

March 19, 2023, 11 am
Olean First Presbyterian Church

Prelude ~ *Shall We Gather at the River?* ~ Dale Wood

Good Morning Saints

Announcements

Choral Introit

God is Good

Everyday

And Everyday

God is Good

Call to Worship

The Lord shepherds us.

God restores our souls.

We shall not fear evil.

For God is always with us.

Opening Prayer

Faithful God, we profess
that you are the light of the world.

Empower us through our worship of you today,
that we may live as children of the light
and be faithful witnesses to your love in the world.

We pray this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Children's Time

Hymn ~ *Fairest Lord Jesus* ~ No. 630

Fairest Lord Jesus,
Ruler of all nature,
O thou of God to earth come down,
thee will I cherish,
thee will I honor,
thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows,
fairer still the woodlands,
robed in the blooming garb of spring.
Jesus is fairer;
Jesus is purer,
who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine,
fairer still the moonlight,
and all the twinkling, starry host.
Jesus shines brighter;
Jesus shines purer,
than all the angels heaven can boast.

Beautiful Savior,
Ruler of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor,
praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine!

Prayers of the People

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 ~ *Jubilate Deo* ~ Jay Althouse

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 ~

Proverbs 15:16-17, 16:8

¹⁶Better is a little with the fear of the Lord
than great treasure and trouble with it.

¹⁷ Better is a dinner of vegetables where love is
than a fatted ox and hatred with it.

⁸ Better is a little with righteousness
than large income with injustice.

Psalm 23

The Divine Shepherd

A Psalm of David.

¹ The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

² He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;

³ he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.

⁴ Even though I walk through the darkest valley,

I fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
my whole life long.

Luke 12: 13-32

¹³ Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." ¹⁴ But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵ And 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." ¹⁶ Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷ And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' ¹⁸ Then 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. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' ²⁰ But 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?' ²¹ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

Do Not Worry

²² He said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. ²³ For life is more than food and the body more than clothing. ²⁴ Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! ²⁵ And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁶ If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? ²⁷ Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ²⁸ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, you of little faith! ²⁹ And do not keep seeking what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. ³⁰ For it is the nations of the world that

seek all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹ Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

³² “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

The Word of God
The Word of Life

Message

Music for meditation

Silent Prayer

Hymn ~ *To God be the Glory* ~ No. 634

To God be the glory;
great things he has done!
So loved he the world
that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life
an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate
that all may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord;
let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord;
let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father
through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory:
great things he has done!

Great things he has taught us;
great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing
through Jesus the Son;
but purer and higher
and greater will be
our wonder, our transport,
when Jesus we see. (*Refrain*)

Benediction

Choral Benediction

Postlude ~ *Joyful, Joyful* ~ Lani Smith

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Program on Iceland

Presented by Marlene and Meredith Lang

Monday, March 20th at 6pm

Join us— dessert provided!

Easter Memorial order forms are available in Fellowship Hall. Orders are due by Sunday, March 26th.



Dinner Out
Wednesday, March 29th, 5:30pm
at Grand Slam

Join us for food, fellowship and fun!



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:
21 ~ Carol McClellan
22 ~ Kim Whitney

CHURCH CALENDAR WEEK OF 3/19/23

Sunday – March 19	9:30am Sunday Bible Study 11am Worship
Monday - March 20	6pm Iceland Travelogue
Tuesday - March 21	10am Tea with Bruce and Phil at Union Tea 6:30pm Scouts
Wednesday - March 22	5pm Book Club
Thursday - March 23	5pm Burt Meeting 6:30 Scouts 7pm Choir
Friday - March 24	10am Coffee and Conversation at North Union Tim Hortons 7pm Bird Club
Sunday – March 26	9:30am Sunday Bible Study 11am Worship

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