

July 19, 2026, 10am
Olean First Presbyterian Church

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

Prelude

Good Morning Saints

Announcements

Please sign the friendship pad found at the ends of the pews. We would like to get to know you.

God is good

Every day

And every day

God is good

Call to Worship

How awesome is this place!

This is none other than the house of God.

Let this moment and this space

be a gateway to wholeness of life for all!

Prayer of the Day

God who knows us completely, who knows our words before we even have a chance to speak, wrap us in your presence. Still the distractions that well up in us. Search us, know us, and guide us to the wisdom you would have us hear today. Amen.

*Opening Hymn ~ *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* ~ No. 275

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.

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.

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.

Reception of New Members

Cecilia R. Kwitek

Carol E. Gold

Roger L. Gold

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

Special Music

Passing of the Peace

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.

Scripture Readings ~

Matthew 13:24-43

²⁴He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; ²⁵but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' ²⁸He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' ²⁹But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" ³¹He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; ³²it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." ³³He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened." ³⁴Jesus told the crowds all these things in parables; without a parable he told them nothing. ³⁵This was to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet: "I will open my mouth to speak in parables; I will proclaim what has been hidden from the foundation of the world." ³⁶Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." ³⁷He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of

the evil one,³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels.⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age.⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers,⁴² and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!



Weeds Among the Wheat

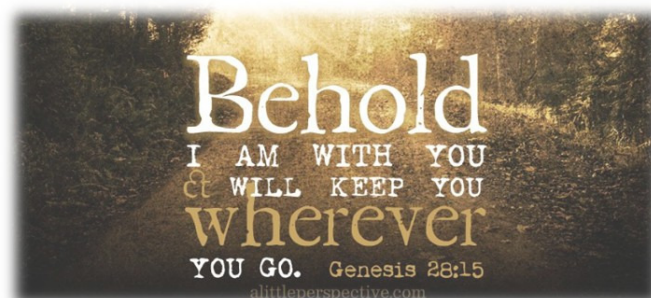
Genesis 28:10-22

¹⁰Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. ¹¹He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. ¹²And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. ¹³And the Lord stood beside him and said, “I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; ¹⁴and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. ¹⁵Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.”

¹⁶Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, “Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!” ¹⁷And he was afraid, and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.” ¹⁸So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. ¹⁹He called that place Bethel; but the name of the city was Luz at the first.

²⁰Then Jacob made a vow, saying, “If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat and clothing to wear, ²¹so that I come again to my father’s house in peace, then the Lord shall be my God, ²²and this stone, which I have set up for a pillar, shall be God’s house; and of all that you give me I will surely give one tenth to you.”

The Word of God
The Word of Life



Message

Music for Meditation

*Hymn ~ *Go, My Children, with My Blessing* ~ No. 547

“Go, my children, with my blessing,
never alone.

Waking, sleeping, I am with you,
you are my own.

In my love’s baptismal river

I have made you mine forever.

Go, my children, with my blessing,
you are my own.”

“Go, my children, sins forgiven,
at peace and pure.

Here you learned how much I love you,
what I can cure.

Here you heard my dear Son’s story;
here you touched him, saw his glory.

Go, my children, sins forgiven,
at peace and pure.”

“Go, my children, fed and nourished,
closer to me.

Grow in love and love by serving,
joyful and free.

Here my Spirit’s power filled you;
here my tender comfort stilled you.

Go, my children, fed and nourished,
joyful and free.”

*Benediction

Postlude

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

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	Deena Neff

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 7/19/25

Sunday – July 19	9:15am Sesion Meeting 10am Worship
Wednesday – July 22	6pm Game Night
Thursday – July 23	5pm Dinner Out at Napoli Pizza 6pm Bluegrass Concert in Lincoln Park
Friday – July 24	10am Coffee & Conversation at Tim Hortons 4pm Interfaith Community Picnic
Sunday – July 26	10am Worship <i>Noisy Cans</i>



**Dinner Out at Napoli
Thursday, July 23rd at 5pm**

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

**6pm Concert in Lincoln Park
afterwords**



Interfaith Community of Olean Annual Picnic



Friday, July 24th, 4:00pm – 6:00pm

At Bethany Lutheran Pavilion, 6 Leo Moss Drive

Bring a drink and a dish to share.

All are welcome. Spread the word!

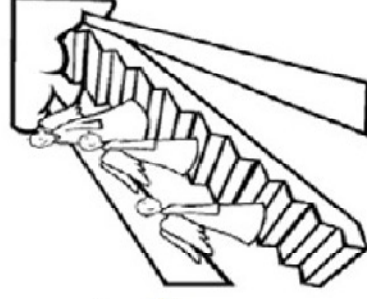


**Next Sunday is
Noisy Cans. Bring
your loose change
(or bills) to donate
to the Olean Food
Pantry**



(MATTHEW 13:24-30, 36-43)

Stairway to Heaven



"I am the LORD, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying. Genesis 28:13b (NIV)

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.

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- 23-6-14-8-4
- 5-4-24-17
- 23-10-4-4-1
- 17-2-4-24-9
- 23-6-24-25-2-21-24-16
- 5-4-24-20-4-8
- 24-8-26-4-10-23
- 1-2-14-9-25-23-4

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BUNDLES GOOD SEED SOWED
BURN HARVEST TARES
ENEMY KINGDOM OF HEAVEN WHEAT
FIELD MAN

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PROMISE	HEAVEN	ANGELS	HEAD