

September 1, 2024, 10 am
Olean First Presbyterian Church

Prelude ~ *Voluntary V* ~ John Stanley

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.*

***Worship Service returns to 11am next Sunday!
Order form to support the Rotary Club Mum Sale is in Fellowship Hall.***

God is Good

Everyday

And Everyday

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Call to Worship

Out of the depths we cry to you, O God.

Hear our voices!

We wait for you;

in your word we hope.

O magnify our God with me.

Let us lift God's name together,

for we sought the Holy One

and they answered us;

God delivered us from all fear.

Look to God, beloved, and be radiant.

Opening prayer

Giver of life, every day you rain down manna from heaven so that we can eat the bread of angels. Turn our complaints into gratitude, that we, as a church, may mature into the body of the risen Christ given for the life of the world. Amen.

*Hymn ~ *Be Thou My Vision* ~ No. 450

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;
thou, mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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

Genesis 50:20

As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today.

Psalms 15

¹O Lord, who shall sojourn in your tent? Who shall dwell on your holy hill? ²He who walks blamelessly and does what is right and speaks truth in his heart; ³who does not slander with his tongue and does no evil to his neighbor, nor takes up a reproach against his friend; ⁴in whose eyes a vile person is despised, but who honors those who fear the Lord; who swears

to his own hurt and does not change; ⁵who does not put out his money at interest and does not take a bribe against the innocent. He who does these things shall never be moved.

Isaiah 54:17

“No weapon that is fashioned against you shall succeed, and you shall refute every tongue that rises against you in judgment. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord and their vindication from me, declares the Lord.”

Matthew 5:43-45

⁴³“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’
⁴⁴But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.

Matthew 7: 1-5

¹“Judge not, that you be not judged. ²For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you. ³Why do you see the speck that is in your brother’s eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? ⁴Or how can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when there is the log in your own eye? ⁵You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother’s eye.

1 Peter 3:9

Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing.

1 Timothy 2:1-2

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way.

Romans 12:14-19

¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. ¹⁷Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. ¹⁸If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.”

Ephesians 4:32

³²Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

The Word of God
The Word of Life

Music for meditation ~ *Lives Built Upon the Earth* ~ Meredith Lang

Down into the earth we flow
And out the door he'd go
Drilling down the rock below
Extracting heart and soul
Deep into the earth he'd go
And out his door he'd know
Coal black far below
Building his heart and soul
Awake at night, she would go
There to a place her thoughts would show
Her fears about him coming home
Safely back to the arms of love

Chorus

Our lives are built upon the earth
Blood and bones and soil and worth
To the ground we're all but bound
Forever here to stay
From all we have much must be taken
Stolen from the Earth forsaken
Our lives are built on sacrifice
So much we give away

Down and down the drills were bound
Boring deep down in the ground
Seeking gold as black as night
For its energy was our right
But came a time the air was rent
Sound to shake the firmament
Cries of men to heaven sent
Echoes across the plundered land were rent (*Chorus*)

Brazen youth, down did they go
To seek the ancient rock below
Gift from the past, held in Earth's grasp
Dug out with flesh and bone
A life well led, a family fed
Work now done, he can rest at home
But the air deep in the ground
Where the deadly dust surrounds
Gave his breath a ragged sound
And he's left to wonder
Where his life is bound (*Chorus*)

Cracking open from above
The deep, dark womb of the earth's ground blood
The crew would grind down and down
To extract what might be found
From the fortune the men would gain
A certain sort of grueling fame
But would their lives be brought with fame
Would they play to win the game? (*Chorus*)

Bridge

From the earth, he'd bought his home
Worked down to his skin and bone
But the price was high to pay
For his body and soul
He gave them away

Hymn ~*I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me* ~ No. 700

I'm gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna work so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna work so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna pray so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna pray so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna sing so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna sing so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

Benediction

Postlude ~ *Prelude in C* ~ J. S. Bach

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Today's Ushers are Martha Nenno and Joan McGonnell.

Join us for coffee hour!

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:
2 ~ Megan Kelly
7 ~ Sydney Evans

Happy Anniversary to:
7 ~ Ken & Betsy Way

CHURCH CALENDAR WEEK OF 9/1/24

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

Sunday – Sept 1	10am Worship ~ Marlene Lang & Matt Isenberg, guest speakers
Thursday - Sept 5	5pm Finance Meeting
Friday - Sept 6	10am Coffee & Conversation at N Union Tim Hortons
Sunday – Sept 8	9:30am Welcome Back Breakfast 11am Worship ~ Communion

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.
Worship Service returns to 11am!