



The First Church in Albany

Sunday, September 26, 2021, 9:00 am
Drive-In Order of Service



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We Gather in the Presence of God

Prelude “For the Beauty of the Earth” **DIX**

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

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

A: Amen.

L: Congregation, in whose name do we gather to worship?

A: We gather in the name of Jesus Christ, the risen one.

L: What can we do in the name of Jesus?

A: Ask our Father in heaven for anything.

L: Anything else?

A: Cast out evil in our world.

L: Anything else?

A: Baptize all those who want to join in this way.

L: Let us worship the one whose name is Jesus!

Opening Song“Lord, Speak to Me that I May Speak”

1 Lord, speak to me that I may speak in liv - ing
 2 O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the wan - dering
 3 O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the pre - cious

ech - oes of your tone. As you have sought, so
 and the wa - vering feet. O feed me, Lord, that
 truths which you im - part. And wing my words that

let me seek your err - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.
 I may feed your hun - gry ones with man - na sweet.
 they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y a heart.

4 O fill me with your fullness, Lord,
 until my very heart o'erflows
 in kindling thought and glowing word,
 your love to tell, your praise to show.

5 O use me, Lord, use even me,
 just as you will, and when, and where
 until your blessed face I see,
 your rest, your joy, your glory share.

Chord symbols represent a simplified harmony.

Words: Frances R. Havergal, 1872, alt., P.D.

Music (CANONBURY 8.8.8.8): Robert A. Schumann, 1839, from *Nachtstücke*, Op. 23, No. 4, P.D.

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

Prayer of Confession

God of many names, we confess that we take your name in vain when we limit those who do good in your name; or when we make you out to be less than you are; or when we place other names above your name.

Jesus, make us into people who are joyous when we see others doing good in your name, transform our hearts and minds so we may know the power of your name, and lead us back to a life lived in your name. Amen.

Moment of Silence

Assurance of Pardon

Friends of Jesus, we are forgiven from taking God's name in vain in the name of Jesus, and it is in the name of Jesus that we are invited to a renewed life of belonging, faithfulness, and joy.

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

People: Come Holy Spirit, teach what needs to be taught; heal what needs to be healed; transform what needs to be transformed. In the name of Jesus, amen.

Scripture

Mark 9:38-50

John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever

gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

“For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord,

People: Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

In My Name

Rev. Trey Tirpak

The Prayer and Blessing on the Word

Prayers of the People

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.**

Sending Song

"Take My Life"

HENDON

Frances Ridley Havergal, 1874

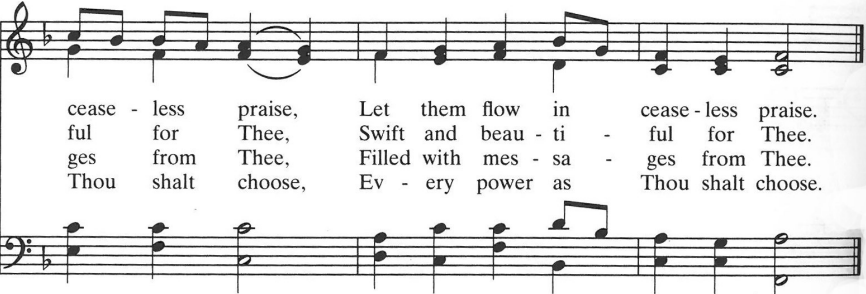
H. A. César Malan, 1827



1. Take my life, and let it be Con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to Thee.
 2. Take my hands, and let them move At the im - pulse of Thy love.
 3. Take my voice, and let me sing, Al - ways, on - ly, for my King.
 4. Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would I with-hold;



Take my mo - ments and my days; Let them flow in
 Take my feet, and let them be Swift and beau - ti -
 Take my lips, and let them be Filled with mes - sa -
 Take my in - tel - lect, and use Ev - ery power as



cease - less praise, Let them flow in cease - less praise.
 ful for Thee, Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.
 ges from Thee, Filled with mes - sa - ges from Thee.
 Thou shalt choose, Ev - ery power as Thou shalt choose.

5. Take my will, and make it Thine;
 It shall be no longer mine.
 Take my heart, it is Thine own;
 It shall be Thy royal throne,
 It shall be Thy royal throne.

6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour
 At Thy feet its treasure store.
 Take myself, and I will be
 Ever, only, all for Thee,
 Ever, only, all for Thee.

Offering

Prayer over Offering

Triune God, in the name of Jesus we pray that you use these gifts and all our non-monetary gifts to do glorious and wonderful things. Amen

Benediction

Postlude

Worship Leadership

Preacher: Rev. Trey Tirpak

Liturgist: Rev. Dr. Mashona Walston

Technical Team: Joshua Bliss and Stephen Reohr

Sermon Notes

Trouble in the text:

Trouble in our world:

God in the text:

God in our world:



Please keep in prayer this week...

- Jane, sister of Donna Schultz
- Elaine and Jim Jenks, Rose Hunsberger's parents
- Myrica Cook, friend of the Persons family
- Spencer Allen, deployed to Afghanistan
- Lorraine Houk
- Barb Andrews
- Haleigh Bliss
- Mary Weijola
- Neil Keen
- Ian and Edi Leet
- Kathleen, wife of Glenn Claydon who has played guitar for our drive-in service
- 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
- Students of all ages as they return to school
- Staff and Leaders

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.



Delay in the Start of the Program

The Children and Worship Team has decided that a safe course of action would be to delay the start of Children and Worship by two weeks in order to assess the impact of school exposure on Covid cases among children, and to be prepared to adopt additional guidance that may result.

The Open House/Orientation for children and parents is now scheduled for Sunday, October 10 during the regular worship service. The first session will meet on Sunday, October 17.

Preparations for the coming year include the development of safety protocols and moving the children's Worship Center to a larger space that will support social distancing.



For questions, contact Sara Bonam Welge at sbonam@nycap.rr.com or Kathie Monthie at kamonthie@gmail.com

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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If you have any questions about First Church in Albany, call the number below or email office@firstchurchinalbany.org for information.



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