

April 21, 2024, 11 am  
Olean First Presbyterian Church

Prelude ~ *Andante Cantabile* ~ Charles Marie Widor

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

We come to God, our holy shepherd,  
as we come to a green meadow.

**God prepares a place for us,  
and we give glory in God's presence.**

How excellent is this dwelling place  
under the eyes of God's care.

**We turn to God in joy.**

**Our good shepherd provides for all our needs.**

Opening Prayer

We are your people, O God— the sheep of your pasture, the flock you have gathered.  
Lead us beside still waters; teach us the way of righteousness; and feed us at your table;  
through Jesus Christ, our good shepherd. Amen.

Children's Time

\*Hymn ~ *Great is thy faithfulness* ~ No. 39

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
there is no shadow of turning with thee.

Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.

As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

*Refrain:*

Great is thy faithfulness!

Great is thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning, new mercies I see.

All I have needed thy hand hath provided.

Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,

sun, moon, and stars in their courses above

join with all nature in manifold witness

to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. (*Refrain*)

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,

thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,

strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:

blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! (*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

\*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 Song* ~ Gordon Young

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 23*

<sup>1</sup> The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

<sup>2</sup> He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

<sup>3</sup> He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup> Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

<sup>5</sup> Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

<sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

### *John 10:11-18*

<sup>11</sup>“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

The Word of God

**The Word of Life**

## Message

### Music for Meditation

\*Hymn ~ *God Be with You Till We Meet Again* ~ No 542

God be with you till we meet again;  
loving counsels guide, uphold you,  
with a shepherd's care enfold you:  
God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again;  
unseen wings protecting hide you,  
daily manna still provide you:  
God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again;  
when life's perils thick confound you,  
put unfailing arms around you:  
God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again;  
keep love's banner floating o'er you;  
smite death's threatening wave before you:  
God be with you till we meet again.

Benediction

Choral Benediction

Postlude ~ *Recessional* ~ W. Robinson

Join us for coffee hour!

(Music permission by One License: 734848-A)

Today's Greeters are Dale and Cindy Dutton.

Today's Ushers are Gary Gruver and Joan McGonnell.



Today's flowers are given in celebration of Rip and Kim's birthdays  
by Sandi Smith.

**Dinner Out at Grand Slam**

**Saturday, May 4th, 5pm**

**Join us for food, fun and fellowship.  
Sign up in Fellowship Hall.**

**Don't want the fun the end? Continue  
on to the Southern Tier Symphony at  
7pm at Bona's Quick Center!**







**During the month of May, First Presbyterian Church will be collecting diapers for Operation Warm Hearts of Olean, a nonprofit providing new clothing, books, and hygiene and personal supplies to children birth to 18. Please bring in packages of diapers (especially needed are sizes Newborn through 5). Our goal is to collect 50 packages of diapers—enough to supply a month’s worth of diapers for each child!**

**Did you know...**

- ~ one in three children under the age of 3 live in families struggling to make ends meet?**
- ~ disposable diapers are required for daycare and that a national survey says working parents miss, on average, four days of work a month due to a shortage of diapers?**
- ~ Food Stamps, WIC and Medicaid cannot be used for diapers?**