



*The purpose of the Clinton Area Ministerium is to provide an ongoing opportunity for supportive fellowship among the clergy; to serve as a clearinghouse of information about activities in our churches; to share matters that may be of concern to other clergy/churches; to plan and carry out a number of joint ecumenical and community-oriented activities; to assess/address the needs/issues facing the community from the perspective of faith.*

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- The Rev. Carol Jubenville  
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- Rev. Janet Griffiths  
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- The Rev. Jeffrey McArn  
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- The Rev. Dr. Joanna Benskin  
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- Pastor Scott Leonard  
Stone Presbyterian Church
- The Rev. Victor McKusick  
Presbyterian Home

## **An Order of Worship for the Lord's Day**

### ***Clinton Community Ecumenical Labor Day Service***

**Sunday, September 1, 2024~ 9:30 a.m.  
15th Sunday after Pentecost**



### **Activities from 2023-2024**

- Ecumenical Labor Day Weekend Service, September 3, 2023
- Blessing of the Animals on the Village Green, October 1, 2023
- Longest Night Service at St. James Episcopal Church, December 21, 2023
- Lenten Study Series at Clinton United Methodist Church, February – March, 2024
- Ecumenical Good Friday Service at St. James Episcopal Church, March 29, 2024
- Ecumenical Easter Sunrise Service 7:00 a.m. March 31, 2024 on the Village Green
- Community Collection Day Saturday May 4, 2024 on the Village Green. Collecting food for Country Pantry and electronics, hearing aids, eyeglasses, beauty care products, bottles and cans, books and jewelry, and picking up trash around the village of Clinton

### **Upcoming Activities**

- Blessing of the Animals on the Village Green, 1:00 p.m. Sunday, October 6, 2024
- Longest Night Service (a space for grief at Christmastime), date TBD

## AN ORDER OF WORSHIP

### *We gather to praise the God of Creation...*

**Prelude**      “Andante” from *Trumpet Concerto in E-flat*      F. J. Haydn  
Bob Turner, soprano saxophone

### **Welcome**

### **Call to Worship**

Leader: We come to worship a God whom we have experienced as compassion.

**People: We have grown to trust this God in both the joyful and hard places of life.**

Leader: We come to worship and know that something is required of us, that we do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God.

**People: We come accepting both the compassion and call to a higher righteousness.**

Leader: We come on this day to remember that work matters to God, workers matter to God, and wages matter to God.

**All: We come to sing, pray, hear the spoken word and encounter the Living God. Let us worship God.**

+Hymn #8      “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”      TRURO  
(+Those who are able are invited to stand)

### *...to come before God with honest humility...*

### **+Prayer of the Day (together)**

**Worker God, whose hands built the earth, molded our bodies,  
and sowed the stars across the sky, we gather in your presence this  
morning with praise and thanksgiving for your mighty deeds.  
Meet us here, Worker God; strengthen our hearts and our hands to work  
with you in the building of a world filled with justice and peace. Amen.**

### **+The Peace of Christ**

The peace of Christ be with you. / **And also with you.**

### *...to listen for the Word of God...*

### **Prayer for Understanding**

### **Lessons from the Scriptures**

*James 1:17-27*      *Be generous.*

**Musical Reflection**      “Beyond a Dream”      David Yantis

### **Children’s Story**

*Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23*      *Defilement comes from within.*

**Message**      **Labors of Love**      Joanna Benskin

### *...to respond in faith with thanksgiving...*

+Hymn #288      “I Sing the Mighty Power of God”      ELLACOMBE

### **Labor Day Prayer**

### **Lord’s Prayer**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.  
Give us today the bread for today.  
Forgive us our sins, as we are forgiving those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil,  
for the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.  
Amen.**

**Offertory**      “O Waly, Waly”      arr. Benjamin Britten

### **Offering Our Gifts and Our Lives to God**

+A Prayer of Dedication

### *...and to go out to serve in the name of Christ.*

+Hymn # 538      “Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing”      SICILIAN MARINERS

+Charge and Benediction

+Postlude

## Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates 8

TRURO LM

Georg Weissel, 1642  
Trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1855Thomas Williams, 1789  
Harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

1. Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates, Be - hold, the  
2. Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; Make it a  
3. Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide My heart to

King of glo - ry waits; The King of kings is  
tem - ple, set a - part From earth - ly use for  
Thee; here, Lord, a - bide. Let me Thy in - ner

draw - ing near; The Sav - ior of the world is here!  
heaven's em - ploy, A - dorned with prayer, and love, and joy.  
pres - ence feel; Thy grace and love in me re - veal.

## 288 I Sing the Mighty Power of God

ELLACOMBE CMD

Isaac Watts, 1715; alt.

*Gesangbuch der Herzogl. Wirtembergischen  
Katholischen Hofkapelle, 1784; alt. 1868*

1. I sing the might - y power of God That made the moun - tains rise;  
2. I sing the good - ness of the Lord That filled the earth with food;  
3. There's not a plant or flower be - low But makes Thy glo - ries known;

That spread the flow - ing seas a - broad And built the loft - y skies.  
God formed the crea - tures with a word And then pro - nounced them good.  
And clouds a - rise, and tem - pests blow, By or - der from Thy throne;

I sing the wis - dom that or - dained The sun to rule the day;  
Lord, how Thy won - ders are dis - played, Wher - e'er I turn my eyes;  
While all that bor - rows life from Thee Is ev - er in Thy care,

The moon shines full at God's com - mand, And all the stars o - bey.  
If I sur - vey the ground I tread, Or gaze up - on the skies!  
And ev - ery - where that we can be, Thou, God, art pres - ent there.

## 538 Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

SICILIAN MARINERS 8.7.8.7.8.7

Attr. John Fawcett, 1773

Stanza 1, line 6, alt. 1774, Conyer's *Collection of Psalms*

Stanza 3 alt. Godfrey Thring (1823–1903)

Sicilian melody

1. Lord, dis - miss us with Thy bless - ing; Fill our hearts with  
 2. Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion For Thy gos - pel's  
 3. So that when Thy love shall call us, Sav - ior, from the

joy and peace; Let us each, Thy love pos - sess - ing,  
 joy - ful sound; May the fruits of Thy sal - va - tion  
 world a - way, Let no fear of death ap - pall us,

Tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us,  
 In our hearts and lives a - bound. Ev - er faith - ful,  
 Glad Thy sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,

O re - fresh us, Trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.  
 Ev - er faith - ful To the truth may we be found;  
 May we ev - er Reign with Thee in end - less day.