

April 14, 2024, 11 am
Olean First Presbyterian Church

Prelude ~ *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* ~ 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

Peace be with you.

**How good and pleasant it is
when we live together in unity.**

Receive the Holy Spirit.

**It is like precious oil on the head,
the blessing of the Lord.**

Opening Prayer

Breathe in this place, O Lord, by the power of your Holy Spirit, to open our minds,
unlock our hearts, and enliven our faith so that we may welcome the risen one among us.
Amen

Children's Time

*Hymn ~ *We Praise You, O God* ~ No. 612

We praise you, O God,
our Redeemer, Creator;
in grateful devotion
our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you;
we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name;
glad praises we sing.

We worship you, God of
our fathers and mothers;
through trial and tempest
our guide you have been.
When perils o’ertake us,
you will not forsake us,
and with your help, O Lord,
our struggles we win.

With voices united
our praises we offer
and gladly our songs of
thanksgiving we raise.
With you, Lord, beside us,
your strong arm will guide us.
To you, our great Redeemer,
forever be praise!

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 ~ *Rain Down* ~ Jaime Cotez

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 133

¹How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

²It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.

³It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there the Lord ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

John 20:19-31

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." ²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." ³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Word of God

The Word of Life

Message

Music for meditation

Hymn ~ *Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!* ~ No. 248

Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna!

Celebrate this day of days!

Christ is risen! Hush in wonder:

all creation is amazed.

In the desert all-surrounding,

see, a spreading tree has grown.

Healing leaves of grace abounding

bring a taste of love unknown.

Christ is risen! Raise your spirits
from the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning.
See what love can do and dare.
Drink the wine of resurrection,
not a servant, but a friend.
Jesus is our strong companion.
Joy and peace shall never end.

Christ is risen! Earth and heaven
nevermore shall be the same.
Break the bread of new creation
where the world is still in pain.
Tell its grim, demonic chorus:
"Christ is risen! Get you gone!"
God the First and Last is with us.
Sing Hosanna everyone!

Benediction

Choral Benediction

Postlude ~ *Bouree* ~ J. S. Bach

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Today's Greeters are Sandi Smith and Martha Nenno.

Today's Ushers are Barry and Marilyn Hurley.



Today's flowers are given in loving memory of our mom, Helen McCully, for her birthday (April 16th) by the McCully Families, Don, John, Dean, Jean, Joan

Upcoming Events

~ **Today, following Worship:** Second Sunday Potluck Lunch. Please attend. All are welcome!

~ **Monday, April 15, 5:30pm:** Dinner Out at Hometown Bar & Grill in Allegany. Please sign up in Fellowship Hall. Join us for food, fun and fellowship!

Session**2025**

Steve Yehl	Property
Louie McClure	Property
Wendy Brand	Nominating
Marlene Lang	Christian Education/Mission

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Craig Polson	Finance/Stewardship/Worship
Doug Cashing	Treasurer
Chris Norton	Clerk of Session
Punkie Sinesiou	Worship

Other Chairs

Kay Shults	MEF
Lanna Waterman	Communications

Deacons**2025**

Martha Nenno - Treasurer
Sandi Smith
Lanna Waterman - Secretary
Barry Hurley - Moderator

2026

Betsy Cashing - Vice Moderator
Lynn McClure
Chris Burton
Cynthia Dutton