

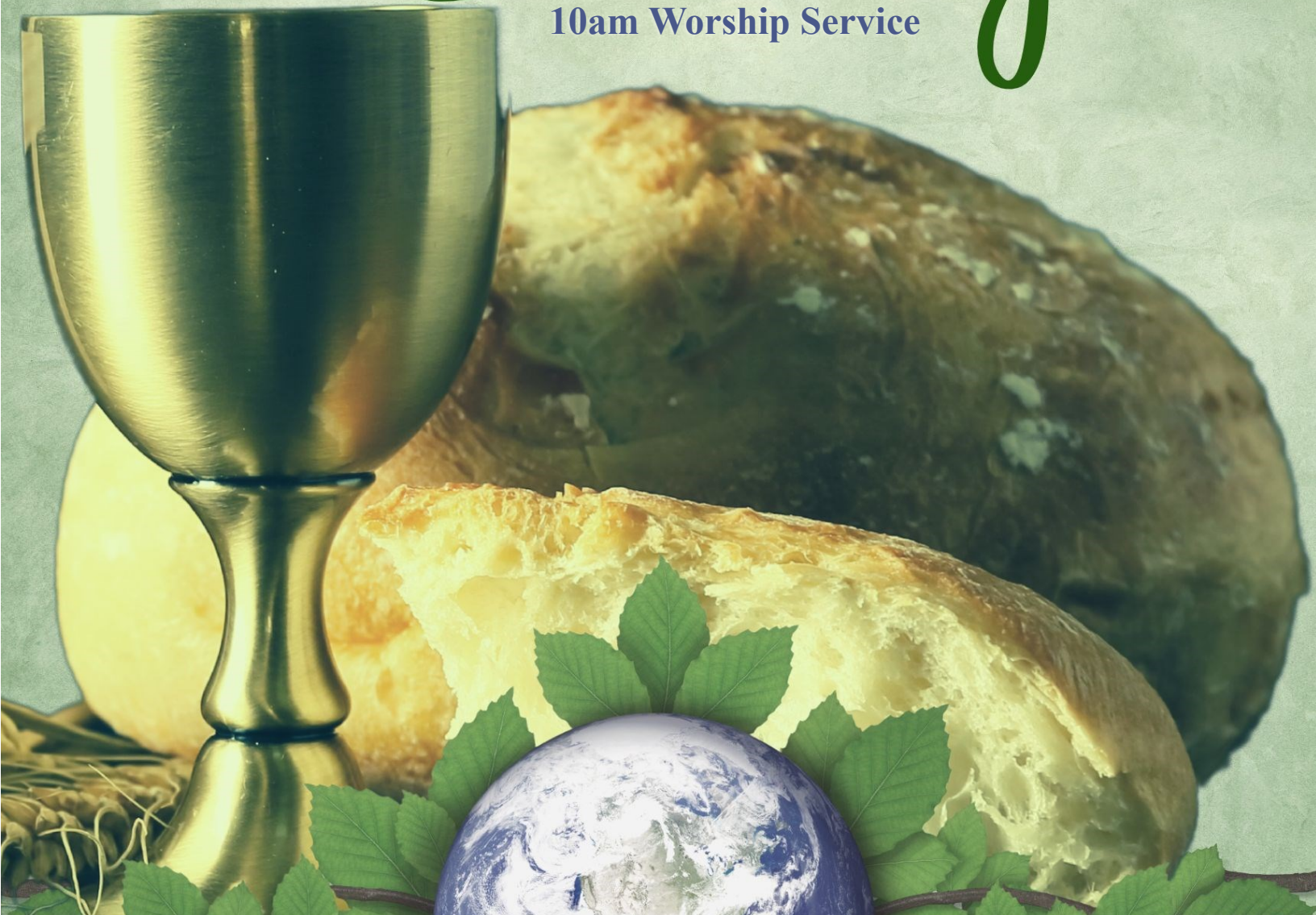
The First Church in Albany

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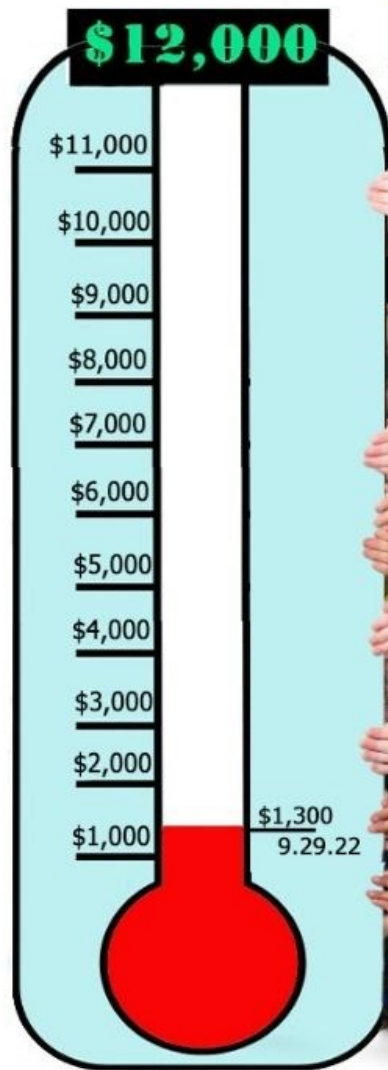
WORLD COMMUNION

*Sunday*

October 2, 2022  
10am Worship Service







# FIRST CHURCH

## Cares

We need your help to cover the cost of insurance so that we can grow our partnership with our friends at **Castle Island Bilingual Montessori School**.

Your response the first week was wonderful. Just goes to show that ***First Church Cares!***

Help us reach our goal of \$12,000. Make checks payable to **The First Church in Albany** with "**School Insurance**" in the memo line.

If you have any questions or just want to learn more about this partnership, email Pastor Mashona at [srpastor@firstchurchinalabany.org](mailto:srpastor@firstchurchinalabany.org)

We at First Church are called to care for our Albany neighbors! We recently began a relationship with a bilingual Montessori School. They have already begun utilizing our facility. What a joy it is to have little children using our stage for plays or smelling the flowers that Shirley Bone makes sure we plant. The laughter and joy children bring is a sound to behold.

Using our space inside and in Clee Park blesses the children. Our sharing provides support to many families from all over the world who are new to our area. What a living witness. However, our Trustees have informed us that this partnership & outreach will cost \$12,000 more per year in insurance. This nonprofit school is made up of mostly immigrant families who already work two or more jobs to make ends meet. They need our help! We are called on to care for this community once again.

We can do more than listen to news reports and shake our heads about crime, violence, and behavioral health challenges in Downtown Albany. We can live our mission. Help! Help us raise the insurance money to share our facility with these worthy children.

Please send whatever you can to First Church and write "**School Insurance**" on the check.

# The First Church in Albany

## (Reformed Church in America)

**Founded in 1642; Continuing in Ministry Today.**

*In response to God's unconditional love for all people made known to us in Jesus Christ, we are called to be a welcoming and affirming community. The First Church in Albany includes young and old, families, couples and singles, rich and poor, persons of various races, ethnicities, backgrounds, sexual orientation and gender identities, differing physical and mental abilities, believers and seekers. We welcome into the full life of the church all those whom God sends us. Centered in Christ, we commit ourselves to breaking down dividing walls and building a community where we are loved.*

# World Communion Sunday

## October 2, 2022

\* = rise in body or in spirit

## Prelude Reflection

Bread, wine, and table  
You satisfy all our needs  
Come, all you people!

