

Olean First Presbyterian Church  
Sunday, August 28, 2022

Prelude ~ *For the Beauty of the Earth* ~ D. Lowe

Good Morning, Saints

Announcements

Noisy Cans (A collection of change & small bills to support the food pantry)

God is Good

**Everyday**

And everyday

**God is Good**

Call to Worship

The heavens are telling the glory of God, all creation speaks volumes of God's handiwork

**Each sunrise proclaims God's faithfulness and the night reveals the Creator's awe.**

Without a word being spoken, all creation bears witness to the goodness of the Lord.

**So, too, may we join in witness with all creation...may the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts be God's signature in the world.**

Opening Prayer ~ 19<sup>th</sup> C. Gaelic Prayer

**God to enfold me, God to surround me,**

**God in my speaking, God in my thinking.**

**God in my sleeping, God in my waking,**

**God in my watching, God in my hoping.**

**God in my life, God in my lips,**

**God in my soul, God in my heart.**

**God in my sufficing, God in my slumber,**

**God in my ever-living soul, God in my serenity. Amen.**

Opening Hymn ~ *God Is Here!* ~ No. 409 (verses 1 and 4)

God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,  
may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.

Here as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts  
wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.

Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt,  
keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out.

Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive: we, who  
cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe.

Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God,**

**You love us, but we have not loved you.**

**You call, but we have not listened.**

**We walk away from neighbors in need,**

wrapped in our own concerns.  
We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.  
God of grace,  
Help us to admit our sin,  
so that as you come to us in mercy,  
we may repent, turn to you,  
and receive forgiveness.

Assurance of Pardon

Presentation of 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 God's 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

*Exodus 3:1-14*

Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the desert and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. <sup>2</sup>There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. <sup>3</sup>So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight – why the bush does not burn up." <sup>4</sup>When the Lord saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!" And Moses said, "Here I am." <sup>5</sup>"Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." <sup>6</sup>Then he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." At this Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

<sup>7</sup>The Lord said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. <sup>8</sup>So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey – the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. <sup>9</sup>And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. <sup>10</sup>So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt." <sup>11</sup>But

Moses said to God, “Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?”<sup>12</sup> And God said, “I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain.”<sup>13</sup> Moses said to God, “Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ Then what shall I tell them?”<sup>14</sup> God said to Moses, “I am who I am.” This is what you are to say to the Israelites: ‘I am has sent me to you.’ ”

*Luke 19:1-6*

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. <sup>2</sup>A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. <sup>3</sup>He wanted to see who Jesus was, but being a short man he could not, because of the crowd. <sup>4</sup>So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way. <sup>5</sup>When Jesus reached the spot he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today.”<sup>6</sup> So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly.

The Word of God.

**The word of Life.**

Message ~ Betsy Cashing

Music for Meditation ~ *Arabesque #1* ~ Claude Debussy

Hymn ~ *Here I Am, Lord* ~ No. 69 (verses 1-3)

I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
my hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

*Refrain:*

Here I am, Lord.  
Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them.  
They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them.  
Whom shall I send? (*Refrain*)

