



The First Church in Albany

Sunday, October 10, 2021, 9:00 am

Drive-In Order of Service

You may tune in on your car radio at 87.9FM.

We Gather in the Presence of God

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.” *2 Corinthians 13:14*

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 104)

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

People: Amen.

Leader: My God, you are so very great.

People: You are clothed with honor and majesty,

Leader: and gloriously wrap yourself with light!

People: You stretch out the heavens like a tent,

Leader: and make the clouds your chariot!

People: You fill the oceans with water,

Leader: and make the land full of creatures.

People: In your wisdom, O Lord, you have made everything.

Leader: Let us worship this God of glory and majesty!

Opening Song

“Down to the River to Pray”

Alison Krauss

As I went down in the river to
pray

Studying about that good old way
And who shall wear the starry
crown

Good lord, show me the way!

O sisters let's go down,
Let's go down, come on down,
O sisters let's go down,
Down in the river to pray.

As I went down in the river to
pray

Studying about that good old way
And who shall wear the robe and
crown

Good lord, show me the way!

O brothers let's go down,
Let's go down, come on down,
Come on brothers let's go down,
Down in the river to pray.

As I went down in the river to
 pray
Studying about that good old way
And who shall wear the starry
 crown
Good lord, show me the way!

O fathers let's go down,
Let's go down, come on down,
O fathers let's go down,
Down in the river to pray.

As I went down in the river to
 pray
Studying about that good old way
And who shall wear the robe and
 crown
Good lord, show me the way!

O mothers let's go down,
Let's go down, don't you want to
 go down,

Come on mothers let's go down,
Down in the river to pray.

As I went down in the river to
 pray
Studying about that good old way
And who shall wear the starry
 crown
Good lord, show me the way!

O sinners let's go down,
Let's go down, come on down,
O sinners let's go down,
Down in the river to pray.

As I went down in the river to
 pray
Studying about that good old way
And who shall wear the robe and
 crown
Good lord, show me the way!

Confident in God's grace, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession

After National Coming Out Day, we confess and repent that the church has not always been a safe, welcoming, and celebratory place for all people, particularly for those who want to come out. Send the Advocate, your Holy Spirit, to empower your church to come out as advocates for the flourishing of all people. Amen

Moment of Silence

Assurance of Pardon

First Church, the good news is this: God who is Love did not stay closeted up in heaven. Rather, God revealed God's self as Jesus Christ who has shown us how to love our neighbors and ourselves. "From heaven he came and taught us, what perfect love can be; through life and death he sought us, and rose to set us free."

Passing the Peace



Leader: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Please **beep and wave** to one another as a sign of Christ's peace.

Prayer for Illumination

Holy Father, guide us by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light. In the name of the Light of the World, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Scripture

Numbers 36

¹The heads of the ancestral houses of the clans of the descendants of Gilead son of Machir son of Manasseh, of the Josephite clans, came forward and spoke in the presence of Moses and the leaders, the heads of the ancestral houses of the Israelites; ²they said, “The Lord commanded my lord to give the land for inheritance by lot to the Israelites; and my lord was commanded by the Lord to give the inheritance of our brother Zelophehad to his daughters. ³But if they are married into another Israelite tribe, then their inheritance will be taken from the inheritance of our ancestors and added to the inheritance of the tribe into which they marry; so it will be taken away from the allotted portion of our inheritance. ⁴And when the jubilee of the Israelites comes, then their inheritance will be added to the inheritance of the tribe into which they have married; and their inheritance will be taken from the inheritance of our ancestral tribe.”

⁵Then Moses commanded the Israelites according to the word of the Lord, saying, “The descendants of the tribe of Joseph are right in what they are saying. ⁶This is what the Lord commands concerning the daughters of Zelophehad, ‘Let them marry whom they think best; only it must be into a clan of their father’s tribe that they are married, ⁷so that no inheritance of the Israelites shall be transferred from one tribe to another; for all Israelites shall retain the inheritance of their ancestral tribes. ⁸Every daughter who possesses an inheritance in any tribe of the Israelites shall marry one from the clan of her father’s tribe, so that all Israelites ³

may continue to possess their ancestral inheritance. ⁹No inheritance shall be transferred from one tribe to another; for each of the tribes of the Israelites shall retain its own inheritance.”

¹⁰The daughters of Zelophehad did as the Lord had commanded Moses. ¹¹Mahlah, Tirzah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Noah, the daughters of Zelophehad, married sons of their father’s brothers. ¹²They were married into the clans of the descendants of Manasseh son of Joseph, and their inheritance remained in the tribe of their father’s clan.

¹³These are the commandments and the ordinances that the Lord commanded through Moses to the Israelites in the plains of Moab by the Jordan at Jericho.

Leader: The Word of the Lord,

People: Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon Notes

Trouble in the text:

Trouble in our world:

God in the text:

God in our world:

Ways that God is moving in me:

The Prayer and Blessing on the Word

The 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.**

Offering & Offertory

Response Song “*Will the Circle Be Unbroken*” Staple Singers

Can the circle be unbroken
By and by, Lord, bye and bye?
There's a better home a-waiting
In the sky, Lord, in the sky

I was standing by the window
On one cold and cloudy day;
And I saw the hearse come rolling
For to carry my mother away

Lord, I told the undertaker
“Undertaker, please drive slow
For this body you are hauling
Lord, I hate to see her go.”

