

# Clarence Presbyterian Church

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**Growing, Serving, Celebrating**



**5th Sunday of Easter  
May 3, 2026  
10:00 am**



**Friends, at this stop on your life's pilgrimage  
we bid you welcome  
with the hope that here you will find  
the love of God, which He offers  
to all who seek to serve and follow Him!**

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE: "The Galliarde"

William Byrd (1543-1623)

WELCOME & CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Let us offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God, through Jesus Christ our risen Lord.

**Alleluia! Thanks be to God!**

This is the day that Lord has made.

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

We come again to the Table, to receive the nourishment only God can provide.

**Alleluia! Thanks be to God!**

\*HYMN: No. 624 "I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art"

TOULON

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God, your word offers freedom from sin, but we confess that we have not obeyed your word. We have harbored malice toward our enemies; we have been deceitful in our relationships; we have been insincere in our commitments; through gossip we have slandered our friends. Forgive us our sins and lead us to genuine repentance. May we, as you children, be granted nourishment in your Spirit to grow into the joy of salvation through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

(moment of silent confession)

RESPONSE: Hymn No. 578 "Kyrie eleison"

***Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son*** (4x)

***Chri-ste e-le-i-son*** (4x)

Lord have mercy

Christ have mercy

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*RESPONSE: Hymn No. 447 "We Are Forgiven"

***We are forgiven. We are forgiven.***

***Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.***

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

(Please greet those near you with words such as "The Peace of Christ be with you.")

CHILDREN'S SERMON

ANTHEM: "Sing Me to Heaven"

Jane Griner/Daniel E. Gawthrop

Chancel Choir

*In my heart's sequestered chambers lie truths, stripped of poet's gloss. Words alone are vain and vacant and my heart is mute. In response to aching silence memory summons half heard voices, and my soul finds primal eloquence and wraps me in song.*

*If you would comfort me, sing me a lullaby. If you would win my heart, sing me a love song. If you would mourn me and bring me to God, sing me a requiem, sing me to heaven.*

*Touch in me all love and passion, pain and pleasure, touch in me grief and*

*comfort; love and passion, pain and pleasure. Sing me a lullaby, a love song, a requiem. Love me, comfort me, bring me to God: Sing me a love song, Sing me to heaven.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING: Acts 7:55-60

Pew Bible (NT) p.118

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

Pew Bible (OT) p.478

<sup>1</sup>In you, O Lord, I seek refuge;  
do not let me ever be put to shame;  
in your righteousness deliver me.

<sup>2</sup>**Incline your ear to me;  
rescue me speedily.**

**Be a rock of refuge for me,  
a strong fortress to save me.**

<sup>3</sup>You are indeed my rock and my fortress;  
for your name's sake lead me and guide me,

<sup>4</sup>**take me out of the net that is hidden for me,  
for you are my refuge.**

<sup>5</sup>Into your hand I commit my spirit;  
you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.

<sup>15</sup>**My times are in your hand;  
deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.**

<sup>16</sup>Let your face shine upon your servant;  
**save me in your steadfast love.**

\*RESPONSE: Hymn No. 581 "Gloria Patri"

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it  
was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.***

SECOND READING: John 14:1-14

Pew Bible (NT) p.102

SERMON: "In Jesus' Example"

\*HYMN: No. 686 "God of Our Life"

SANDON

OFFERTORY: Hymn #497 "Bread of Life from Heaven"

Susan R. Briehl/Marty Haugen  
Chancel Choir and Duet: Erika Dentinger and Avery Weissman

\*DOXOLOGY: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" Hymn No.609

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise God, all creatures high  
and low. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit  
one. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S TABLE (See Insert)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Our church family members who are in care facilities or homebound: Lois Benedict,  
Wayne Gardiner, Janet Hodges, Sue Kinnin, Renee Mavis, Jane Schutz,  
Ruth Shupe, Bob Zeeb.

Our church family members in the hospital, receiving treatments  
and/or recovering at home: Jared Grenzabach, Norm Kreib, Scott Kronmuller,  
Margaret Thayer, Bill Weikert, Paul Utter, Julie Furminger, Bonnie Beebe,  
Sandra Kronmuller, Betty Johnston, Jeff Deal, Lynn McConnell, Connie Allison.

