



June 28, 2026, 11am
 Olean First Presbyterian Church,



Celebrating Our 250th Anniversary as a Nation

Today's service contains hymns from over the last 250+ years.

Children are always welcome in worship. An asterisk () indicates those who are able are invited to stand. **Bold type** indicates a congregational response.*

Prelude ~ *Festive Prelude on "Materna"* ~ David Lowe

Good Morning Saints

"But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream."
 (Amos 5:24)

Announcements

*Please sign the friendship pad found at the ends of the pews.
 If you are new here, we would like to get to know you.*

Noisy Cans ~ *A collection of loose change (or bills) to support the Olean Food Pantry.*

God is good

Every day

And every day

God is good

Hymn ~ *Now Thank We All Our God* ~ No. 643 (1636)

Now thank we all our God
 with heart and hands and voices,
 who wondrous things hath done,
 in whom this world rejoices;
 who, from our mothers' arms,
 hath blessed us on our way
 with countless gifts of love,
 and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God
 through all our life be near us,
 with ever joyful hearts
 and blessed peace to cheer us;
 and keep us in God's grace,
 and guide us when perplexed,
 and free us from all ills
 in this world and the next.



1776

All praise and thanks to God,
who reigns in highest heaven,
to Father and to Son
and Spirit now be given:
the one eternal God,
whom heaven and earth adore,
the God who was, and is,
and shall be evermore.

Call to Worship

We gather this morning appreciating our freedom to worship God.

May God continue to bless the Church of Christ in this land.

We draw near to the God who rules over all nations

May God continue to bless our country and all the countries in the world.

We seek to live in harmony and peace together with all peoples on the earth.

May God continue to establish peace on earth and help us understand that it begins in our hearts.

Come, let us worship the Lord!

Hymn ~ *Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah* ~ No. 65 (1745)

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty.
Hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more;
feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield;
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee;
I will ever give to thee.



1801

Prayer of the Day

Gracious and Sovereign God, on this day when our nation marks its birth, we pause to give You thanks - for the beauty of the land, for the richness of its people, for the freedoms we enjoy, and for the responsibilities those freedoms require. We remember with gratitude those who labored, sacrificed, and dreamed of a place where liberty and justice might flourish. May Your Spirit move through this land, healing divisions, breaking down walls of hostility, and planting seeds of peace. We pray all this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Hymn ~ *O Beautiful For Spacious Skies* ~ No. 338 (1910)

O beautiful for spacious skies,
for amber waves of grain,
for purple mountain majesties
above the fruited plain!
America! America!
God shed his grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood
from sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for heroes proved
in liberating strife,
who more than self their country loved,
and mercy more than life!
America! America!
God mend thine every flaw;
confirm thy soul in self-control,
thy liberty in law!

O beautiful for patriot dream
that sees beyond the years
thine alabaster cities gleam,
undimmed by human tears!
America! America!
May God thy gold refine
till all success be nobleness
and every gain divine!



1826

Call to Confession

Let us confess our sins before God, the source of grace and peace.

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Hear the good news of the gospel: God loves you, and you are forgiven.

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!

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.

Hymn ~ *A Mighty Fortress* ~ No. 275 (1529)

A mighty fortress is our God,
a bulwark never failing.
Our helper he, amid the flood
of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe
doth seek to work us woe.
His craft and power are great,
and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide,
our striving would be losing,
were not the right man on our side,
the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is he.
Lord Sabaoth his name,
from age to age the same,
and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled,
should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed
his truth to triumph through us.
The Prince of Darkness grim,
we tremble not for him.
His rage we can endure,
for lo, his doom is sure.
One little word shall fell him.



1851

That word above all earthly powers,
no thanks to them, abideth.
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go,
this mortal life also.
The body they may kill;
God's truth abideth still.
His kingdom is forever.

Minute for Mission ~ Camp Duffield, Betsy Cashing

Presentation of the Offering

**Doxology* ~ No. 606 (1674)

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

Hymn ~ *When Morning Gilds the Skies* ~ No. 667 (1744)

When morning gilds the skies,
my heart awaking cries:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Alike at work and prayer
to Jesus I repair:
may Jesus Christ be praised!