I followed close behind her
Tried to hold up and be brave
But I could not hide my sorrow
When they laid her in the grave

Went back home, Lord. My home was lonesome
Since my mother, she was gone
All my brothers, sisters crying
What a home so sad and lone!

(continued)

Now my mother, she's crossed over
Where so many have gone before;
And I know, Lord, I will meet her
Just waiting at glory's door

Charge & Blessing

Sending Song

"The Weight"

Robbie Robertson

I pulled into Nazareth, was feelin' about half past dead;
I just need some place where I can lay my head.
"Hey, mister, can you tell me where a man might find a bed?"
He just grinned and shook my hand, and "No!", was all he
said.

[Chorus:]
Take a load off Fanny, take a load for free;
Take a load off Fanny, And (and) (and) you can put the load
right on me.

I picked up my bag, I went lookin' for a place to hide;
When I saw Carmen and the Devil walkin' side by side.
I said, "Hey, Carmen, come on, let's go downtown."
She said, "I gotta go, but m'friend can stick around."

[Chorus]

Go down, Miss Moses, there's nothin' you can say
It's just ol' Luke, and Luke's waitin' on the Judgement Day.
"Well, Luke, my friend, what about young Anna Lee?"
He said, "Do me a favor, son, woncha stay an' keep Anna Lee
company?"

[Chorus]

Crazy Chester followed me, and he caught me in the fog.
He said, "I will fix your rack, if you'll take Jack, my dog."
I said, "Wait a minute, Chester, you know I'm a peaceful
man."
He said, "That's okay, boy, won't you feed him when you
can."

(continued)

[Chorus]

Catch a cannon ball now, t'take me down the line
My bag is sinkin' low and I do believe it's time.
To get back to Miss Fanny, you know she's the only one.
Who sent me here with her regards for everyone.

[Chorus]

Postlude

Worship Leadership:

Preacher: Rev. Trey Tirpak

Musician: Zak Morton, guitar and vocals

Technical Team: Joshua Bliss, and Stephen Reohr

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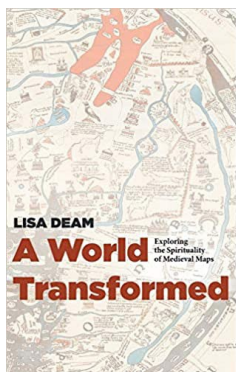
Please keep in prayer this week...

- Jane, sister of Donna Schultz
- Elaine and Jim Jenks, Rose Hunsberger's parents
- Bruce and Bridget Cook, for the loss of their daughter Myrica Cook (friends of the Persons)
- Imani Brewer
- Jeff Curry
- Itke Prins, in memory of her husband Harry R. Prins
- Barb Andrews
- Haleigh Bliss
- Mary Weijola
- Neil Keen
- Ian and Edi Leet
- RB with a recent diagnosis
- Kenneth Carr (Fran's brother) and Angela Venable, for the loss of their daughter
- Harriet Stockhoff
- Kathy Stallmer (Monthie family)
- Cheryl Gowie
- Steve Hoffman
- Ada Harris
- Ginger
- Charles Welge
- Olivia Gaydushek
- Our government officials, first responders and health care workers as we continue to manage the Covid-19 pandemic
- Countries like Haiti, recovering from natural disasters, and Afghanistan, dealing with political upheaval. For these and others, we pray for the humanitarian crises that accompany uncertainty and strife.
- Staff and Leaders of The First Church in Albany

Prayer Concerns? If you would like your church family to join you in prayer, please share your concerns and joys with us.

Submit on our website or call the office at 518-463-4449 or email office@firstchurchinalbany.org.

Fall Book Study Being Offered



Beginning in November, Rev. Trey will be leading a book study on *A World Transformed: Exploring the Spirituality of Medieval Maps* by Lisa Deam. Here's what Trey has to say about the book:

"Lisa Deam's book on medieval maps is a lot more interesting than it may sound! As an art historian, Dr. Dean utilizes medieval maps to help us think differently about our own tiny 'worlds' and our lives of faith. I'm looking forward to all the places we'll go with this book!"

At this time, there is no set time for the weekly meeting to discuss the book, but that will be determined with those who would like to participate.

If you are at all interested in participating, please sign email Rev. Trey at assocpastor@firstchurchinalbany.org

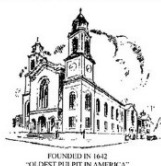
We've got a new StoryWalk®

The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library.



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The pages of Ashley Spires' *The Most Magnificent Thing* will be hanging on the fence around the church building. Bring family and friends and enjoy!

This Week at the First Church in Albany



- Sunday 10.17 9am Drive-In Worship
10am Sanctuary Worship & Children and Worship
- Monday 10.18 9am Food Pantry
- Tuesday 10.19 12pm Adult Bible Study
- Wednesday 10.20 9am Food Pantry
12pm AA Meeting
12pm Centering Prayer
5:45pm Dutch Settlers' Meeting

Other upcoming dates...

- Sunday 10.31 10am Mission Sunday—Youth Report
from July Work Trip



We lift up
Rev. Dr. Mashona Walston,
and all participants in
RCA General Synod 2021
October 14-19 in Tucson, Arizona

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY



All Saints Day is November 1st

- On Sunday, November 7, we will remember our loved ones lost in 2020. Please email or call the office with the names of church members and friends who have passed. We will include these in the bulletin and the names will be read in memory.

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