

***Notes:***

***Text for the week:***

Observe the Sabbath day to keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath of the LORD your God; *in it* you shall not do any work, you or your son or your daughter or your male servant or your female servant or your ox or your donkey or any of your cattle or your sojourner who stays with you, so that your male servant and your female servant may rest as well as you. And you shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out of there by a mighty hand and by an outstretched arm; therefore the LORD your God commanded you to observe the Sabbath day.

***Deuteronomy 5:12-15 (NASB)***