



The flowers on the alter are in celebration of Dennis Scaglione's birthday, tomorrow.

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Church of Clinton**
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Order of Worship - October 18, 2026 - 21st Sunday after Pentecost

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

Welcome, Acknowledgements of first-time visitors and announcements

Words to Ponder: *I'm **all for love**, and that's the truth now baby, **love for all**.* - Stephen Duffy/The Lilac Time

Introit

Chancel Choir

*Please stand in body, and/or spirit

*Call to Worship

L: We are chosen children of God, bound together by the Holy Spirit.

P: We belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another.

L: The Spirit empowers us to live as imitators of Christ in love of God, neighbor, self, and all creation.

P: We belong to God, and through God, we learn to love one another.

L: The Spirit inspires us to receive God's Word with joy in a world that rejects the good news.

P: We belong to God, and through God, we live in joy with one another.

L: Come, let us worship in the assurance of God’s love that chooses us, empowers us, and inspires us to live as the family of Christ.

P: We come to worship God in the assurance that we belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another. Amen.

*Opening Hymn *Here I Am Lord* No. 593

Opening Prayer

Prayer of Confession (shared in unison)

God of Grace, we know that you have chosen us, but we often forget that you have also chosen others. You call us to be imitators of Christ, yet many times we are imitators of the world. You challenge us to turn from our idols, but we are tempted to turn back to them again and again. Rescue us, Lord, from ourselves. Show us your way. Guide our every action, that we may live as you call us to live.

Moment for silent personal confession

Words of Assurance: Beloved children of God, receive this good news. God loves us, chooses us, forgives us, and renews us to live in love and service of God and neighbor. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God! Amen.

New Testament Reading **Ephesians 3:16-19**

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* Chancel Choir

Children’s Moment Jill Hale

*Gospel Reading **1 Thessalonians 1:1-10** Karin Thelin

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Hymn *Pass It On* No. 572

Sermon *Grateful for Grace* Bob Hale

Offertory

*Doxology No. 95

Prayer of Dedication Judy Loukides

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

*Closing Hymn *Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart* No. 160

*Benediction/Going Forth

*Response *Bless Us Now*

Bless us now as we depart, watch o’er us, God, while we’re apart; Give strength to conquer daily strain, and bring us to Thy house again. Amen.

Postlude