

May 5, 2024, 11 am  
Olean First Presbyterian Church

Prelude ~ *Moment Musicale* ~ E. van Woert

Good Morning Saints

Announcements

Choral Introit

God is Good

**Everyday**

And Everyday

**God is Good**

Call to Worship ~

The psalmist encourages us to praise God  
for all the marvelous things God has done.

**We join with all creation in praise,  
for God's love and faithfulness to us is endless.**

We sing because God chooses us  
out of God's great love.

**We choose God's love,  
which bears us in fullness beyond compare.**

Opening prayer

Loving God, help us to love others as Christ has loved us. Bring us into the spiritual joy of living our lives as your friend, and teach us to abide in your love, that we may show that love to the world. Amen.

Children's Time

Hymn ~ *Help Us Accept Each Other* ~ No. 754

Help us accept each other  
as Christ accepted us;  
teach us as sister, brother,  
each person to embrace.

Be present, Lord, among us  
and bring us to believe  
we are ourselves accepted,  
and meant to love and live.

Teach us, O Lord, your lessons,  
as in our daily life  
we struggle to be human  
and search for hope and faith.  
Teach us to care for people,  
for all, not just for some,  
to love them as we find them,  
or as they may become.

Let your acceptance change us,  
so that we may be moved  
in living situations  
to do the truth in love;  
to practice your acceptance  
until we know by heart  
the table of forgiveness,  
and laughter's healing art.

Lord, for today's encounters  
with all who are in need,  
who hunger for acceptance,  
for justice and for bread,  
we need new eyes for seeing,  
new hands for holding on:  
renew us with your Spirit;  
Lord, free us; make us one!

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 ~ *Praise the Lord with Joyful Song* ~ Hal Hopson

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 98*

<sup>1</sup>O sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things. His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.

<sup>2</sup>The LORD has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

<sup>3</sup>He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

<sup>4</sup>Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

<sup>5</sup>Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.

<sup>6</sup>With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD.

<sup>7</sup>Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.

<sup>8</sup>Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy

<sup>9</sup>at the presence of the LORD, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

### *John 15:9-17*

<sup>9</sup>As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. <sup>12</sup>"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I

have loved you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.

<sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father.

<sup>16</sup>You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. <sup>17</sup>I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

The Word of God

**The Word of Life**

Message

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 ~ *Called as Partners in Christ's Service* ~ No. 761

Called as partners in Christ's service,  
called to ministries of grace,  
we respond with deep commitment  
fresh new lines of faith to trace.  
May we learn the art of sharing,  
side by side and friend with friend,  
equal partners in our caring  
to fulfill God's chosen end.

Christ's example, Christ's inspiring,  
Christ's clear call to work and worth,  
let us follow, never faltering,  
reconciling folk on earth.  
Men and women, richer, poorer,  
all God's people, young and old,  
blending human skills together  
gracious gifts from God unfold.

Thus new patterns for Christ's mission,  
in a small or global sense,  
help us bear each other's burdens,  
breaking down each wall or fence.  
Words of comfort, words of vision,  
words of challenge, said with care,  
bring new power and strength for action,  
make us colleagues, free and fair.

So God grant us for tomorrow  
ways to order human life  
that surround each person's sorrow  
with a calm that conquers strife.  
Make us partners in our living,  
our compassion to increase,  
messengers of faith, thus giving  
hope and confidence and peace.

Benediction

Choral Benediction

Postlude ~ *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* ~ Franklin Ritter

(Music permission by One License: 734848-A)

Today's Greeter is Louis McClure.

Today's Ushers are Chris Burton and Joan McGonnell.

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 ~ Gary Gruver

CHURCH CALENDAR WEEK OF 5/5/24

*Please note:* Pastor Bruce is out of the office Wednesday, May 8 through Friday, May 10.

Sunday – May 5	9:30am Bible Study 11am Worship
Monday - May 6	4pm Session Meeting
Tuesday - May 7	6:30pm Scouts
Wednesday - May 8	5:30pm CE Meeting
Thursday - May 9	6:45pm Scouts 7pm Choir
Friday - May 10	7:30pm Fish Club
Sunday – May 12	9:30am Bible Study 11am Worship Noon Potluck Lunch

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



Today's flowers are given in loving memory of Jane Brown Jencks by Doug and Betsy Cashing.



Next Sunday, May 12th, is our 2nd Sunday Luncheon. If you are able to, please bring a dish to pass. If not, plan to attend anyway!

**Duffield Camp and Retreat Center has openings for their summer camps.** Please consider sending your children and grandchildren and let your friends know about Camp Duffield.

- First Timers Science Camp (1st -2nd grade) July 14 - 17
- First Timers Music Camp (1st -2nd grade) July 21 - 24
- Science Camp (3rd-8th grade) July 14 - 20
- Music Camp (3rd-8th grade) July 21 - 27
- Night Owls (8th-12th grade) July 28 - August 3
- Impact 716 Camp (1st-8th grade) July 28 - August 3
- Challenge Camp for adults (over 18) with developmental disabilities July 7 - 13

Camp Duffield is located on 137 acres of forested land in Delevan, NY, just over the border between Erie County and Cattaraugus County, 45minutes south of Buffalo. It has 7 groomed trails, 6 cabins sleeping 12 each, a pond for swimming, fishing or canoeing, and many traditional camp activities. There is a recreation area including a Gaga pit (ask your kids), a Nine Square in the Air ball game, climbing wall, playground, frisbee golf, horseshoes, sand volleyball area, tether ball, and basketball hoop. The camp is ready and waiting for you. Just go to our website, [www.campduffield.net](http://www.campduffield.net) for more information and to register.



**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?**