

August 16, 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 ~ *Make the Sounds of Praise* ~ Robert Hughes

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.*

God is good

Every day

And every day

God is good

Call to Worship

How good and pleasant it is
when the people of God live in unity!

**It is like being anointed with precious oil,
running down the head.**

It is like the morning dew,
falling upon the mountains of Zion.

**For there the Lord ordained this blessing:
life forevermore.**

Prayer of the Day

Holy God, by your providence you have preserved your people through many times of trouble. Bless and keep us in these days, that we may know your abundant love and proclaim your saving work; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Opening Hymn ~ *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me* ~ No. 700

I'm gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna work so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna work so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna pray so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna pray so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna sing so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna sing so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

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 ~ *Prelude #21* ~ F. Chopin

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 ~

Psalms 67

¹May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,
²that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.
³Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
⁴Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.
⁵Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
⁶The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.
⁷May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.

Matthew 15:10-28

¹⁰Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: ¹¹it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." ¹²Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" ¹³He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." ¹⁵But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." ¹⁶Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."

²¹Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." ²³But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." ²⁴He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

The Word of God

The Word of Life

Message

Music for Meditation

*Hymn ~ *Will You Come and Follow Me* ~ No. 726

“Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don’t know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?”

“Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?”

“Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?”

“Will you love the ‘you’ you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you’ve found to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?”

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I’ll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I’ll move and live and grow in you and you in me

*Benediction

Postlude ~ *Holy, Holy, Holy* ~ Robert Hughes

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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	Kristen Gibbs
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 8/16/26

Sunday – Aug 16 10am Worship

Tuesday – Aug 18 1pm MEF Committee Meeting
5pm Dinner Out at Randy's Fireside

Sunday – Aug 23 10am Worship ~ Della Moore, Guest Leader
Noisy Cans

 **Birthdays**

19 Will Burton

 **Anniversaries**

21 Mark & Portia Harris

We would like to take a moment and thank everyone who contributed to the memorial service of Carol Bess, whether it was providing brownies, participating in the service, helping with clean up or simply being there and sharing memories. It was a beautiful day that honored Carol well.

 **Today's flowers are giving in loving memory of Richard and Lucile Galey, my parents, by Martha Nenno.** 

Crumbs from the Table

Then Jesus answered, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." Matthew 15:28 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 15:21-28 (NIV)

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HEALED	DAUGHTER	SHEEP	FALL
GREAT	CRYING	DOGS	LOST
DEMON	HELP	TABLE	ISRAEL
EAT	FAITH	CRUMBS	SUFFERING
MERCY	JESUS	WOMAN	KNELT

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Choose the word that best matches the definition.

1. An adult female human being
A. girl B. demon C. woman D. daughter
2. A female child in relation to her parents
A. dog B. daughter C. demon D. woman
3. To experience physical or mental pain
A. lost B. worry C. faith D. suffer
4. An evil spirit
A. woman B. lost C. demon D. daughter
5. The Son of God
A. Matthew B. Jesus C. Joseph D. James
6. Unable to be found
A. sick B. suffer C. demon D. lost
7. Animals with four legs, commonly kept as pets, and sometimes used to guard things
A. dogs B. cats C. frogs D. camels
8. Small pieces of bread or cake
A. food B. crumbs C. crackers D. leftovers
9. An very large amount of something
A. small B. great C. medium D. tiny
10. To have trust or confidence in something or someone
A. help B. great C. cry D. faith

