

February 26, 2023, 11 am
Olean First Presbyterian Church
First Sunday in Lent

Prelude ~ *Just as I Am* ~ Dale Wood

Good Morning Saints

Announcements

Noisy Cans

Choral Introit

God is Good

Everyday

And Everyday

God is Good

Call to Worship

Happy are those who trust in the Lord.

God's steadfast love surrounds us.

May we be glad and rejoice.

Let us worship the Lord together!

Opening Prayer

Faithful God,

we seek to follow the ways of your Son, Jesus.

Cleanse our hearts and minds

from all that might be a distraction.

Renew in us a desire to worship you,

so we may be an example

of your love and grace to the world.

In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

Children's Time

Our Lenten Spiritual Discipline Program

Hymn ~ O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing ~ No. 610

(Please note the words and verse numbers don't match the words in the Hymnal)

1 O for a thousand tongues to sing

my great Redeemer's praise,

the glories of my God and King,

the triumphs of his grace!

2 My gracious Master and my God,

assist me to proclaim,

to spread thro' all the earth abroad

the honors of your name.

3 Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease,
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life and health and peace.

5 To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above,
the Church in earth and heaven.

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 us to 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.**

Declaration of Forgiveness

Gloria Patri ~ No. 581

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end.
Amen, amen.

Prayers of the People

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.

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 Out to God* ~ Richard Voorhaar

Prayer for Illumination ~ No. 455

**Listen to the word that God has spoken;
listen to the One who is close at hand;
listen to the voice that began creation;
listen even if you don't understand.**

Readings ~

Isaiah 58

¹ Shout out; do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!
Announce to my people their rebellion,
to the house of Jacob their sins.

² Yet day after day they seek me
and delight to know my ways,
as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;
they ask of me righteous judgments;
they want God on their side.[a]

³ “Why do we fast, but you do not see?
Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”
Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day
and oppress all your workers.

⁴ You fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to strike with a wicked fist.
Such fasting as you do today
will not make your voice heard on high.

⁵ Is such the fast that I choose,
a day to humble oneself?
Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?
Will you call this a fast,
a day acceptable to the Lord?

⁶ Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the straps of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?

⁷ Is it not to share your bread with the hungry
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

⁸ Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;

your vindicator shall go before you;
the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.
⁹ Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, "Here I am."

If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
¹⁰ if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.
¹¹ The Lord will guide you continually
and satisfy your needs in parched places
and make your bones strong,
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water
whose waters never fail.

Matthew 6:1-18

¹"Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. ²"So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ³But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

⁵"And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ⁶But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. ⁷"When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. ⁸Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

⁹"Pray then in this way: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. ¹⁰Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. ¹¹Give us this day our daily bread. ¹²And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. ¹³And do not bring us to the time of trial, but rescue us from the evil one. ¹⁴For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; ¹⁵but if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

¹⁶"*And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward.* ¹⁷*But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face,* ¹⁸*so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.*

The Word of God
The Word of Life

Message

Music for meditation

Silent Prayer

Hymn ~ *Go, My Children, with My Blessing* ~ No. 547

“Go, my children, with my blessing,
never alone.

Waking, sleeping, I am with you,
you are my own.

In my love’s baptismal river
I have made you mine forever.

Go, my children, with my blessing,
you are my own.”

“Go, my children, sins forgiven,
at peace and pure.

Here you learned how much I love you,
what I can cure.

Here you heard my dear Son’s story;
here you touched him, saw his glory.

Go, my children, sins forgiven,
at peace and pure.”

“Go, my children, fed and nourished,
closer to me.

Grow in love and love by serving,
joyful and free.

Here my Spirit’s power filled you;
here my tender comfort stilled you.

Go, my children, fed and nourished,
joyful and free.”

Benediction

Choral Benediction

Postlude ~ *Festive Postlude* ~ Harold de Cou

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Prayer List

Margaret Quigley	Emily Kennedy	Matt Isenberg
Barbara Compher	Martin Hatch	Craig Polson
Joe Gullo	Colt Matz	Chase Ewoldt
Dale Isenberg	Diane Trippany	Avrie Sinesiou
Joseph Kwiatkowski	Alyssa Daly and Family	Gretchen Randon
Amy Ruland	Punkie Sinesiou	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:

28 ~ Chris Norton

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CHURCH CALENDAR WEEK OF 2/26/23

Sunday – Feb. 26	9:30am Sunday Bible Study 11am Worship
<i>Noisy Cans</i>	
Tuesday - Feb. 28	6:30pm Scouts
Wednesday - March 1	5:30pm Book Club at Perkins
Thursday - March 2	10am Bible Study 1pm Deacons Meeting 5pm Finance Meeting 5:30pm Bring Your Own Dinner 6:30pm Vespers 6:30 Scouts 7pm Choir 7pm Bible Study
Friday - March 3	10am Coffee and Conversation at North Union Tim Hortons
Sunday – March 5	9:30am Sunday Bible School 11am Worship

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