## Prelude “SALVA FESTA DIES” (Hail thee Festival Day)

## Tolling of Bell *bell tolled by children of First Church*

## Welcome, Announcements, & Blessing

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

**Call to Worship** by Ana and Tod Gobledale, Global Ministries Associates serving in the United Kingdom

One: We gather today as the people of God, as a community of Christ followers

**Many: We gather to share Word and sacrament, to discern the ways of faithful service.**

One: Where in the world shall we serve our God?

**Many: At home and school and business places—in this community and throughout every land.**

One: How in the world shall we serve our God?

**Many: By working toward justice where there is oppression, by offering comfort where there is pain, by sharing love where there is hatred.**

One: Why in the world shall we serve our God?

**Many: Because the Spirit beckons us, because Jesus calls us to enact our faith.**

One: Let us now worship the one who calls us!

**\*Opening Hymn**

**(v. 1-3)**

**Uyai mose/Come, All You People**

PSALM 66

The musical score is written for a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The first system includes the lyrics for the first three verses in Shona and English. The second system continues the lyrics. Chord symbols are placed above the vocal line: E, A/E, E, E/B, B7, and E.

**Shona** 1 U - ya - i mo - se, ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri; u - ya - i  
**English** 1 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise your Mak - er; come, all you  
2 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Sav - ior; come, all you  
3 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Spir - it; come, all you

mo - se, ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri; u - ya - i mo - se,  
peo - ple, come and praise your Mak - er; come, all you peo - ple,  
peo - ple, come and praise the Sav - ior; come, all you peo - ple,  
peo - ple, come and praise the Spir - it; come, all you peo - ple,

ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri; u - ya - i mo - se Zvi - no.  
 come and praise your Mak - er; come now and wor - ship the Lord.  
 come and praise the Sav - ior; come now and wor - ship the Lord.  
 come and praise the Spir - it; come now and wor - ship the Lord.

*For another setting of Ps. 66 see 495*

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 st. 2-3 from *With One Voice*, 1995, © Augsburg Fortress

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 North American agent

## Call to Confession

When we ask for forgiveness, we are asking for a new opportunity to do what is right and pleasing in God's eyes. The Lord is giving us this moment as another chance to return to God in prayers. Let us come before God and confess our sins.

## Prayer of Confession

**Lord forgive us for not being completely honest with you about our feelings. Sometimes we see the state of the world and are...angry. Sometimes we look around at the condition of our lives, communities, and even your church and are dissatisfied. We often take out our anger on our fellow flawed and fragile human beings. But, sometimes we are disappointed that you have yet to fix our problems. May we not stay boiling and seething on the inside. Instead, may we (like Habakkuk) advocate for justice and speak against violence. May our advocacy embody your love for all nations.**

*Time of Silence*

## Assurance of Pardon & Fulfillment of the Law John 3:16

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

## **\*Passing the Peace**



Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us greet one another with a hand-sign of peace.

Touch your thumb to the tip of your ring finger, and wave to one another. This hand-sign makes Christ's gesture of blessing in a lot of iconography in the Orthodox Tradition.

## **Children's Message & Blessing** *Today is Family Orientation for ages 4-8*

### **Prayer for Illumination** *Please sing*

**Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me. Mold me. Fill me. Use me. Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me!**

### **Sermon Text**

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw: O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save? Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. So the law becomes slack, and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous; therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

I will stand at my watchpost and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

Then the Lord answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay. Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faithfulness.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

### **Sermon**

"Dear God, it's me Margaret"

### **A Prayer of Blessing on the Word**

**\*Hymn of Response**

*“Though I May Speak” (v. 1 & 3) #335 in pew hymnal*

**Tithes & Offerings**

**Offertory**

“Du Liebe, Meine Liebe”

