

April 7, 2024, 11 am
Olean First Presbyterian Church

Prelude ~ *Fanfare and Statement on "Llanfair"* ~ Edward Broughton

Good Morning Saints

Christ is Risen

He is Risen Indeed

Announcements

Choral Introit

God is Good

Everyday

And Everyday

God is Good

Call to Worship ~

How good it is

for us to come together as kindred spirits.

Hallelujah!

Our doubts are answered,

and we feel the presence of Christ.

The risen Christ

speaks to us and gives us peace.

Hallelujah!

Let our worship be the sign of our belief.

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 ~ *Christ the Lord is risen today!* ~ No. 245

"Christ the Lord is risen today!" Alleluia!

All creation, join to say: Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!

Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!

Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!

Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!

Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!
Jesus died, our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia!
Praise to you by both be given, Alleluia!
Every knee to you shall bow, Alleluia!
Risen Christ, triumphant now. Alleluia!

Prayers of the People

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 ~ *Morning Has Broken* ~ Cat Stevens

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 4

¹Answer me when I call, O God of my right! You gave me room when I was in distress. Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.

²How long, you people, shall my honor suffer shame? How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies? Selah

³But know that the Lord has set apart the faithful for himself; the Lord hears when I call to him.

⁴When you are disturbed, do not sin; ponder it on your beds, and be silent.

⁵Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the Lord.

⁶There are many who say, "O that we might see some good! Let the light of your face shine on us, O Lord!"

⁷You have put gladness in my heart more than when their grain and wine abound.

⁸I will both lie down and sleep in peace; for you alone, O Lord, make me lie down in safety.

Luke 24:13-49

¹³Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” ¹⁹He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²²Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.” ²⁵Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” ²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. ²⁸As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” ³³That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

³⁶While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence. ⁴⁴Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

The Word of God
The Word of Life

Music for meditation

The Lord's table

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy
to give you thanks and praise,
O God of mercy and might.
In your wisdom, you made all things
and sustain them by your power.
You have called forth men and women in every age
to be your servants and speak your word.
When we rebelled against your call
and turned from your ways,
in your love you called us back to you.
You delivered us from captivity,
and made covenant to be our sovereign God.
You sent prophets to call us to justice and compassion.
Therefore we praise you,
joining our voices with the choirs of heaven
and with all the faithful of every time and place,
who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest**

Thank you for your faithfulness from generation to generation and especially for the gift of your son, Jesus Christ. He walks with us along the way and fills our hearts with love. He breaks bread with us and opens our lives to experience grace. He covers us with healing and pours out love with abandon

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
We pray the prayer he taught.

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.

The Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

*Hymn ~ You Are My Strength When I Am Weak ~ No. 519

You are my strength when I am weak;
you are the treasure that I seek;
you are my all in all.

When I fall down, you pick me up;
when I am dry, you fill my cup;
you are my all in all.

Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name!
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name!
(*Sing though twice*)

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction

Postlude ~ *Finale from Organ Concerto in F* ~ Josef Rheinberger

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Today's Liturgist is Marlene Lang.

Today's Greeter is Matt Isenberg.

Today's Ushers are Martha Nenno and Chris Burton.



Today's flowers are given in loving memory of August Klein Jr.,
father of Karen, by Karen and Thomas Bowersox.

Upcoming Events

~ **Sunday, April 14, following Worship:** Second Sunday Potluck Lunch. If you are able, bring a dish to pass. If not, please attend anyway! 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!

Prayer List

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	Barbara Compher	Carol Bess
Thomas Burian	Warren Hauser	Kay Allin

***Please let the office know who can be removed and who needs to be added.
Thank you for your help! ***

Happy Birthday to:

7 ~ Sean Carr

8 ~ Matt Isenberg

12 ~ Kristie Price-Lindhome

CHURCH CALENDAR WEEK OF 4/7/24

Sunday – April 7	9:30am Bible Study 11am Worship
Tuesday - April 9	6:30pm Scouts
Wednesday - April 10	4pm MEF 5:30pm CE
Thursday - April 11	1pm Deacons 5:30pm Bring Your Own Dinner 6:30pm Maundy Thursday Service 6:45pm Scouts 7pm Bible Study 7pm Choir
Friday - April 12	10am Coffee and Conversation at N. Union Tim Hortons 7:30pm Fish Club
Sunday – April 14	9:30am Bible Study 11am Worship Noon Potluck Lunch

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