

Olean First Presbyterian Church
July 31, 2022, 10am

Prelude ~ *Voluntary in A Minor* ~ W. Boyce

Good Morning Saints

Announcements

God is Good

Everyday

And Everyday

God is Good

Call to Worship

God has given us this day.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

God has gathered us in this place.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

There are many places we could be, but God has brought us here.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Prayer

Extravagant God,

you offer riches that no earthly pleasures can match.

You pour out mercy and cover us with love.

You show us true justice and offer us peace.

You provide us with every need

and promise us eternal life with you.

In the midst of the glitz and glamour of this world,

nothing, and no one, shines with your brilliance.

Bathe us in the light of Christ,

illumine us with your Holy Spirit,

and enable us to live only for you.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Opening Hymn ~ *In Christ There is No East or West* ~ No. 318

In Christ there is no east or west,

in him no south or north,

but one great fellowship of love

throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ shall true hearts everywhere

their high communion find;

his service is the golden cord

close-binding humankind.

Join hands, disciples of the faith,
whate'er your race may be.
All children of the living God
are surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west;
in him meet south and north.
All Christly souls are one in him
throughout the whole wide earth.

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.

Assurance of Pardon

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

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings

Psalm 107

¹O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.

²Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those he redeemed from trouble

³and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

⁴Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to an inhabited town;

⁵hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.
⁶Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress;
⁷he led them by a straight way, until they reached an inhabited town.
⁸Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind.
⁹For he satisfies the thirsty, and the hungry he fills with good things.

Luke 12:13-21

¹³Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." ¹⁴But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." ¹⁶Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' ¹⁸Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' ²⁰But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

The Word of God
The Word of Life

Message

Music for Meditation ~ *The Holy City* ~ S. Adams

Hymn ~ *The Church's One Foundation* ~ No. 321 (verses 1, 4, 5)

The church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ her Lord.
She is his new creation
by water and the word.
From heaven he came and sought her
to be his holy bride.
With his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.

Mid toil and tribulation,
and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation
of peace forevermore:
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious
shall be the church at rest.

