

July 26, 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 ~ *Look, Ye Saints* ~ Thomas Chesterton

Good Morning Saints

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**

Call to Worship

Give thanks to God!

**Remember the wonderful things God has done!**

Glory in God's holy name!

**Sing of God's acts and promises!**

We will seek God's presence;

**let the hearts of those who seek God rejoice.**

Prayer of the Day

God of our ancestors, you have always been faithful to us, keeping your promises to us, even when we have not kept our promises to you. As we praise you this day, guide us into new understandings of your love for us, and the kingdom you call us to be. Amen.

\*Opening Hymn ~ *O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!* ~ No. 41

O worship the King,

all glorious above!

O gratefully sing

God's power and God's love:

our shield and defender,

the Ancient of Days,

pavilioned in splendor

and girded with praise.

O tell of God's might;  
O sing of God's grace,  
whose robe is the light,  
whose canopy space,  
whose chariots of wrath  
the deep thunderclouds form;  
and bright is God's path  
on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store  
of wonders untold,  
Almighty, your power  
has founded of old;  
established it fast  
by a changeless decree,  
and round it has cast,  
like a mantle, the sea.

Your bountiful care  
what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air;  
it shines in the light;  
it streams from the hills;  
it descends to the plain,  
and sweetly distills  
in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust,  
and feeble as frail,  
in you do we trust,  
nor find you to fail;  
your mercies, how tender,  
how firm to the end,  
our Maker, Defender,  
Redeemer, and Friend.

#### 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.**

## 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 ~ *Reverie* ~ Claude Debussy

## 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 ~

### *1 Kings 3:5-12*

<sup>5</sup>At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." <sup>6</sup>And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. <sup>7</sup>And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. <sup>8</sup>And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. <sup>9</sup>Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?" <sup>10</sup>It pleased the Lord

that Solomon had asked this. <sup>11</sup>God said to him, “Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, <sup>12</sup>I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.

*Matthew 13:31-33, 44-46*

<sup>31</sup>He put before them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; <sup>32</sup>it 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.” <sup>33</sup>He 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.” [...]

<sup>44</sup>“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. <sup>45</sup>“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; <sup>46</sup>on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

The Word of God

**The Word of Life**

Message

Music for Meditation

\*Hymn ~ *Hear the Good News of Salvation* ~ No. 441

Hear the good news of salvation:  
Jesus died to show God's love.  
Such great kindness! Such great mercy!  
Come to us from heaven above.  
Jesus Christ, how much I love you!  
Jesus Christ, you save from sin!  
How I love you! Look upon me.  
Love me still and cleanse within.

All the sins I have committed,  
to my Savior now I bring.  
I bow down with tears of anguish;  
Christ forgives and so I sing:  
Jesus Christ, how much I love you!  
Jesus Christ, you save from sin!  
How I love you! Look upon me.  
Love me still and cleanse within.

\*Benediction

Postlude ~ *Welcome, Happy Morning* ~ John Scrivener

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

**Please let Pastor Bruce or Andrea Oakley know if you would like a large print bulletin available to you for future services.**

**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 7/26/26**

Sunday - July 26                      10am Worship  
*Noisy Cans*

Sunday - Aug 2                      10am Worship ~ Rev. Marilyn Hale  
*Communion*                      2:30pm Service at Eden Heights



#### **Birthdays**

26 Luke Petryszak  
31 Gary DeLong



#### **Anniversaries**

29 David & Deb Battistoni  
1 Martha & Mike Nenno

# Word Search Puzzle

## The Parable of the Mustard Seed

Use the words below to help you look for hidden words in the word search below. The words may be found up-and down, side-to side, or diagonal.

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### Word Bank

MUSTARD  
GOD  
SEED  
FAITH

MARK  
GROW  
PARABLE  
KINGDOM

DISCIPLES  
GOSPEL  
MATTHEW  
BELIEVE

TINY  
LUKE  
TREE  
TEACH

NEW TESTAMENT

