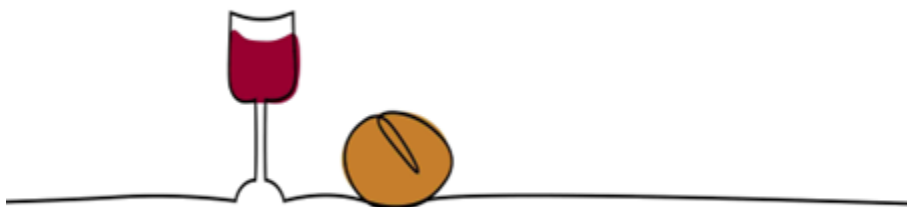


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Growing, Serving, Celebrating



**15th Sunday after Pentecost
September 6, 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: "Turn, Turn, Turn"

Pete Seeger

(To Everything There Is a Season)
Michael Golden, solo

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Praise the Lord!

Sing God's praise in the assembly of the faithful,

For the Lord takes pleasure in the people.

Let the faithful sing for joy!

*HYMN: No. 233 "The Day of Resurrection!"

LANCASHIRE

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God, while we were still slaves to sin, you died for our salvation. Yet we still worship the false gods of the world, forgetting that you are Lord. Loving worldly wealth, we have not loved you with our whole heart nor loved neighbors as ourselves. Trusting worldly strength, we have not trusted your word nor followed the Word-made-flesh. Forgiving by worldly norms, we have not shown mercy to others as you have shown mercy to us. Forgive us yet again, and set us back on the path the leads to the fullness of life in you, we pray in Christ's name. 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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING: Exodus 12:1-14

Pew Bible (OT) p. 56

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 149:1-9

Pew Bible (OT) p. 550

¹Praise the Lord!
Sing to the Lord a new song,
his praise in the assembly of the faithful.
²**Let Israel be glad in its Maker;
let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.**
³Let them praise his name with dancing,
making melody to him with tambourine and lyre.
⁴**For the Lord takes pleasure in his people;
he adorns the humble with victory.**
⁵Let the faithful exult in glory;
let them sing for joy on their couches.
⁶**Let the high praises of God be in their throats
and two-edged swords in their hands,**
⁷to execute vengeance on the nations
and punishment on the peoples,
⁸**to bind their kings with fetters
and their nobles with chains of iron,**
⁹to execute on them the judgement decreed.
**This is glory for all his faithful ones.
Praise the Lord!**

*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: Matthew 18:15-20

Pew Bible (NT) p. 19

SERMON: "Bound at God's Table"

*HYMN: No. 306 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

DENNIS

CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

OFFERTORY: "Let It Be"

Paul McCartney

Michael Golden, solo

*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, Janet Hodges, Sue Kinnin, Renee Mavis, Ruth Shupe.

Our church family members in the hospital, receiving treatments
and/or recovering at home: Jared Grenzebach, Norm Kreib, Margaret Thayer, Bill Weikert,
Paull Utter, Julie Furminger, Bonnie Beebe, Sandra Kronmuller, Betty Johnston,
Lynn McConnell, Connie Allison, Dave Weidman, Cathy McCoy.

*HYMN: No. 498 "Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken"

BEACH SPRING

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "Somewhere Over the Rainbow/What a Wonderful World

Judy Garland/Louis Armstrong

Michael Golden, solo

Thank you to Michael Golden for
sharing his 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:	Jim Owen
Acolyte:	Madison Sciolino
Bible Carrier:	Carrie Cashing
Lay Reader:	Maelyn Goodman
Greeters:	Jeffrey Deal & Paul Hornbuckle
Ushers:	Ben Wadon & Charlotte Andolina
Live Stream:	Zach Thompson
Counters:	Paul Hornbuckle, Sarah Thompson, & Dave Gardiner
Communion Servers:	Lynn & John Baudanza, Carolyn Burke, Wendy Hamilton & Lis Kreib

Flowers: Today's flowers are in loving memory of Charles Leist, in remembrance of his birthday, September 7th. The Mondschein Family

Christ Candle: Happy heavenly birthdays to Grandma (Margaret) Herman & to Tom Duerr from Jim Owen.

