

March 17th, 11 AM
Fifth Sunday of Lent
Olean First Presbyterian Church

Prelude ~ *Vater Unser* ~ J. S. Bach

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

Let us join our voices with the saints
whose lives inspire.

**We are here today,
aspiring to claim the life of faith with courage.**

We are ready to worship
and give thanks for whose we are.

**In our worship,
we share God's message with the world.**

Opening Prayer

Holy God, by the cross and resurrection of Jesus, you lift the suffering world toward hope and transformation and open the way to eternal salvation. As we move ever closer to the passion of Christ, may your law of love be written on our hearts as he draws all people to himself revealing your love for the world. Amen.

Children's Time

Opening Hymn ~ *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* ~ No. 223

When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the death of Christ my God;
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down;
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

Minute for Mission ~ One Great Hour of Sharing

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, 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 ~ *Praise to the Lord* ~ Robert Lind

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

Jeremiah 31:27-34

²⁷The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals. ²⁸And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the Lord. ²⁹In those days they shall no longer say: "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge." ³⁰But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of everyone who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge. ³¹The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be

like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

John 12:20-36

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” ²²Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

²⁷“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” ²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” ³⁰Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” ³³He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die. ³⁴The crowd answered him, “We have heard from the law that the Messiah remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?” ³⁵Jesus said to them, “The light is with you for a little longer. Walk while you have the light, so that the darkness may not overtake you. If you walk in the darkness, you do not know where you are going. ³⁶While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light.” After Jesus had said this, he departed and hid from them.

The Word of God
The Word of Life

Message

Music for Meditation

Closing Hymn ~ I, the Lord of Sea and Sky ~ No. 69

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*)

I, the Lord of wind and flame,

I will tend the poor and lame.

I will set a feast for them.

My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide

till their hearts be satisfied.

I will give my life to them.

Whom shall I send? (*Refrain*)

Benediction

Please join us for Coffee Hour!

Choral Benediction

Postlude ~ *Verset de Procession* ~ L. Boellmann

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Today's Greeters are Louie McClure and Kathleen Jahnke.

Today's Ushers are Gary Gruver and Dave Shults.



Today's flowers are given in loving memory of Lucile Galey, mother of Martha Nenno.

Prayer List

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| Margaret Quigley | Emily Kennedy | Matt Isenberg |
| Judy Sanchez | Martin Hatch | Craig Polson |
| Joe Gullo | Colt Matz | Chase Ewoldt |
| Dale Isenberg | Diane Trippany | Avrie Sinesiou |
| Joseph Kwiatkowski | Alyssa Daly and Family | Renee Ensell |
| Ken Stebbins | Punkie & Craig Sinesiou | Kim Whitney |
| Judi Blair | Judi Mitchell | Carol Bess |
| Doris Coral | Barbara Compher | Kay Allin |
| Thomas Burian | | |

***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 3/17/24

Sunday – March 17 9:30am Bible Study
 11am Worship

Monday - March 18 5:30pm Dinner Out at Beef ‘n’ Barrel

Tuesday - March 19 10am Brunch at La Dolce Vita
 6:30pm Scouts

Wednesday - March 20 Noon PW Meeting
 5pm Burt Meeting

Thursday - March 21 5:30pm Bring Your Own Dinner
 6:30pm Vespers
 6:45pm Scouts
 7pm Bible Study
 7pm Choir

Friday - March 22 10am Coffee and Conversation
 at N. Union Tim Hortons

Sunday – March 24 9:30am Bible Study
Noisy Cans 11am Worship ~ Palm Sunday

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

Dinner Out
Monday, March 18th, 5:30pm
Beef 'n' Barrel Restaurant
Join us for food, fun and fellowship!
Signup sheet in Fellowship Hall.



Easter Sunday
March 31st, 9:30am

Join us for a special Easter
morning coffee hour!

Easter Memorial order forms
are available in Fellowship
Hall.

Orders are due by
Sunday, March 24th.

