

January 14, 2024, 11 AM  
Olean First Presbyterian Church

Prelude ~ *Aria on "Jewels"* ~ Dale Wood

Good Morning, Saints

Announcements

*Please sign the friendship pads and include your contact info, email, phone, and text.  
We want to make sure we can communicate better with you.*

Choral Introit

God is Good

**Everyday**

And Everyday

**God is Good**

Call to Worship

The voice of God is transforming.

**We come listening for God's voice.**

God knew us before we knew ourselves.

**We come listening for God's voice.**

Our minds, bodies, and souls belong to God.

**We come listening for God's voice.**

We come to this place to listen and follow.

**Let us worship God!**

Opening Prayer

You invite us, O God, to live in your ways, and you give us to each other to know and to love as we journey in this life. Show us your will for all creation. Help us to listen to your urgings with prayerful hearts so that we may honor what you have made, in the name of the holy Trinity, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Tribute to Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Children's Time

Opening Hymn ~ *When the Lord Redeems the Very Least* ~ No. 852

When the Lord redeems the very least,  
we will rejoice.

When the hungry gather for the feast,  
we will rejoice.

*Refrain:*

We will rejoice with gladness.

We will rejoice.

All our days we'll sing to God in praise.

We will rejoice!

When the Lord restores the sick and weak,  
we will rejoice.  
When the earth is given to the meek,  
we will rejoice. (*Refrain*)

When the Lord revives the world from death,  
we will rejoice.  
When the word of God fills every breath,  
we will rejoice. (*Refrain*)

When the Lord returns in victory,  
we will rejoice.  
When we live in glorious liberty,  
we will rejoice. (*Refrain*)

## 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

*If you prefer, you can go to our website [Oleanfirstpresbyterian.com](http://Oleanfirstpresbyterian.com) and click on the donate button.*

### \*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 ~ *Holy Spirit, Come and Fill Us* ~ Joseph Martin

### The Passing of the Peace

### 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 ~

*Psalm 139:1-18*

<sup>1</sup>O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

<sup>2</sup>You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

<sup>3</sup>You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

<sup>4</sup>Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.  
<sup>5</sup>You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.  
<sup>6</sup>Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.  
<sup>7</sup>Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?  
<sup>8</sup>If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.  
<sup>9</sup>If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,  
<sup>10</sup>even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.  
<sup>11</sup>If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night,"  
<sup>12</sup>even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.  
<sup>13</sup>For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.  
<sup>14</sup>I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.  
<sup>15</sup>My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.  
<sup>16</sup>Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed.  
<sup>17</sup>How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!  
<sup>18</sup>I try to count them—they are more than the sand; I come to the end—I am still with you.

#### *John 1:35-51*

<sup>35</sup>The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup>and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!"  
<sup>37</sup>The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup>When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" <sup>39</sup>He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. <sup>40</sup>One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. <sup>41</sup>He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). <sup>42</sup>He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).  
<sup>43</sup>The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me."  
<sup>44</sup>Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup>Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." <sup>46</sup>Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." <sup>47</sup>When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" <sup>48</sup>Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you."  
<sup>49</sup>Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" <sup>50</sup>Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." <sup>51</sup>And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

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

Music for Meditation

Closing Hymn ~ *We Are Marching in the Light of God* ~ No. 853

We are marching in the light of God;  
we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching in the light of God;  
we are marching in the light of God.

Zulu/Xhosa

Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos',  
siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'.

Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos',  
siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'.

Additional stanzas

We are dancing . . .

We are praying . . .

We are singing . . .

Benediction

Choral Benediction

Postlude ~ *Precious Lord* ~ Marilyn Rinehart

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Today's Greeters are Terry Deats and Penny Lamont.

Today's Ushers are Barry and Marilyn Hurley.



Today's flowers are in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

**Join us today at 4pm for the annual  
Martin Luther King Jr, Service.**



