

August 24, 2025, 10 am
Olean First Presbyterian Church

Prelude ~ *Allegretto Grazioso* ~ L. Boellmann

Good Morning Saints

Announcements

Noisy Cans

God is Good

Everyday

And Everyday

God is Good

Call to Worship

God gives justice to the weak and the orphan;

God rescues the weak and the needy.

Blessed be the one, holy and living God,

now and forever.

Call to Confession

The God who demands justice from us is the God who pours out mercy upon us.

Trusting in that gracious love, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession

God of Mercy: We confess that we have failed to live as your beloved sons and daughters. We have set our minds on the things of this world, and we have neglected the inheritance of love you bestow upon your saints. We have pursued selfish aims in our daily business; we have harbored uncharitable thoughts toward our enemies and friends; we have avoided difficult responsibilities to our neighbors.

Forgive us, we pray. Free us from our selfish ways and strengthen us to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Hear the good news: Christ is merciful to all who turn to him in repentance.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

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

Faithful God, you have blessed us with the inheritance of grace that we might live as people of justice, righteousness, and peace. Stir in us your power and fill us with the love of Christ, strong and true, that we may be always eager to serve your promised reign of peace. Amen.

Hymn ~ *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* ~ No. 435

There's a wideness in God's mercy,
like the wideness of the sea.
There's a kindness in God's justice,
which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heaven.
There is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgment given.

For the love of God is broader
than the measures of the mind.
And the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more faithful,
we would gladly trust God's Word,
and our lives reflect thanksgiving
for the goodness of our Lord.

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 ~ Meredith Lang

This Land is Your Land ~ Woody Guthrie

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

Proverbs 22:6

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favor is better than silver or gold.
Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.

Isaiah 54:13-14

All your children shall be taught by the Lord, And great shall be the peace of your children.

In righteousness you shall be established; You shall be far from oppression, for you shall not fear; And from terror, for it shall not come near you.

John 1:12

But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God,

1 John 3:1-10

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure. Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous. Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil. No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's seed abides in him; and he cannot keep on sinning, because he has been born of God. By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother.

The Word of God
The Word of Life

Message

Music for Meditation

*Hymn ~ *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* ~ No. 286

Breathe on me, Breath of God;
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until with thee I will one will,
to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life
of thine eternity.

*Benediction

Postlude ~ *Postlude in A Minor* ~ J. S. Bach

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We thank Marlene Lang and Matt Isenburg for leading Worship this morning.



Welcome Back Breakfast
Sunday, September 7th at 9:30am
Sign-up sheet for dish to pass is in
Fellowship Hall.
Worship Service returns to 11am!

Prayer List

Joe Hovey	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
Sharon McNeill	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:
26 - Adam Jester
30 - Alec Bigley

Happy Anniversary to:
24 - Punkie and Craig Sinesiou
29 - Doug and Betsy Cashing

CHURCH CALENDAR WEEK OF 8/24/25

Sunday - Aug. 24	10am Worship ~ Marlene Lang & Matt Isenburg
Monday - Aug. 25	6:30pm Friends of Good Music Meeting
Sunday - Aug. 31	10am Worship ~ Andrea Oakley

Please note: Pastor Bruce is out of the office Friday, Aug. 22nd, until Saturday, Sept. 6th.

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

