

March 6th, 2022, 11 am  
Olean First Presbyterian Church

Prelude ~ *Pavanne* ~ Gordon Young

Good Morning Saints

Announcements

*All people must wear a facemask covering mouth and nose.  
If you would like to serve as liturgist please sign up in the fellowship hall.*

God is Good

**Everyday**

And Everyday

**God is Good**

Call to Worship

Remember the story of our faith.

**We are the people God has delivered.**

Rejoice in the hope of our faith.

**God goes with us, step by step.**

Cling to the promise of our faith.

**Our God will not abandon us.**

Opening Prayer

**Most loving God, we thank you for your gifts of mercy and forgiveness.**

**You pursue daily with a forgiving love that will not give up on us. When we stray you want our return. And like The Loving Father in the Bible story you run to greet us when we return. Through Jesus we know we can dwell in your redeeming love forever. Amen.**

Hymn ~ Eternal Father, Strong to Save ~ No. 8

Eternal Father, strong to save,  
whose arm has bound the restless wave,  
who bade the mighty ocean deep  
its own appointed limits keep:  
O hear us when we cry to thee  
for those in peril on the sea.

O Savior, whose almighty word  
the winds and waves submissive heard,  
who walked upon the foaming deep,  
and calm amid its rage did sleep:  
O hear us when we cry to thee  
for those in peril on the sea.

Prayers of the People

Mission Update Cari Matrijka

Presentation of the Offering

Doxology ~ No. 606

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him,  
all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Special Music ~ *Clair de Lune* ~ C. Debussy

Prayer for Illumination

Readings

*Psalm 91*

<sup>1</sup>You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,

<sup>2</sup>will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."

<sup>3</sup>For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence;

<sup>4</sup>he will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.

<sup>5</sup>You will not fear the terror of the night, or the arrow that flies by day,

<sup>6</sup>or the pestilence that stalks in darkness, or the destruction that wastes at noonday.

<sup>7</sup>A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you.

<sup>8</sup>You will only look with your eyes and see the punishment of the wicked.

<sup>9</sup>Because you have made the LORD your refuge, the Most High your dwelling place,

<sup>10</sup>no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent.

<sup>11</sup>For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.

<sup>12</sup>On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.

<sup>13</sup>You will tread on the lion and the adder, the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.

<sup>14</sup>Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name.

<sup>15</sup>When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them.

<sup>16</sup>With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

*Luke 15:11-32*

<sup>11</sup>Then Jesus said, "There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup>The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup>A few days later the younger son gathered all he

had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. <sup>14</sup>When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup>So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. <sup>16</sup>He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. <sup>17</sup>But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! <sup>18</sup>I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; <sup>19</sup>I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.”’ <sup>20</sup>So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup>Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ <sup>22</sup>But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. <sup>23</sup>And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; <sup>24</sup>for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.

<sup>25</sup>“Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup>He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. <sup>27</sup>He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’ <sup>28</sup>Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. <sup>29</sup>But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup>But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ <sup>31</sup>Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. <sup>32</sup>But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’

The Word of God  
**The Word of Life**

Message

The Lord’s table

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy  
to give you thanks and praise,  
O God of mercy and might.  
In your wisdom, you made all things  
and sustain them by your power.  
You have called forth men and women in every age  
to be your servants and speak your word.  
When we rebelled against your call  
and turned from your ways,  
in your love you called us back to you.  
You delivered us from captivity,  
and made covenant to be our sovereign God.  
You sent prophets to call us to justice and compassion.  
Therefore we praise you,  
joining our voices with the choirs of heaven  
and with all the faithful of every time and place,  
who forever sing to the glory of your name:  
**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest**  
You are holy, O God of majesty,  
and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord,  
in whom you have revealed yourself,  
our light and our salvation.  
Baptized in Jordan's waters,  
Jesus took his place with sinners  
and your voice proclaimed him your beloved.  
Your Spirit anointed him  
to bring good news to the poor,  
to proclaim release to the captives,  
to restore sight to the blind,  
to free the oppressed.  
He lived among us in power and grace,  
touching broken lives with your healing peace.  
By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection  
you gave birth to your church,  
and made with us a new covenant  
by water and the Spirit.  
O God, as you once claimed us in the Spirit's waters  
and number us among your own beloved,  
give us power to do your work, to show your love,

and to live holy and joyful lives.  
Keep us faithful in your service  
until Christ comes in final victory  
and we shall feast with all your saints  
in the joy of your eternal realm.  
Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,  
We pray the prayer he taught.

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

\*Hymn ~ You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord ~ No. 43

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,  
who abide in his shadow for life,  
say to the Lord, "My refuge,  
my rock in whom I trust!"

*Refrain:*

And he will raise you up on eagles' wings,  
bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun,  
and hold you in the palm of his hand.

The snare of the fowler will never capture you,  
and famine will bring you no fear:  
under his wings, your refuge,  
his faithfulness your shield.

*(Refrain)*

You need not fear the terror of the night,  
nor the arrow that flies by day;  
though thousands fall about you,  
near you it shall not come.

*(Refrain)*

Benediction

Postlude ~ *Make the Sounds of Praise* ~ Robert Hughes

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## Prayer List

Margaret Quigley	Emily Kennedy	Matt Isenberg
Amy Trass	Martin Hatch	Craig Polson
David Cross	Colt Matz	Chase Ewoldt
Michael Eade	Barb & Chuck Compher	Avrie Sinesiou
Joseph Kwiatkowski	Lewis Christman	Gretchen Randon
Dale Isenberg	Michael Ahrens & Family	Renee Ensell

*\*\*Please let the office know who can be removed and who needs to be added.*

*Thank you for your help! \*\**

Happy Birthday to:

8 ~ Ryan Evans

11 ~ Kara (McGonnell) Miller

13 ~ Marlene Levine

## CHURCH CALENDAR WEEK OF 3/6/22

Sunday – March 6	9:35am Adult Discussion 11am Worship 4:30pm Confirmation Class
Monday – March 7	7pm Session Meeting
Tuesday – March 8	6:30pm Scouts in Basement
Wednesday – March 9	5:30pm CE Meeting 7pm MEF Meeting
Thursday – March 10	6:30pm Vespers 6:45pm Scouts in Basement 7:15pm Bible Study
Friday – March 11	10am Coffee & Conversation 7pm Fish Club
Sunday – March 13	9:35am Adult Discussion 11am Worship 4:30pm Confirmation Class

If you wish to speak with Pastor Bruce, please call 716-378-6773.