CALENDAR FOR THE COMING WEEK

Sunday, September 6th 15th Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 am	Adult Education - Bodine Room
10 am	Worship/Communion - Sanctuary
11:15 am	Coffee Fellowship

Monday, September 7th

	Office Closed - Labor Day
9 am—2 pm	Clarence Food Pantry - Bodine Room
6 pm	Gordon Highlanders Rehearsal - UFH, LFH

Wednesday, September 9th

9 am	Loose Screws Social Club
	Staff Meeting - Green Room

Thursday, September 10th

7:15 pm - 8:45 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
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Saturday, September 12th

6 pm	Corvette Club Meeting
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Sunday, September 13th Kirkin of the Tartan

	16th Sunday after Pentecost
8:30 am	Adult Education - Bodine Room
9:20 am	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
10 am	Worship - Sanctuary
11:15 am	Coffee Fellowship
	Sunday School Open House

Food Pantry needs this week are Dish Soap, Honey, & Shampoo. Thanks!

We are beginning to work on updating the directory, which will be published in its final form closer to the end of the year so as to provide the most up to date information moving forward. There is a copy of the directory in the narthex on which updates and additions may be made. Please take the time to check the entry for you/your family, and make updates as appropriate. Thank you!

The Harvest House Baby Shower Drive will take place again this year during September. Bins for collecting items will be available in the Narthex on September 6, 13, 20 and 27. Harvest House, a long-standing charitable organization on the East Side of Buffalo that serves low-income families, thanks our church for our compassion and generosity shown last year. They also tell us that the need is even greater this year. Most needed items include diapers, baby wipes, new or gently used clothing (newborn-age 5), bottles and feeding supplies, baby hygiene products, safe portable cribs (new only) and car seats and strollers (within 5 years from manufacture date).

Life is full of challenging and difficult conversations. Even when offered in love, sometimes we may not know what to say or how to begin. Join us on Friday, September 18, to explore some resources and skills which can help us to be faithful and loving in some of our most challenging situations. Please sign up on the kiosk in the narthex.

Did you know we have one of the most engaging Sunday Schools in the presbytery? We do! And next week, September 13, you are invited following worship to tour our classrooms and learn more about how we teach and engage some of our youngest church members. Ms. Jenna, our Sunday School Superintendent, along with some of our regular teachers, will show you around the rooms and discuss how we go about this important ministry. This is open to everyone in the congregation, and is not limited to people with young children. Come and learn more about this ministry!

Our next project date with Habitat for Humanity will be Saturday, October 24. This is an opportunity to work alongside your church brothers and sisters while helping to provide safe and affordable housing to those in need in our local community. All skill and ability levels are welcome. Supervision and instruction are provided. All you need to bring is yourself, a pair of work gloves, and a can-do attitude! Ages 16 and above are welcome to participate, but you must be 18 or older to use power tools. We're looking to form a team of up to 8 people. If you are interested there is a sign-up sheet on the kiosk in the Narthex. Alternatively, you can reach out to Paul Belanger at (585) 735-6763. We look forward to working with you!

What is the Per Capita offering, and how is it used? Each year, based on the number of Active Members of our congregation, an amount is determined to be paid to Presbytery, a portion of which goes on to Synod and General Assembly. These funds support ministry and mission at all denominational levels, and make it possible for resources such as educational offerings, personnel, financial support, among many others. Clarence Presbyterian budgets the total amount of Per Capita paid each year, but you can help offset that amount by making a once/year offering to cover you (or your family's) Per Capita amount. This year, the Per Capita amount is \$50/each Active Member.

Have you considered making a Legacy Gift to Clarence Presbyterian Church? Naming the church in your estate, or determining the church as a beneficiary of a policy is a wonderful and faithful way to make one more gift to support our mission and ministry as we look into the future! Such gifts can be used to finance building repair and maintenance, mission endeavors, educational and music ministries, and so much more.