

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

Sunday 10:27 a.m. **April 21, 2024**
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Jesus Is Lord

Sing Praises & Prayers to: Father-JesusChrist-HolySpirit

** **Prelude:** #413 *“Living for Jesus”*

Call to Worship: *Psalm 86:1-7 (KJV)*

** **Opening Song:** #322 *“I Love to Tell The Story”*

** **Invocation**

Congregational Prayer of Confession (See Bulletin Insert)

We sing of our need for Jesus:

** #164 *“I Must Tell Jesus”*

Scripture: *Acts 17:1-9; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 (KJV)*

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

We testify to salvation in Jesus:

** #315 *“The Solid Rock”*

Message: *Servants of God testify for Jesus as they suffer for Him*

We prepare our hearts for Communion:

** #260 *“Come Share The Lord”*

Responsive Reading (See Bulletin Insert)

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

** **Closing Hymn:** #492 *“Leaning on The Everlasting Arms”*

** **Benediction:** *1 Peter 3:13-17 (NASB)*

** **Postlude:** #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

Wednesday 11:00 AM -- ‘Angels’ Bible Study

Thursday 3:00 PM -- Prayer in Parlor

Friday 3:00 PM -- Movie night: VOM – I am ‘n’

Sunday 9:30 AM -- Music Team Practice

10:27 AM -- Sunday Morning Worship

Servants are dead to themselves and alive to Christ

The new Bible Study on *Angels* continues Wednesday morning.

On Friday, we are showing a special program by *Voice of the Martyrs*. See April *Vestry Voices*.

May *Vestry Voices* articles are due Monday, April 29.

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.

The Holy Spirit gives persecuted Christians the right response

Acts 17:1-9; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Notes:

Text for the week:

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

Hebrews 12:1-3 (RSV)