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

Sunday 10:27 a.m. December 10, 2023

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Jesus Is Lord

Sing Praises & Prayers to: Father-JesusChrist-HolySpirit

** **Prelude Song:** #208 "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day"

Call to Worship: Psalm 72:1-7 (KJV)

** **Opening Hymn:** #343 "Tell Me the Story of Jesus"

** Invocation

Congregational Prayer of Confession (See Bulletin Insert)

We sing of Jesus' compassion which is His glory:

** #365 "No One Understands Like Jesus"

** #215 "O Hearken Ye"

Scripture: *Isaiah 40:1-11*; *Mark 1:1-4* (KJV)

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

We sing to the Savior of sins born in Bethlehem:

** #200 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Responsive Reading: *Isaiah 52:1-8* (NAS, See *Bulletin Insert*)

Light Advent Candle of Peace-Comfort

Message: The Savior-King comes to forgive sins

** Closing Hymn: #206 "Angels We Have Heard on High"

** **Benediction:** Galatians 1:3-5 (NAS)

** **Postlude Song:** #53 "You Are My Hiding Place"

** 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

10:30 AM -- Communion Sunday Worship

JOY: God can rebuild what was destroyed

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

Joy has asked us to do something different for Sterling Village residents this year. She is only asking for three categories of gifts: stuffed animals, body wash and calendars. She would like equal amounts of each. See details on sign-up sheet and *Vestry Voices*.

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.

PEACE:

Adonai comforts with gentle power

Isaiah 40:1-11; Mark 1:1-4

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:

I am the good shepherd; and I know My own, and My own know Me, even as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. And I have other sheep, which are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they shall hear My voice; and they shall become one flock *with* one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again.

John 10:14-17 (NAS)