

August 10, 2025, 10 am
Olean First Presbyterian Church

Prelude

Good Morning Saints

Announcements

God is Good

Everyday

And Everyday

God is Good

Call to Worship

The Lord is always before us

With God at our right hand

We shall not be moved

Therefore, our hearts are glad

Our souls rejoice

And our bodies rest secure.

God does not give up on us

But raises us from death to life.

God shows us the path of life

In the presence of the Lord

There is fullness of joy.

Call to Confession

Through faith in Jesus Christ, we are given access to the grace of God. Standing in that grace, we now confess our sins before God, seeking forgiveness and peace.

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

Friends, we are still standing in the grace of Christ. Because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the holy spirit, we are set free to love God and neighbor, and to work for the reconciliation of the world. We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Thanks be to God.

Our God Is an Awesome God ~ No. 616

Our God is an awesome God
who reigns from heaven above
with wisdom, power, and love;
our God is an awesome God!

Morning Prayer

We want to follow you, Lord, but we are busy with our own concerns. We cling to our dead ideas. We embrace our beloved comforts, and we get distracted by the things of this world. We want to follow you, Lord. Guide us back to your goodness, embrace us in your mercy, and turn our faces toward you that we may follow where you would lead us. 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.

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

Special Music

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 16

¹Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

²I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."

³As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble, in whom is all my delight.

⁴Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips.

⁵The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

⁶The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage.

⁷I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

⁸I keep the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

⁹Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.

¹⁰For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see the Pit.

¹¹You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Luke 9:51-62

⁵¹When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵²And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; ⁵³but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" ⁵⁵But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶Then they went on to another village.

⁵⁷As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." ⁵⁸And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." ⁵⁹To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." ⁶⁰But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." ⁶¹Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." ⁶²Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

The Word of God
The Word of Life

Message

Music for Meditation

*Hymn ~ *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* ~ No. 834

Precious Lord, take my hand;
lead me on, help me stand;
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
Through the storm, through the night,
lead me on to the light;
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear,
precious Lord, linger near;
when my life is almost gone,
hear my cry, hear my call,
hold my hand lest I fall;
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

Benediction

Postlude

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We thank Deb Battistoni for providing us with music this morning!

**Dinner Out at Twist & Shake
Tuesday, August 19th at 5pm**

**Join us for food, fun and
fellowship!
Sign up in Fellowship Hall.**

**If it is raining, we will meet at
Friendly's instead.**



**Wednesday, Aug. 20th, 6pm
Bring a game to play and a snack if
you wish.
Come join the fun!**

**MEF will be meeting
Wednesday, Aug. 20th
at 4pm**



Prayer List

Margaret Quigley	Emily Kennedy	Matt Isenberg
Judy Sanchez	Martin Hatch	Craig Polson
Joe Gullo	Mark Newcomb	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
	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:

12 ~ Andrea Brenneman

13 ~ Ann Lehman

14 ~ Sarah Lehman

Happy Anniversary to:

12 ~ Tony & Syd Evans, Kara & Jason Miller

16 ~ Jason & Michelle Braymiller

CHURCH CALENDAR WEEK OF 8/10/25

Sunday - Aug. 10

9am Church Information Meeting

10am Worship

Sunday - Aug. 17

10am Worship ~ Rev. Dorothy Pearman preaching

Please note: Pastor Bruce is out of the office Monday, Aug. 11th, until Sunday, Aug. 17th.

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