Does sadness fill my mind?
A solace here I find:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Or fades my earthly bliss?
My comfort still is this:
may Jesus Christ be praised!

Let earth's wide circle round
in joyful notes resound:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Let air and sea and sky
from depth to height reply:
may Jesus Christ be praised!



1876

Be this, while life is mine,
my canticle divine:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Be this the eternal song
through all the ages long:
may Jesus Christ be praised!

Passing of the Peace

Hymn ~ *Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory* ~ No. 354 (1861)

Mine eyes have seen the glory
of the coming of the Lord;
he is trampling out the vintage
where the grapes of wrath are stored;
he has loosed the fateful lightning
of his terrible swift sword.
God's truth is marching on.

Refrain:

Glory, glory hallelujah!
Glory, glory hallelujah!
Glory, glory hallelujah!
God's truth is marching on.

God has sounded forth the trumpet
that shall never call retreat
and is sifting out all human hearts
before the judgment seat;
O be swift, my soul, to answer;
O be jubilant my feet!
Our God is marching on. (*Refrain*)

In the beauty of the lilies
Christ was born across the sea,
with a glory in his bosom
that transfigures you and me;
as he died to make us holy,
let us live to make all free,
while God is marching on. (*Refrain*)

Prayer for Illumination ~ *Listen to the Word That God Has Spoken* ~ 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.



1901

Scripture Readings ~

Galatians 5:13-14 Common English Bible

¹³ You were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only don't let this freedom be an opportunity to indulge your selfish impulses, but serve each other through love. ¹⁴ All the Law has been fulfilled in a single statement: Love your neighbor as yourself.

Proverbs 14:34

Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people.

Special Music ~ "Raindrop" Prelude ~ F. Chopin

Micah 6:6-8

⁶ "With what shall I come before the Lord
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?

⁷ Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"

⁸ He has told you, O mortal, what is good,
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice and to love kindness
and to walk humbly with your God?



1926

The Word of God

The Word of Life

Hymn ~ *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty* ~ No. 35 (1680)

Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;
join me in glad adoration!

Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again;
gladly for aye we adore him.

Closing Prayer

*Hymn ~ *God Bless America* (1938)

God bless America, land that I love
Stand beside her and guide her
Through the night with a light from above
From the mountains to the prairies
To the oceans white with foam
God bless America, my home sweet home
God bless America, my home sweet home



2026

*Benediction

Postlude ~ *Sortie on "National Anthem"* ~ Lani Smith

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Please stay after worship and join us for Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall next to the Sanctuary. All are welcome!

🌸 *Today's flowers are given in loving memory of our loved ones,*
by John and Sue Hausman. 🌸

From the Declaration of Independence:

In Congress, July 4, 1776

The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America, When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. -- That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed,

Prayer List ~ *Please keep these friends and family members in prayer.*

Joe Hovey	Emily Kennedy	Matt Isenberg
Phil Smith	Martin Hatch	Craig Polson
Joe Gullo	Mark Newcomb	Chase Ewoldt
Sally Belloli	Diane Trippany	Avrie Sinesiou
Joseph Kwiatkowski	Alyssa Daly and Family	Renee Ensell
Ken Stebbins	Punkie & Craig Sinesiou	Kim Whitney
Judi Blair	John & Rachel Wheaton	Carol Bess
Thomas Burian	Sylvia Lynch	Bruce Levine
Cataleya Casas	Ron Register	Julie Barnes
Don Caldwell	Scott Zink	

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

Church Calendar for the week of 6/28/26

- Sunday – June 28 11am Worship
Noisy Cans
- Monday – June 29 5pm Dinner Out at Kopper Keg in Cuba
- Friday – July 3 10am Coffee & Conversation at Tim Hortons
- Sunday – July 5 **10am** Worship ~ Rev. Marilyn Hale preaching
2:30pm Service at Eden Heights

 **Birthdays**
30 Marlene Lang

 **Anniversaries**



**It's that time again.
Next Sunday, July 5th,
Summer Worship moves
to 10am!**

**Hope to see everyone as
schedules allow. Have a
safe and blessed summer!**



Dinner Out Kopper Keg Monday, June 29th at 5pm

Please sign up in Fellowship Hall today if you haven't yet!

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