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9:30 a.m. Worship Service

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Order of Service

*Please rise in body or spirit

Prelude Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!

arr. Rice

Chime Intonation

Greetings and Announcements

*Call to Worship (based on Psalm 107)

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good, **People: for God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, **People: those God redeemed from trouble;** Leader: They cried to the Lord in their trouble,

People: and God delivered them from their distress. Leader: Let us thank the Lord for God's steadfast love,

All: For God satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things

*Opening Hymn #803

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

*Invitation to Confession

Leader: We are called to love our God with all our heart, mind, strength and soul, and to love our neighbor as ourselves. However, our lives are too often insular and self-absorbed. We have not loved God, our neighbor and ourselves as we should. Let us make a sincere confession before God and others.

*Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God of the risen Christ, you broke the power of sin and evil. Yet we still live in the tombs of forgetfulness, anxiety and fear. We have failed to love you as we should. We have neglected to love our neighbor. In fact, we have even failed to love ourselves. Release us from the tombs that terrify us so we can see your image in one another and in your good creation. Truly, free us from the graves of self-hatred so we can see ourselves as your children. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is sure. In Christ, we are forgiven and set free from the chains that bind us so that we can be Your people. Thanks be to God!

*Passing the Peace of Christ

Leader: Having been reconciled to God in Jesus Christ, let us now share the signs of that reconciliation with one another. The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you. (Please share the Peace of Christ with those around you saying "Peace be with you".)

Children's Time

Special Music Op. 75 No. 5 Le Sapin Sibelius

Scripture Readings

Hosea 11: 1-11; O. T. pg. 842 Colossians 3: 1:11, N. T. pg. 201

Sermon Israel is not Israel

Israel is Israel
We are not Israel
We are Israel

The Offering

Offertory You Are Mine Haas

*Doxology #606 Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ,

(Melody) all people here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune

God, whom we adore. Amen.

*Invitation to the Lord's Table

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Great Thanksgiving

Leader: Therefore, we give thanks to you, joining in the chorus of praise that transcends time – connecting us to generations past, present, and future:

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. (Hymn #552)

Words of Institution

Partaking of the Bread and Cup

Communion Hymn This is Jesus Cowan

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Leader: Listen now as we pray in the way Jesus taught us:

People: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Closing Hymn #835

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

Postlude French Suite No. 4 in Eb Major, BWV 815, Mvt. 1, Allemande

Bach

WELCOME! We are glad you have joined us to worship God. If you are a visitor, we invite you to introduce yourself to our Elder of the Day; Al Sager, who will be available after worship.

The **LITURGIST** today is Rev. Allyn Foster.

Please sign the **FRIENDSHIP PAD** as it makes its way down your row. If you are a visitor or have recently changed your address, please include this and any other information you wish to share.

The **PRAYER BOARD** is located in the Reception Room at the name tag table. You are invited to use a slip of paper to write or draw your prayer and clip it to the board. The Prayer Board will be brought into worship; however, the prayers will not be read aloud or shared. This is a unique and special opportunity for children and adults to be able to express their joys and/or concerns.

THREE WAYS TO WORSHIP! In Person, live streamed at 10:30 a.m. on Facebook and then the service (which is being recorded as we worship in person) will be available Sunday afternoons on the OPPC You Tube channel which can be accessed directly from You Tube or our webpage: www.oppchurch.org. **Please be aware that the worship service is being recorded as well as live streamed and will be broadcast via the internet**.

WE WELCOME KIDS IN WORSHIP as together we are the whole people of God. Worship Bags are always available in the Reception Room at the CE table. The Nursery will be open, and the service will be live streamed, so if a Little One gets restless, a parent may take them there to play and still see the service.

The **FLOWERS** on the Communion Table are given by Mike and Nancy Malachowski in appreciation of their families on their anniversary.

Rev. Drew Ludwig has been a part of the Presbytery of Western New York since 2007. Formerly the pastor of Lafayette Ave Presbyterian Church in Buffalo, Drew now serves as a chaplain for Hospice Buffalo. In the past few years, he's gotten way too much into pickleball.

Thank you to those who brought the 78 sandwiches on July 20. Those who arrive at the door of the Good Shepherd House at St. Luke's looking to be fed, are grateful for your contribution. The next **SANDWICH SUNDAY will be AUGUST 15.**

The Presbyterian Women of WNY will be presenting Finding Resilience, Joy and Our Identity in Jesus Christ on Saturday, August 23, 2025 from 9:30 A.M to 11:30 A.M. in the Meeting Place with coffee, tea, water and snacks being provided. There is no charge for this interesting program and please register by calling Sue Sager at 716-662-9413 by August 15th. All women are invited and we hope to see you there!

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