

August 25, 2024, 10 am  
Olean First Presbyterian Church

Prelude ~ *Christians Awake* ~ J. Wainright

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.*

Noisy Cans

God is Good

**Everyday**

And Everyday

**God is Good**

Call to Worship

O give thanks to God!

**Remember the wonderful things God has done!**

Glory in God's holy name!

**Sing of God's acts and promises!**

We will seek God's presence,

**Let the hearts of those who seek God rejoice.**

Let us worship God.

Opening Prayer

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name. **Amen.**

\*Hymn ~ *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky* ~ No. 69

I, the Lord of sea and sky,

I have heard my people cry.

All who dwell in dark and sin

my hand will save.

I, who made the stars of night,

I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear my light to them?

Whom shall I send?

*Refrain:*

Here I am, Lord.

Is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,

I have borne my people's pain.

I have wept for love of them.

They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone,

give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak my word to them.

Whom shall I send? (*Refrain*)

I, the Lord of wind and flame,

I will tend the poor and lame.

I will set a feast for them.

My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide

till their hearts be satisfied.

I will give my life to them.

Whom shall I send? (*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

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

*Psalms 142*

<sup>1</sup> With my voice I cry to the Lord; with my voice I make supplication to the Lord.

<sup>2</sup> I pour out my complaint before him; I tell my trouble before him.

<sup>3</sup> When my spirit is faint, you know my way. In the path where I walk they have hidden a trap for me.

<sup>4</sup> Look on my right hand and see— there is no one who takes notice of me; no refuge remains to me; no one cares for me.

<sup>5</sup> I cry to you, O Lord; I say, "You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living."

<sup>6</sup> Give heed to my cry, for I am brought very low. Save me from my persecutors, for they are too strong for me.

<sup>7</sup> Bring me out of prison, so that I may give thanks to your name. The righteous will surround me, for you will deal bountifully with me.

*Matthew 18:21-35*

<sup>21</sup> Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?"

<sup>22</sup> Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

<sup>23</sup> "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves.

<sup>24</sup> When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him;

<sup>25</sup> and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made.

<sup>26</sup> So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything."

<sup>27</sup> And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt.

<sup>28</sup> But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe."

<sup>29</sup> Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you."

<sup>30</sup> But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt.

<sup>31</sup> When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place.

<sup>32</sup> Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me.

<sup>33</sup> Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?"

<sup>34</sup> And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt.

<sup>35</sup> So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

Word of God  
**The Word of Life**

Message

Music for Meditation

\*Hymn ~ *I Danced in the Morning* ~ No. 157

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,  
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,  
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth.  
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

*Refrain:*

Dance, then, wherever you may be;  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,  
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,  
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,  
but they would not dance and they would not follow me.  
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John.  
They came with me and the dance went on. (*Refrain*)

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame.  
The holy people said it was a shame.  
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,  
and left me there on a cross to die. (*Refrain*)

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black.  
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.  
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone,  
but I am the dance and I still go on. (*Refrain*)

They cut me down and I leapt up high.  
I am the life that will never, never die.  
I'll live in you if you'll live in me,  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. (*Refrain*)

\*Benediction

Postlude ~ Moderato Maestoso ~ L Boellmann

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Join us for coffee hour!

Today's Liturgist is Lanna Waterman.

Today's Ushers are Chris Burton and Louie McClure.

Today's flowers are giving in loving memory of my parents' anniversary by Martha Nenno.



**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!\*\*\***

## 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:  
26 ~ Adam Jester  
30 ~ Alec Bigley

Happy Anniversary to:  
29 ~ Doug & Betsy Cashing

## CHURCH CALENDAR WEEK OF 8/25/24

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

Sunday – Aug 25	10am Worship ~ Andrea Oakley, guest speaker
Noisy Cans	
Wednesday - Aug 28	5pm Book Club at Perkins
Sunday – Sept 1	10am Worship ~ Marlene Lang & Matt Isenberg, guest speakers

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



**Welcome Back Breakfast**  
**Sunday, September 8th at 9:30am**  
**Sign-up sheet for dish to pass is in Fellowship Hall.**