J. Thommen

**\*Doxology #592 in pew hymnal**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

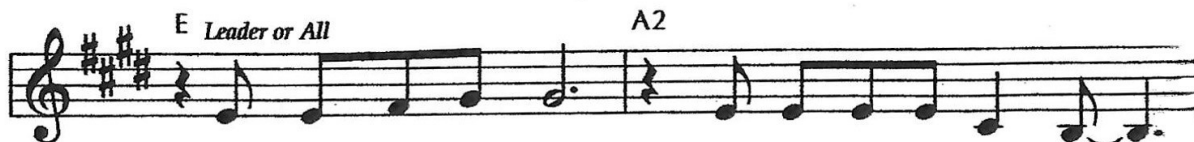




# Eucharistic Hymn

# For Everyone Born

(V. 1,3,5)



1 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,  
 2 For wom - an and man, a place at the ta - ble,  
 3 For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble,  
 4 For just and un - just, a place at the ta - ble,  
 5 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,



for ev - ery - one born, clean wa - ter and bread,  
 re - vis - ing the roles, de - cid - ing the share,  
 a voice to be heard, a part in the song,  
 a - bus - er, a - bused, with need to for - give,  
 to live with - out fear, and sim - ply to be,



a shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing,  
 with wis - dom and grace, di - vid - ing the pow - er,  
 the hands of a child in hands that are wrin - kled,  
 in an - ger, in hurt, a mind - set of mer - cy,  
 to work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship,



for ev - ery - one born, a star o - ver - head,  
 for wom - an and man, a sys - tem that's fair,  
 for young and for old, the right to be - long,  
 for just and un - just, a new way to live,  
 for ev - ery - one born, the right to be free,

## Refrain



and God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and



joy, com-pas - sion and peace: yes,

God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice,

jus-tice and joy!

This hymn from a noted New Zealand hymnwriter affirms that God's hospitality transcends the barriers erected by human society and that we who have been created in God's image are called to live in ways that reflect our Creator's values: justice and joy, compassion and peace.

TEXT: Shirley Erena Murray, 1998

MUSIC: Brian Mann, 2006

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FOR EVERYONE BORN  
11.10.11.10 with refrain

## Celebration of the Lord's Supper

### Communion Prayer

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.**

### Sanctus

**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!**

### Mystery of the Faith

**Christ has died!**

**Christ has risen!**

**Christ will come again!**

## **Celebration of Communion** *You Satisfy The Hungry Heart*

### **Response of Gratitude** *Based on Psalm 103*

Siblings in Christ,  
since the Lord Jesus has now fed us at his Table,  
let us praise God's holy name with heartfelt thanksgiving!

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
**and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.**  
Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
**and do not forget all God's benefits—**  
who forgives all your iniquity,  
**who heals all your diseases,**  
who redeems your life from the Pit,  
**who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.**

The Lord is merciful and gracious,  
**slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**  
God does not deal with us according to our sins,  
**nor repay us according to our iniquities.**  
For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
**so great is God's steadfast love toward those who fear the Lord;**  
as far as the east is from the west,  
**so far does God remove our transgressions from us.**

As a loving parent has compassion for their children,  
**so the Lord has compassion for those who fear God,**  
who did not spare the Son,  
but gave Christ up for us all,  
and will also give us all things with him.  
**Therefore shall my mouth and heart show forth the praise of the Lord,**  
**from this time forth forevermore! Amen.**

### **Intercession:**

We, indeed, praise and thank you, O Lord, that you have fed us at your Table.  
Grateful for this gift and mindful of the communion of your saints, here and  
in all places,  
we offer to you our prayers for all people

## The Lord's Prayer:

**Dutch:** *Prayed by Iteke Prins*

Onze Vader, die in de hemel zijt,  
uw naam worde geheiligd.  
Uw rijk kome,  
Uw wil geschiede,  
op aarde zoals in de hemel.  
Geef ons heden ons dagelijks  
brood,  
en vergeef ons onze schuld,  
zoals ook wij aan anderen hun schuld vergeven.  
En leid ons niet in bekoring,  
maar verlos ons van het kwade. Amen.

