May 1, 2022, 11 am Olean First Presbyterian Church

Prelude \sim In the Stillness \sim F. Ritter

Good Morning Saints

Announcements

If you would like to serve as a liturgist please sign up in the fellowship hall.

Choral Introit

God is Good **Everyday** And Everyday **God is Good**

Call to Worship

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me.

The Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the suffering.

He has sent me to bind the broken-hearted.

I will proclaim liberty to the captives.

I will comfort those who are sad.

We turn sadness into joy to glorify the Lord.

Prayer

Living Lord, you meet us in unexpected places and surprise us with the abundance of your love. Feed us by your Word and fill us with your Spirit so that we may follow you this day, and always; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. Amen.

Children's Time

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen. Hymn ~ Lead on, O King Eternal! ~ No. 269 (verses 1 & 3) Lead on, O King eternal! The day of march has come; henceforth in fields of conquest your tents shall be our home. Through days of preparation your grace has made us strong, and now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.

> Lead on, O King eternal: we follow, not with fears, for gladness breaks like morning where'er your face appears; your cross is lifted o'er us; we journey in its light. The crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might!

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

Anthem ~ *Sing Jubilate Deo* ~ J. Estes

Prayer for Illumination

Readings

Psalm 30
¹ I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up, and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

² O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.

³ O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

- ⁴ Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name.
- ⁵ For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime.
 Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

⁶ As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved."

⁷ By your favor, O Lord, you had established me as a strong mountain; you hid your face; I was dismayed.

⁸ To you, O Lord, I cried, and to the Lord I made supplication:
⁹ "What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?
¹⁰ Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me!

- O Lord, be my helper!"
- ¹¹ You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,
- ¹² so that my soul may praise you and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

Luke 24:36-49

³⁶While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence. ⁴⁴Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and for-giveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

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

Message

Music for meditation

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 ~ A Mighty Fortress Is Our God ~ No. 275 (verses 1, 3, & 4)
A mighty fortress is our God,
a bulwark never failing.
Our helper he, amid the flood
of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe
doth seek to work us woe.

His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us. The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him. His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure. One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth. The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth. Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also. The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still. His kingdom is forever. Benediction

Choral Benediction

Postlude ~ On This Glad Day ~ D. Scarlatti

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Today's flowers are given in loving memory of Jane B. Jencks, by Doug & Betsy Cashing.

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
Kimberley Smith		

**Please let the office know who can be removed and who needs to be added. Thank you for your help! **

Happy Birthday to:

 $1 \sim \text{Cheryl Jennings}$

 $3 \sim Lucas Burton$

7 ~ Gary Gruver

Happy Anniversary to: 3 ~ Mark & Joan McGonnell

CHURCH CALENDAR WEEK OF 5/1/22

Sunday – May 1 <i>Communion</i>	9:35am Adult Discussion 11am Worship
Tuesday – May 3	6:30pm Scouts in Basement
Thursday – May 5	10am Bible Study Noon National Day of Prayer @ Lincoln Park 5:30pm Bring Your Own Thursday Dinner 6:30pm Vespers 6:45pm Scouts in Basement 7pm Choir 7:15pm Bible Study
Friday – May 6	10am Coffee & Conversation
Sunday – May 8	9:35am Adult Discussion 11am Worship

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

Current Session		
Dave Shults	President, Finance and Stewardship	
Chris Norton	Clerk of Session	
Punkie Sinesiou	Christian Education	
Kay Shults	MEF	
Doug Cashing	Treasurer and Personnel	
Craig Polson	Property	
Steve Yehl	Property	
Wendy Brand	Nominating	
Others Serving		
Lanna Waterman	Communications	
Rev. Bruce Levine	Worship	

Current Deacons		
Martha Nenno,	Barry Hurley	
Moderator		
Carol Bess	Sandi Smith	
Chris Burton	Lanna Waterman	
Betsy Cashing	Judi Blair	

Ross Bennett is currently on deployment in Jordan. If you would like to send a letter or card, his address is:



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Olean General Hospital Needs Volunteers

We need help at our strawberry festival on June 16th. We have 3 shifts, 9am-12pm, 12pm-3pm and 3pm – 6pm. Each person who volunteers for a 3 hour shift will receive a coupon for a drink, hot dog or sausage and a shortcake. Please contact Audrea Sirianni at 716-375-7377 or email her at asirianni@ogh.org.

We are also in need of regular OGH volunteers in a variety of departments including mailroom and gift shop. Again, if interested please call or email Audrea Sirianni. Thank you for considering this.



The Olean FPC family includes a great number of members with artistic and/or crafty abilities.



Are you one of those members? Presbyterian Women are planning an arts & crafts sale for fall and are looking for donations from our talented members to sell. The proceeds will be used towards PW missions. Donations may be left in the church office.



Whether you're crafty or not, watch for further information about PW's sale. Handmade items make wonderful gifts for any occasion!

