

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

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

**January 21, 2024**

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*Jesus Is Lord*

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

\*\* **Prelude:** #175 *“Break Thou The Bread of Life”*

**Call to Worship:** *Psalm 13 (KJV)*

\*\* **Opening Song:** #164 *“I Must Tell Jesus”*

\*\* **Invocation**

*Congregational Prayer of Confession (See Bulletin Insert)*

*We sing of our love of proclaiming Jesus:*

\*\* #322 *“I Love to Tell The Story”*

**Scripture:** *Mark 4:1-20, 30-34; Psalm 126 (KJV)*

**Pastoral Prayer**

Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

*We sing of our wonder at proclaiming Jesus' Love:*

\*\* #338 *“My Savior's Love”*

**Message:** *God can turn tears to joy*

*We prepare our hearts for Communion:*

\*\* #260 *“Come Share The Lord”*

**Responsive Reading (See Bulletin Insert)**

**Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

\*\* **Closing Hymn:** #591 *“For the Fruit of All Creation”*

\*\* **Benediction:** *John 15:13-16 (NASB)*

\*\* **Postlude:** #528 *“Lord, Be Glorified”*

\*\* 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**

**Friday 7:00 PM -- Movie night**

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

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

*Jesus has unlimited spiritual power*

The January movie will be shown this Friday evening. (See the January issue of *Vestry Voices* for details.)

February *Vestry Voices* articles are due Monday, January 29.

Please submit your first three choices for the next mid-week Bible Study in order. Feel free to choose a topic of your own first.

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.

*Jesus teaches with stories  
aimed at the heart*

*Mark 4:1-20, 30-44; Psalm 126*

*Notes:*

*Text for the week:*

He said: 'Go, and say to this people, "Listen and listen, but never understand! Look and look, but never perceive!" Make this people's heart coarse, make their ears dull, shut their eyes tight, or they will use their eyes to see, use their ears to hear, use their heart to understand, and change their ways and be healed.'

*Isaiah 6:9-10* (NJB)