

August 18, 2024, 10 am  
Olean First Presbyterian Church

Prelude ~ *Adore and Be Still* ~ Charles Gounod

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

God teaches us the way of righteousness,  
**the way of love, the way of peace.**

We glorify God,

**gathering to hear God's word.**

We glorify God,

**enacting God's word in the world.**

Opening prayer

God our strength, you have brought us into your holy place; through Christ, who has the words of eternal life. As you made us alive by his flesh and blood, cause us to boldly witness to the gospel, welcome the stranger, and pursue peace, standing through the struggles of our times. Amen.

\*Hymn ~ *Fairest Lord Jesus* ~ No. 630

Fairest Lord Jesus,

Ruler of all nature,

O thou of God to earth come down,

thee will I cherish,

thee will I honor,

thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows,

fairer still the woodlands,

robed in the blooming garb of spring.

Jesus is fairer;

Jesus is purer,

who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine,  
fairer still the moonlight,  
and all the twinkling, starry host.  
Jesus shines brighter;  
Jesus shines purer,  
than all the angels heaven can boast.

Beautiful Savior,  
Ruler of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor,  
praise, adoration,  
now and forevermore be thine!

### 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

#### 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 15*

<sup>1</sup>O Lord, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?

<sup>2</sup>Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right, and speak the truth from their heart;

<sup>3</sup>who do not slander with their tongue, and do no evil to their friends, nor take up a reproach against their neighbors;

<sup>4</sup>in whose eyes the wicked are despised, but who honor those who fear the Lord; who stand by their oath even to their hurt;  
<sup>5</sup>who do not lend money at interest, and do not take a bribe against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be moved.

*Mark 7:1-23*

<sup>1</sup>Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, <sup>2</sup>they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. <sup>3</sup>(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; <sup>4</sup>and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) <sup>5</sup>So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” <sup>6</sup>He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

‘This people honors me with their lips,  
but their hearts are far from me;

<sup>7</sup>in vain do they worship me,  
teaching human precepts as doctrines.’

<sup>8</sup>You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

<sup>9</sup>Then he said to them, “You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to keep your tradition! <sup>10</sup>For Moses said, ‘Honor your father and your mother’; and, ‘Whoever speaks evil of father or mother must surely die.’ <sup>11</sup>But you say that if anyone tells father or mother, ‘Whatever support you might have had from me is Corban’ (that is, an offering to God)— <sup>12</sup>then you no longer permit doing anything for a father or mother, <sup>13</sup>thus making void the word of God through your tradition that you have handed on. And you do many things like this.”

<sup>14</sup>Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: <sup>15</sup>there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.”

<sup>17</sup>When he had left the crowd and entered the house, his disciples asked him about the parable. <sup>18</sup>He said to them, “Then do you also fail to understand? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile, <sup>19</sup>since it enters, not the heart but the stomach, and goes out into the sewer?” (Thus he declared all foods clean.) <sup>20</sup>And he said, “It is what comes out of a person that defiles. <sup>21</sup>For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, <sup>22</sup>adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. <sup>23</sup>All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

The Word of God  
**The Word of Life**

Music for Meditation ~ *Prelude #2* ~ George Gershwin  
David Battistoni, alto saxophone  
Rick Snyder, piano

\*Hymn ~ *All who hunger, gather gladly* ~ No. 509

All who hunger, gather gladly;  
holy manna is our bread.  
Come from wilderness and wandering.  
Here, in truth, we will be fed.  
You that yearn for days of fullness,  
all around us is our food.  
Taste and see the grace eternal.  
Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, never strangers,  
seeker, be a welcome guest.  
Come from restlessness and roaming.  
Here, in joy, we keep the feast.  
We that once were lost and scattered  
in communion's love have stood.  
Taste and see the grace eternal.  
Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, sing together;  
Jesus Christ is living bread.  
Come from loneliness and longing.  
Here, in peace, we have been led.  
Blest are those who from this table  
live their days in gratitude.  
Taste and see the grace eternal.  
Taste and see that God is good.

\*Benediction

Postlude ~ *Allegro* ~ L. Boellmann

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Join us for coffee hour!

Today's Greeters are Sandi Smith and Martha Nenno.

Today's Ushers are Gary Gruver and Dave Shults.

**Today's flowers are giving in loving memory of Donna  
Isenberg by Matt Isenberg.**





**Church Directory**

**UPDATE**



**2024 Directory**

**Please check your information in the Directory and on the Birthday & Anniversary list in Fellowship Hall.**

**If your information is not currently listed and you would like to be added, please complete the form available on the table.**

**\*\*\*Please note our directory includes regularly attending non-members as well as members. We want to be able to connect with everyone!\*\*\***



**Dinner Out at J-Allen's**

**Wednesday, August 14th at 5pm**

**Please sign up in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to join for food, fellowship and fun!**

## Prayer List

Margaret Quigley	Emily Kennedy	Matt Isenberg
Judy Sanchez	Martin Hatch	Craig Polson
Joe Gullo	David	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	Sylvia Lynch	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:  
19 ~ Will Burton  
20 ~ Verna Linney

Happy Anniversary to:  
21 ~ Mark & Portia Harris  
24 ~ Punkie & Craig Sinesiou

## CHURCH CALENDAR WEEK OF 8/18/24

*Please note:* Pastor Bruce will be out of the office from Sunday, Aug. 25th, until Thursday, Sept. 5th.

Sunday – Aug 18	10am Worship
Tuesday - Aug 20	10am Brunch at La Dolce Vita
Friday - Aug 23	10am Coffee & Conversation at Tim Hortons
Sunday – Aug 25	10am Worship ~ Andrea Oakley, guest speaker
Noisy Cans	

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

**New Greeters and Liturgists sign-up sheet in  
Fellowship Hall!  
Please consider volunteering.**