COMMUNION ANTHEM: "One Bread, One Body" & "Seed, Scattered and Sown"  
Chancel Choir

\*HYMN: 494 "Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts"

QUEBEC

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "Fugue in G Major"

John Reading (1685-1764)



**Thank you to** Erika Dentinger and Avery Weissman for sharing their musical gifts with us this morning.

**Minister:** Rev. Dr. Jason Cashing  
**Director of Music Ministry:** Kotoe Shimojo  
**Sunday School Superintendent:** Jenna Abel  
**Children's Choir:** Connie Allison  
**Bell Ringer:** Carrie Cashing & Paul Hornbuckle  
**Bible Carrier:** Kaden Abel  
**Acolyte:** Anthony Hoy  
**Lay Reader:** Bob Poczik  
**Greeters:** Marilyn & Gene Koszarek  
**Ushers:** Kim & John Story  
**Nursery:** Laura & Charlotte Andolina & Alison Zybczynski  
**Live Stream:** Dave Gardiner  
**Counters:** Sarah Thompson, Dave Gardiner, & Paul Hornbuckle  
**Communion Servers:** Maryann Deb, Jon Hickey, Linda Snell,  
 Jim Wadon, Tsengel Wadon, Priscilla Tripi (choir)

**Flowers:** "In honor of our family on our wedding anniversary",  
 from John & Kim Story

**Christ Candle:** The flame of the Christ Candle is in honor of our mother,  
 Ruth Graves. Happy 94th birthday from all your children and grandchildren  
 . You have been the heart of our family, always  
 guiding us with love, wisdom, and kindness.

**Interested in learning more** about our shared Christian faith? Why not join us on Sunday morning at  
 8:30 in the Bodine Room, We are a small adult group of fewer than 10 who meet for  
 an hour to explore and discuss the Bible and other relevant Christian based books.  
 We'll be starting a new study of "Mere Christianity" by C. S. Lewis in the next few weeks. If  
 you'd like to know more or have any questions, please contact Steve Dale at 716-634-8077.

#### **Women 'n Wisdom**

Women 'n Wisdom meets Monday, May 11, 2026, 6:30 p.m. at BestCellar Book Bar, located on  
 Main Street, in the plaza across from the High School .light menu and  
 drinks are available for purchase ,<https://bestcellarbookbar.com>.ages are welcome!and grow in  
 wisdom and love.

Women 'n Wisdom meets the second Monday of every month, 6:30 p.m. for a time of renewal, reflection,  
 and relationship with each other as we live into God's presence among us and grow into wisdom!

#### **Our church team, The Clarence Christian Crusaders,**

will be participating again this year to continue our church's successful fundraising for cancer research.  
 Please consider supporting this local mission project in memory of our church member, Bob Furringer,  
 who founded our team several years ago. You may donate or register online, or  
 use the envelopes provided in the pew backs. Please sure to make checks out to "Ride for Roswell"  
 (with "Bob Furringer" in the memo line). Your participation and support will be appreciated  
 again this year. Julie Furringer and The Clarence Christian Crusaders Team.

Throughout the **Month of May**, we'll be collecting items for St. Luke's Mission of Mercy,  
 where Missionaries have been doing the Lord's work since 1994, by providing food, shelter, education,  
 clothing, spiritual guidance and more to hundreds of  
 underserved people living on the East Side of Buffalo. On May 10th, St.  
 Luke's Interim Director, Denny Gilhooley and his wife Sue (both Missionaries) will be at our 10 a.m.  
 service. **Please see kiosk** for flyer and more information.

## CALENDAR FOR THE COMING WEEK

### Sunday, May 3rd

**5th Sunday of Easter**

8:30 am Adult Education  
**Worship/Communion** - Sanctuary

9 am Canoe Trip Meeting - LFH

9:15 am Coffee/Fellowship - Narthex

9:20 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary

10 am **Worship/Communion - Sanctuary**  
Nursery Care

11 am Coffee Fellowship—Narthex  
Youth Choir Pre-K - 4th grade - Bodine Room

11:30 am **Rise Against Hunger/10,000 Meals**

### Monday, May 4th

9 am—2 pm Clarence Food Pantry—Bodine Room

9:30 am—12 pm Nursery School Upper South End, Ed

6 pm Gordon Highlanders Rehearsal

### Tuesday, May 5th

9 am Staff Meeting - LFH

9:30 am—12 pm Nursery School Upper South End, Ed

### Wednesday, May 6th

9 am Loose Screws Social Club

9:30 am—12 pm Nursery School Upper South End, Ed

### Thursday, May 7th

9:30 am—12 pm Nursery School/Mom's Tea Upper South End, Ed

7:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal— Sanctuary & LFH

### Friday, May 8th

9:30 am—12 pm Nursery School/Mom's Tea Upper South End, Ed

### Saturday, May 9th

9 am All Boards Retreat - UFH

12 pm - 6 pm Williamsville Performing Arts  
Spring Recital - Sanctuary

6 pm - 9 pm Corvette Club Meeting - UFH

### Sunday, May 10th

**6th Sunday of Easter**

8:30 am Adult Education  
**Worship/Communion** - Sanctuary

9:15 am Coffee/Fellowship - Narthex

9:20 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary

10 am **Worship - Sanctuary**  
Nursery Care

11 am Coffee Fellowship—Narthex  
Youth Choir Pre-K - 4th grade - Bodine Room

**Pantry needs** this week are Applesauce, BBQ Sauce, and Salad Dressing. Thanks!