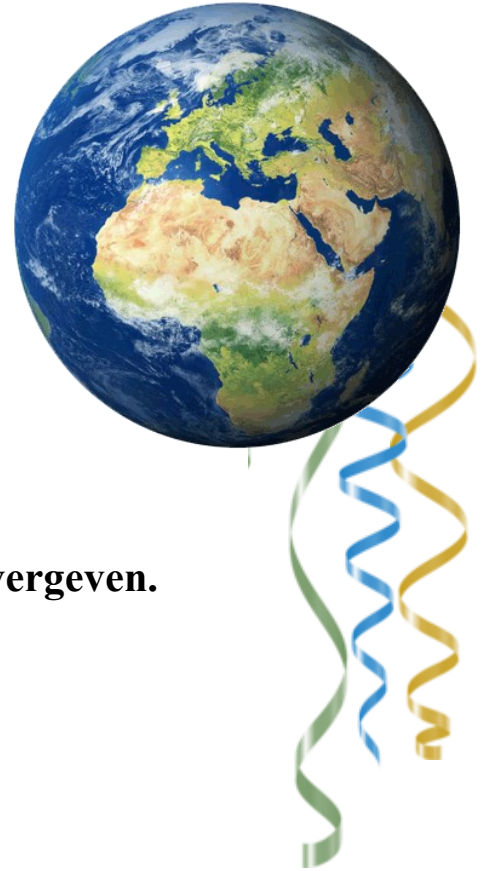
**French:** *Prayed by Cameron Carley*

Notre Père, qui es aux cieux,  
Que ton nom soit sanctifié,  
Que ton règne vienne,  
Que ta volonté soit faite sur la terre comme au ciel.  
Donne-nous aujourd'hui notre pain de ce jour.  
Pardonne-nous nos offenses  
Comme nous pardonnons aussi à ceux qui nous ont offensés.  
Et ne nous soumetts pas à la tentation,  
mais délivre-nous du mal,  
car c'est à toi qu'appartiennent le règne,  
la puissance et la gloire, aux siècles des siècles. Amen.

**Other Languages:** *If a worshiper would like to pray the Lord's prayer in a language they know, you are invited to do so now.*

**English:** *Prayed by the congregation*

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.

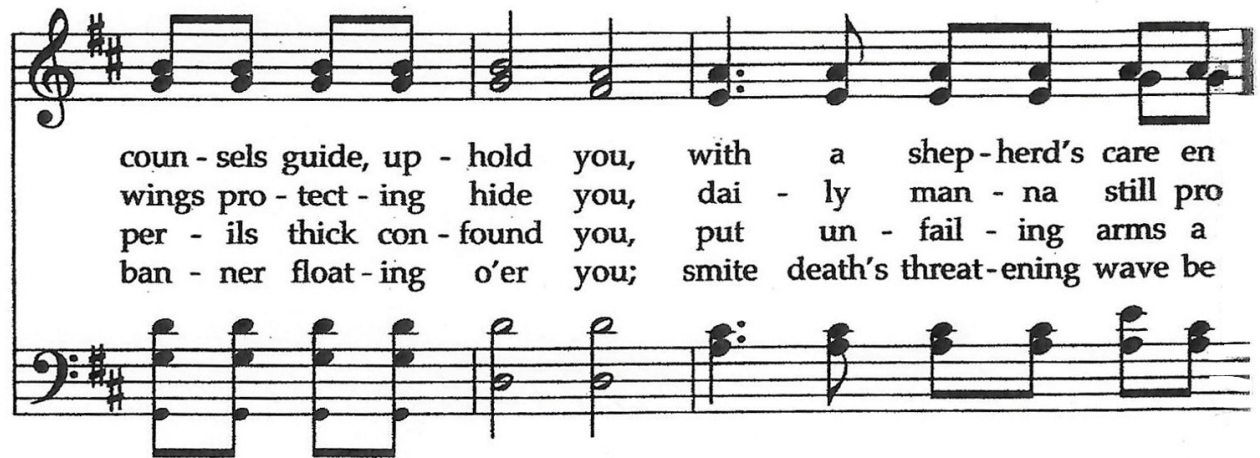




# God Be with You Till We Meet Again



1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; lov - ing  
 2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; un - seen  
 3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's  
 4 God be with you till we meet a - gain; keep love's



