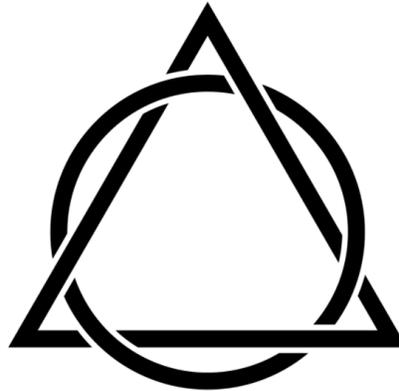




***A thriving faith community
engaged in compassionate service.***



September 26, 2021

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Live Streaming on Facebook plus On Demand on YouTube

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Order of Service

Prelude

Melodia

M. Reger

Greetings and Announcements

*Call to Worship (from Psalm 19)

Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God;

People: And the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

Leader: Day to day pours forth speech,

People: And night to night declares knowledge.

Leader: Let the words of our mouth and the meditation of our heart be acceptable to you,

People: O Lord, our rock and our redeemer.

*Hymn 25 (see insert)

O Lord, Our God, How Excellent

Invitation to Confession

Before the awesome majesty of the Eternal One, our thoughts and deeds become millstones around our necks. Eyes and hands and feet have led us from the ways of God. Yet our hearts say, we will seek God's face. Let us confess our sins before the One who offers forgiveness.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Compassionate and merciful God, in our worst moments we despise ourselves. We know what is right, but we fail to do it. We are easily deceived by voices other than your own. When we seek your face, our vision is clouded by self-concern. When we intend to do your will, easier paths beckon, and we follow them. Forgive us, God, as we repent and seek new directions. Save us from ourselves, that we may bear Christ's name with renewed confidence. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

God does not cast us off or forsake us. Our Creator does not give us up to the will of our adversaries. Mercy and forgiveness are offered us as gifts from God. Let us receive them with joy and gratitude. The Peace of the Lord be always with you!

And also with you!

Organ Voluntary

Sicilienne

G. Fauré

Scripture Reading

Mark 9:38-50

Sermon

"Insiders and Outsiders"

Rev. Dennis Duling

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Leader: Now let us pray the prayer the Lord Jesus taught us, saying:

All: 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.

*Hymn (see insert)

O Christ, the Healer

*Dismissal & Benediction

Postlude

Caprice

L.-N. Clérambault

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

PLEASE NOTE: Masks are required inside the church building regardless of vaccine status. Please protect our youth and vulnerable adults.

Please complete the **FRIENDSHIP CLIPBOARD FORM** you received with your bulletin - one per family unit. This is a multi-use form to assist us with Live Stream/Recording Permission plus current contact information for attendees. The flip side is for visitors and Prayer Requests. Thank you!

Today **WE WELCOME** to our pulpit **The Rev. Dr. Dennis Duling**, Ph.D. Dennis and his wife, Gretchen, reside at Fox Run where before COVID-19 he could be found on occasion playing the keyboards with the Water Street Quartet, a jazz group with which he has performed in the last 18 years. Denny is a member of the Presbytery of Western New York and has been pulpit supply through the years at local churches. He has authored over 100 publications on the New Testament and its word, and has co-authored a book with Gretchen about the Underground Railroad in Youngstown, NY. We are grateful for his presence with us today.

THREE WAYS TO WORSHIP! In Person, live streamed at 9:30 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 YouTube channel which can be accessed direct from YouTube or our webpage: www.oppchurch.org.

THE FLOWERS on the Communion Table are given by the Personnel Committee.

THE OFFERING is one way of many ways for us to respond to God. Monetary gifts to support the ministry of OPPC are greatly appreciated and offering plates are at the entrance of the sanctuary for your convenience. Plus **Secure online giving to OPPC** is also available.

WE WELCOME KIDS IN WORSHIP as together we are the whole people of God. There is a table located in the Reception Room with clipboards and coloring tool bags for kids to use as they listen.

Today we will begin **CHURCH SCHOOL for CHILDREN and YOUTH** during the 10:00 a.m. worship service. The pandemic calls for us to temporarily change how we do faith formation to keep our children and youth safe. Families should arrive via the CE entrance and use Door E. Four-year-olds through 5th graders will be in Fellowship Hall and 6-12 grade youth in The Undercroft. Safety protocols were outlined in a church mailing and available at The Welcome Center. Weekly updates arrive via the Constant Contact. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Babcock at lindab@oppchurch.org

We have several open dates available on the 2021 **Communion Table FLOWER CALENDAR**. The cost per arrangement is \$40.00 and will be provided by *Expressions Florist*. Please call the church office (662-9348) to reserve your date. Thank you for your support by contributing to the beauty of our worship with a floral arrangement.

NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3 is a SPECIAL CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING to elect Elders, Deacons, and the 2022 Nominating Committee. Rev. Drew Ludwig will preach, we will celebrate World Communion Sunday and the meeting will be immediately after 10:00 a.m. worship. This meeting requires a quorum so if you are a member; please make every effort to attend.

The **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S FALL PROGRAM** will be held on Saturday, October 16, in the Reception Room at 1:00 p.m. Karen Wielinski will be discussing her book, *One on the Ground*, which details her experience during the crash of Continental Flight 3407 in Clarence Center, NY and the loss of her husband. This is a free program and welcome to all. Please join us!

SYMPATHY is extended to the family and friends of Virginia Metzger who died on September 19. Ginny joined our church on January 25, 2015. Memorial service information is pending.

THANK YOU to our soloists today: Terrie Murray, Alto; and Lorenzo Parnell, Tenor.

OPPC Calendar

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 –Rev. Dennis Duling preaching

- 10:00 a.m. Church School (ages 4 – 5th grade) – Fellowship Hall
10:00 a.m. Church School Youth (grades 6-12) - Undercroft
10:00 a.m. Worship Service – Sanctuary

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

- 7:00 p.m. Session – The Meeting Place

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

- 9:00 a.m. Tuesdays With Tools – Meet at church
10:00 a.m. Trio rehearsal - Sanctuary
1:00 p.m. Staff meeting – Zoom
6:30 p.m. Pilates – Fellowship Hall
7:30 p.m. Pastor Nominating Committee – Zoom

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 – Office closed

- 10:00 a.m. Mission Workshop – The Meeting Place
7:00 p.m. Website Committee – The Meeting Place

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

- 5:00 p.m. Joni's Journey – FH/TMP/MG/RR
7:00 p.m. Building Protocol & Safety Committee – Conference Room

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1

- 10:30 a.m. Miss Sarah Music Class - Undercroft
5:30 p.m. Wedding rehearsal - Sanctuary

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2

- 3:00 p.m. Schaffstall/Young Wedding – Sanctuary

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Deborah Babski, Office Manager
Dan Hay, Custodian
Aimee McCann, Executive Assistant
Sherry Pomeroy, Faith Community Nurse
Gregory White, Director of Music

Feeling Stretched as a Caregiver? *Powerful Tools for Caregivers* is an educational series designed to provide the tools you need to take care of yourself. This program helps family caregivers reduce stress, improve self-confidence, communicate better, balance their lives, make tough decisions, and locate helpful resources. Whether you provide care for a spouse, partner, parent, friend; at home or in a care facility; whether down the block or miles away, yours is an important role. This course is for family caregivers like you! Sherry Pomeroy and Rebecca Hyde, Certified Class Leaders, are hosting an **online/zoom class every Thursday for six weeks, from 3:00-4:30 p.m., beginning October 7 and ending November 11.** The class leaders are themselves experienced caregivers and can attest to the value of the class. They will lead you through interactive lessons, discussions, and brainstorming so that you too can put the tools into action. To register or for more information contact Sherry at sherry@oppchurch.org or call 716-662-9348 ext. 309. The class is being offered free of charge, and you will receive the Caregiver Helpbook that accompanies the class. **Pre-registration by September 30 is required.**

Upcoming Erie County COVID-19 VACCINE SITES:

September 27, 28, 30 & October 1 ~ Pfizer & Moderna

ECC South, 12:00 – 4:00 p.m., 4041 Southwestern Blvd. (Bldg. 7 – Old DMV), Orchard Park, NY 14127

September 29 ~ Pfizer & Moderna

Highmark Stadium, 12:00 – 6:00 p.m., 1 Bills Dr., Orchard Park, NY 14127 (Please park in lot 6 off Abbott Rd., enter at Gate 6 & proceed to the Pepsi Club)

October 7 ~ Pfizer & Moderna

Villa Maria College, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Pine Ridge Rd., Cheektowaga, NY 14225

October 22

Lake Shore High School; 2:00 – 7:00 p.m.; Pfizer; 959 Beach Rd., Angola, NY 14006

Vax Visit – Vaccination in your home call (716) 858-2929 to make an appointment. This service is free & available to Erie County residents ages 12 & older.

VACCINE HOUND – Appointment openings throughout the region created by the University at Buffalo

Vaccines.gov <https://www.vaccines.gov/> or text your ZIP code to 438829, or call 1-800- 232-0233

NYS operated vaccination sites or call (833)697-4829

Pharmacies - See pharmacy websites or call pharmacies

Healthcare Providers - Check with your healthcare provider

For more information or to sign up go to erie.gov/vax or call 858-2929.