

May 18th, 2025, 11 am
Olean First Presbyterian Church

Prelude ~ *Within This Sacred Dwelling* ~ W. A. Mozart

Good Morning Saints

Announcements

Choral Introit

God is Good

Everyday

And Everyday

God is Good

Call to Worship

Praise the Lord, all the earth!

Praise the Lord from the heavens;

praise the Lord in the heights.

Praise the name of the Lord,

and the Lord's glory shall be praised,

for people near and people far,

for people present and people to come,

for the young and for those wise with age.

Come, let us praise the Lord;

come, let us worship God.

Opening Prayer

Surprising God, in the resurrection of Jesus Christ you make all things new.

**Long ago you called your church to a love beyond all social and cultural differences
and gave them the gift of your Holy Spirit to open their hearts to enact such love.**

**Give us that same spirit of openness, that we too might discern new directions in
our day for your dream to reconcile and heal all creation. In Jesus' name we pray.**

Amen.

Children's Time

Recognition of Tom MacWilliams

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

God, our light and our salvation, does not forsake us or leave us with our sin.

In Christ we are forgiven and offered the gift of healing repentance. Thanks be to God!

*Hymn ~ *For the Beauty of the Earth* ~ No. 14

For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies:

Refrain:

Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon, and stars of light: (*Refrain*)

For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight: (*Refrain*)

For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild: (*Refrain*)

For thyself, best gift divine
to the world so freely given;
for that great, great love of thine,
peace on earth and joy in heaven: (*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

Anthem ~ *O Love of God* ~ Eric Thiman

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

John 13:31-35

³¹ When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³² If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³ Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.

³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Acts 11:1-18

¹ Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ² So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³ saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?"

⁴ Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵ "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶ As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air.

⁷ I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat."

⁸ But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth." ⁹ But a second time the voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." ¹⁰ This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹ At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹² The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³ He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴ he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved."

¹⁵ And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶ And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁷ If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" ¹⁸ When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

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

Message ~ Teddy McClellan

Music for Meditation ~ *Farewell* ~ Warren Benson
David Battistoni, Alto Saxophone
Rick Snyder, Piano

*Hymn ~ *Lead On, O King Eternal* ~ No. 269

Lead on, O King eternal!
The day of march has come;
henceforth in fields of conquest
your tents shall be our home.
Through days of preparation
your grace has made us strong,
and now, O King eternal,
we lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King eternal,
till sin's fierce war shall cease,
and holiness shall whisper
the sweet amen of peace;
for not with swords' loud clashing,
nor roll of stirring drums;
with deeds of love and mercy
the heavenly kingdom comes.

Lead on, O King eternal:
we follow, not with fears,
for gladness breaks like morning
where'er your face appears;
your cross is lifted o'er us;
we journey in its light.
The crown awaits the conquest;
lead on, O God of might!

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction

Postlude ~ *Jesus Shall Reign* ~ James Mansfield

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Wednesday, May 21st at 6pm
Bring a game to play and a
snack if you wish.
Come join the fun!

Dinner Out

***Wednesday, May 28th,
5pm***

Sprague's

***Please sign up in
Fellowship Hall.***

***Come join us for food,
fun and fellowship!***



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	Bruce Levine
Dee Lorentz	Ron Register	

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

Happy Birthday to:
20 ~ Jason Braymiller

Happy Anniversary to:
20 ~ Ed & Barb Bigley

CHURCH CALENDAR WEEK OF 5/18/25

Sunday – May 18	9:30am Bible Study 11am Worship ~ Teddy McClellan Tom MacWilliams Day
Tuesday - May 20	6:30pm Scouts
Wednesday - May 21	Noon PW Meeting 5pm Burt Meeting 6pm Game Night
Thursday - May 22	4pm Worship Team 5:30pm BYO Dinner 6:30pm Vespers 6:30pm Scouts 7pm Choir 7pm Bible Study
Friday - May 23	10am Coffee & Conversation at N Union Tim Hortons
Sunday – May 25 <i>Noisy Cans</i>	9:30am Bible Study 11am Worship

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