coun - sels guide, up - hold you, with a shep - herd's care en  
 wings pro - tect - ing hide you, dai - ly man - na still pro  
 per - ils thick con - found you, put un - fail - ing arms a  
 ban - ner float - ing o'er you; smite death's threat - ening wave be



fold you:  
 vide you:  
 round you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.  
 fore you:

After writing the first stanza of his "Christian Good-bye," the author sent it to two composers, one celebrated and one unknown, to see how each would set it. This is the second person's tune, which the author found more effective and used for the hymn's first publication.

TEXT: Jeremiah Eames Rankin, 1880, alt.  
 MUSIC: William G. Tomer, 1880

GOD BE WITH YOU  
 9.8.8  
 (alternate tune: RANDOLPH, 5/4)

## \*Charge & Blessing

### Postlude

“Dance at the Organ”

I. Prins

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Mashona Walston

Liturgist: Rev. Trey Tirpak

Organist: Ikeke Prins

Vocalist and/or specialist: Zak Morton, Glenn Claydon

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## Prayer Concerns

- Prayers for Joeanna Brown and Deb Anderson, as they grieve the loss of Ciandra Brown.
- Steve Hoffman
- The LaBatte family
- Alexis Parry, niece of Cheryl Gowie
- Lloyd, father of Nikki Ballou
- Dennis, veteran and friend of Doug Persons
- Brian Zapel, friend of Dave Andrews
- Jen Fish and family
- Matt Sweeney, friend of Rev. Trey
- Shirley Joosten
- Mary Bon and Family
- Betty Pierce
- Jay Reohr
- Ronald Stockhoff.
- For Jennifer Recene Gallagher
- For Mia and Wim Westman
- For Barbara W., dear friend of Barb & Dave Andrews and Donna Jones
- Harold Bushnell
- For the family of Danielle as they mourn her passing, for her children (Melvin, Traekwon, Antonio, Julius, Brandon, and Christopher)
- Norma McClement
- Ralph McNeil, brother of Norma Jean Ballou
- Mary Ann Selmer
- Anthony, of the Brown Family
- Donna Schultz
- Elaine and Jim Jenks, Rose Hunsberger's parents
- Jeff Curry
- Alex Bliss
- Mary Weijola
- Fran Carr-Morton
- Cheryl Gowie
- Ada Harris
- Gwen, friend of Becky Gardner
- Olivia Gaydushek
- Clergy, staff and leaders of the First Church in Albany
- Prayers for this burden of gun violence and its aftermath. We pray that cooler heads will prevail in discussions and decisions for how to manage the situation.
- An end to the war in Ukraine
- For safety and recovery in Florida as Hurricane Ian impacts the state

*Prayer Concerns? If you would like your church family to join you in prayer, please share your concerns and joys with us. Call the office at 518-463-4449 or email*



# The First Church in Albany

## OCTOBER 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p><b>October 2 is World Communion Sunday</b></p>						1
 2	 3 Prayer Shawl Mtg.	Zoom Study noon 4	 5 AA	6 A Night of Worship	7	8
 9	 10 Indiginous Peoples' Day	Zoom Study noon 11 Leadership Mtg	 12 AA	13	14	15
 16	 17	Zoom Study noon 18 Consistory Mtg	 19 AA	20	21	22
 23		Zoom Study noon 25	 26 Dutch Settlers Mtg 6pm AA	27	28	29
 30	 31 	 <p>10/2 Children &amp; Worship Open House 10/9 First Day for C&amp;W</p>				

### Key:

  
Pantry  
9am

  
Centering  
Prayer 12pm

  
Worship  
10am

  
Communion  
Sunday

  
Coffee  
Hour

  
Weathervanes  
12:30pm





*Sing a new song to the Lord!*  
**JOIN THE CHOIR**

We are beginning a new idea with our choir. We will not sing every week. We will sing at Special Services. For example: 380th Anniversary Sunday (Oct. 30th), Advent Sundays, and Christmas Eve.

