

August 23, 2026, 10am
Olean First Presbyterian Church

Della Moore, Guest Worship Leader
Rick Snyder, Organist

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

Prelude ~ *Largo* ~ G. F. Handel

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

If the Lord had not been with us

our enemies would have destroyed us

and the floods would have swept us away.

Blessed be the Lord,

who has not forsaken us.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

maker of heaven and earth.

Prayer of the Day

Holy God, through baptism you save us from sin and evil and deliver us from death.

Nourish us at your table and train us for your service that we may help to set others free;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Opening Hymn ~ *Open My Eyes, That I May See* ~ No. 451

Open my eyes, that I may see

glimpses of truth thou hast for me.

Place in my hands the wonderful key

that shall unclasp and set me free.

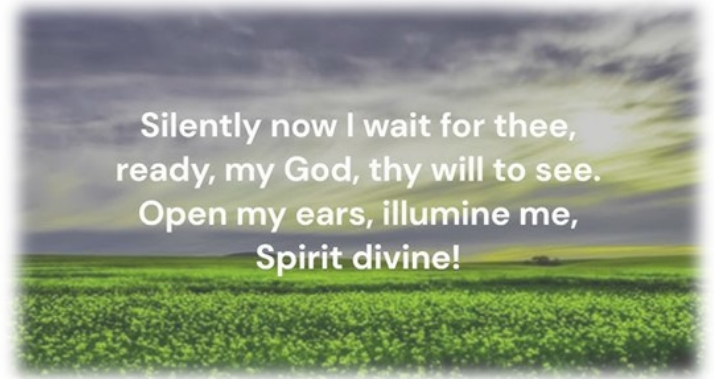
Silently now I wait for thee,

ready, my God, thy will to see.

Open my eyes; illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear
voices of truth thou sendest clear.
And while the wave notes fall on my ear,
everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears; illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my mouth, and let me bear
gladly the warm truth everywhere.
Open my heart, and let me prepare
love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my heart; illumine me, Spirit divine!



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 ~ *Adagio from the "Pathetique" Sonata* ~ L. van Beethoven

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 ~

Genesis 26:1-5

¹Now there was a famine in the land, besides the former famine that had occurred in the days of Abraham. And Isaac went to Gerar, to King Abimelech of the Philistines. ²The Lord appeared to Isaac and said, "Do not go down to Egypt; settle in the land that I shall show you. ³Reside in this land as an alien, and I will be with you, and will bless you; for to you and to your descendants I will give all these lands, and I will fulfill the oath that I swore to your father Abraham. ⁴I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven, and will give to your offspring all these lands; and all the nations of the earth shall gain blessing for themselves through your offspring, ⁵because Abraham obeyed my voice and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws."

John 9:1-12

¹As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. ²His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" ³Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. ⁴We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." ⁶When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, ⁷saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see.

⁸The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" ⁹Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." ¹⁰But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" ¹¹He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." ¹²They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

The Word of God
The Word of Life

Message ~ He Listened!

Music for Meditation

*Hymn ~ *Why Should I feel Discouraged* ~ No. 661

Why should I feel discouraged?
Why should the shadows come?
Why should my heart be lonely
and long for heaven and home,
when Jesus is my portion?
My constant friend is he:
his eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he watches me;
his eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he watches me.

Refrain:

I sing because I'm happy, (I'm happy)
I sing because I'm free, (I'm free)
for his eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he watches me.

“Let not your heart be troubled,”
his tender word I hear,
and resting on his goodness,
I lose my doubts and fears;
though by the path he leadeth
but one step I may see:
his eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he watches me;
his eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he watches me. (*Refrain*)

Whenever I am tempted,
whenever clouds arise,
when song gives place to sighing,
when hope within me dies,
I draw the closer to him,
from care he sets me free:
his eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he watches me;
his eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he watches me. (*Refrain*)



*Benediction

Postlude ~ *Air* ~ G. F. Handel

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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 8/23/26

Please note: Pastor Bruce is out of town from 8/21 until 9/4.

Sunday - Aug 23 10am Worship ~ Della Moore
Noisy Cans

Sunday - Aug 30 10am Worship ~ Matt Isenberg



Birthdays



Anniversaries

24 Punkie & Craig Sinesiou
29 Doug & Betsy Cashing

Sunday, September 13th at 9:30am
Annual Welcome Back Breakfast
Please see sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall.

Jesus Heals a Blind Man

So the man went and washed, and came home seeing. John 9:7 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on John 9:1-34 (NIV).



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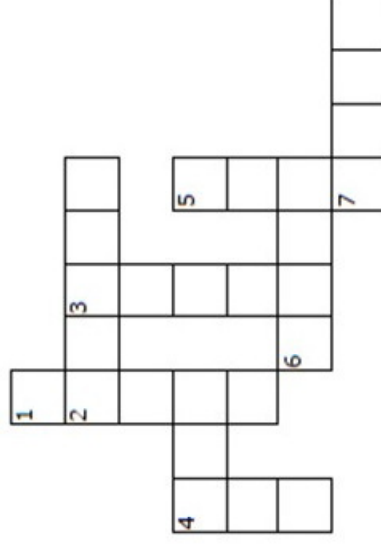
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WORLD SINNED SIGHT NIGHT RECEIVED
HOME MUD LIFE OPENED LIGHT
SILOAM WASH BORN BIRTH GROUND

LIGHT
WASH

BLIND
EYES

GLORY
MAN

MUD
HEAL



ACROSS

- Brightness that comes from the sun, candles, or electrical devices that allows things to be seen
- An adult male human being
- The two organs in your face which are used to see
- To make someone well from a sickness or injury

DOWN

- Unable to see
- Great admiration, honour and praise, especially as given to God
- A sticky mixture of dirt and water
- To clean something using water