We will rehearse on Thursdays from 7:30pm-8:30pm, beginning 2 weeks before the special dates to prepare.

*"I invite anyone who would like to sing to call or email me at 518-286-2218 or email me at [ihp65@nycap.rr.com](mailto:ihp65@nycap.rr.com)." ~ Iteke*

*Hope to see you soon!*

Iteke Prins  
[www.firstchurchinalbany.org](http://www.firstchurchinalbany.org)

## SOME THINGS TO CONSIDER AT FIRST CHURCH

- **New Members Class**—for those looking to join First Church, Rev. Trey Tirpak is coordinating a new member's orientation for you! Please contact Rev. Trey: [treytirpak@gmail.com](mailto:treytirpak@gmail.com)
- **Home Communion**—Part of congregational life is caring for one another! A pastoral care visit is a great way to show that. If you or someone you know would like a visit, please contact an elder or the office: [office@firstchurchinalbany.org](mailto:office@firstchurchinalbany.org)

## The Mary & Neil Fund

*We entered a time of prayerful consideration and care upon hearing of Neil Keen's passing. We were led to the following...*

This week, we continue to accept gifts marked for the Mary & Neil Fund. The intention of this fund is to provide Mary with bereavement support in light of Neil's passing.

It also is meant to honor Mary Bon, who retired last year, after nearly 40 years at First Church as Minister of Music. Unfortunately, pandemic protocols kept us from celebrating Mary's retirement in the traditional way, with a gathering, as we had hoped.

If you wish to donate to this fund, please mark your check or envelope with "The Mary & Neil Fund FCIA" and place in the collection plate or mail to the church.



*Please join us as we keep Mary and all of Neil's friends and family in our prayers.*

**The First Church in Albany, 110 N. Pearl St., Albany NY 12207**

## Children & Worship at The First Church in Albany



Children & Worship provides an age-appropriate way of being in worship for children ages 4-8. Based on Montessori principles, C&W continues to be one of the most effective ways to nurture children's faith and prepare them to worship with their entire congregation.

- 9/25 - Bible & Blessing: Students will receive a bible and blessing during the usual worship service.
- 10/2 - Family Orientation
- 10/9 - First Day of Children & Worship

For details, please contact Sara Bonam Welge at [sbonam@nycap.rr.com](mailto:sbonam@nycap.rr.com)



# This Week at the First Church in Albany

- Sunday 10.2 10am World Communion Sunday  
Indoor Worship at FCIA, also on Zoom  
Children & Worship and 9up Orientation
- Monday 10.3 9am Food Pantry  
11am Prayer Shawl Meeting
- Tuesday 10.4 12pm Adult Scripture Study
- Wednesday 10.5 9am Food Pantry  
12pm AA Meeting  
12pm Centering Prayer
- Thursday 10.6 7pm A Night of Worship, preceded by a  
potluck gathering at 6pm

## Upcoming Events

- Tuesday 10.11 6pm Leadership Meeting
- Tuesday 10.18 6pm Consistory Meeting

*Meeting Schedules are subject to change.  
Watch your email for updates if you are a part of these gatherings.*

GROUP & MINISTRY LEADERS, SEND US YOUR

## CALENDAR UPDATES

ONE-TIME EVENTS  
OR RECURRING MEETINGS

PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE WITH YOUR  
SCHEDULED GATHERINGS SO THAT WE CAN PUT  
THEM ON THE CHURCH EVENT AND  
OPERATIONAL CALENDARS.



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