

The First Church in Albany

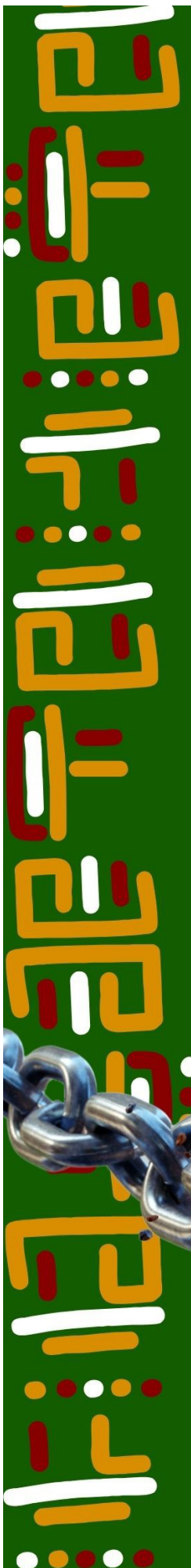
Welcomes you

June 19, 2022, 10am
Drive-In Worship Service

19 JUNE

JUNETEENTH

FREEDOM DAY





Juneteenth

On June 19, 1865 Union General Gordon Granger informed slaves in Galveston, Texas of their freedom and that the Civil War had ended. They learned this two and a half years after the Emancipation Proclamation. For over 150 years, this moment has been celebrated as Juneteenth, highlighting history, art and culture, as we honor the day that slavery ended in the U.S.. In 2021, Juneteenth became an official federal holiday in the United States. It is also known as Emancipation Day, Freedom Day, and Juneteenth National Independence Day. As we observe Juneteenth, let us lift up a prayer that we progress everyday toward justice, understanding and acceptance of one another. May the Lord lead us to see the value that he has embroidered into each one of us and learn to be joyful in the discovery of those gifts.



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.

Juneteenth, Father's Day, Ordination & Installation Sunday **June 19, 2022**

Tune in to 87.9FM on your car radio

Prelude

Selections on the Flute
Jacqueline Wright, flutist

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.” 2 Corinthians 13:14

Call to Worship *Lisa M. Weaver, Calvin Institute of Christian Worship*

Leader: Hear, O people of God, and declare that the Lord is our God.

People: Our Lord is indeed God, the One who is Creator of heaven and earth and all who dwell in it.

Leader: We gather in response and gratitude to God's invitation and love for us.

People: We've come to worship the God who created all humanity in God's image and likeness, equal in dignity and worthy of regard and care.

Leader: Let us worship our great God together.

People: To the God of justice, love, and peace we lift up our hearts and minds and voices.

Leader: For even in the midst of injustice and oppression, this is still the day that the Lord has made.

People: And we shall rejoice and be glad in it.

*Opening Hymn What Does the Lord Require of You?

Capo 3: (G) B \flat (D) F (Em) Gm (Bm) Dm

*1.
What does the Lord re - quire of you?

2.
Jus - tice, kind - ness,

3.
To seek jus - tice and love kind - ness

(C) E \flat (G) B \flat (Am) Cm (D) F (G) B \flat Repeat as desired
What does the Lord re - quire of you?

walk hum - bly with your God.

and walk hum - bly with your God.

**The three melodic phrases may be sung consecutively, as a canon, or in any combination.*

This text is a very slight paraphrase of the latter part of Micah 6:8. That verse sums up in a single sentence the legal, ethical, and covenantal requirements of religion. The intertwining of these commitments can be suggested by singing these phrases in an overlapping canon.

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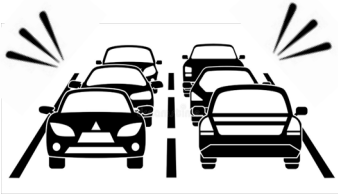
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Prayer of Confession

Loving and Liberating God, You who desire the freedom and flourishing of all creation, manifest yourself among us as we worship You today. Forgive us for the numerous times when we did not encourage others to live in your light and instead to live oppressed. Forgive us for the many times we have each been on the wrong side of justice. Help us to make a new history of love and faith in you. Lord, forgive us for the times we have taken the father's you have placed in our lives for granted. Forgive us for the times when we did not parent the way we needed. Bless our fathers and all our families. May we all be encouraged on this day of freedom from sin, mistakes, neglect, and missteps. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon excerpt from the song: *I'll Make the Darkness Light*

“I will make the darkness light before thee. All thy battles I will fight before thee. The high place I will bring down. When thou walkest by the way, I'll lead thee. On the fatness of the land, I'll feed thee, and a mansion in the sky I'll deed thee.”



***Passing the Peace**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us greet one another with a honk of the horn or hand-sign of peace.



Prayer for Illumination

We shall overcome. We shall walk hand in hand. We shall live in light someday.

Sermon Text

Acts 3:12-16

When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, “Fellow Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the holy and righteous one and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: History in the Making

A Prayer of Blessing on the Word

***Hymn of Response & Offering**

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

Capo 1: (D) E^b (A) B^b (Bm) Cm (G) A^b (D) E^b (A)(D) B^b E^b

1 How clear is our vo - ca - tion, Lord, when once we heed your call
 2 But if, for-get - ful, we should find your yoke is hard to bear;
 3 We mar - vel how your saints be-came in hin-dranc-es more sure:
 4 In what you give us, Lord, to do, to - geth - er or a - lone,

(G) (Em) (A) (F#m) (Bm) (G) (Em)
 A^b Fm B^b Gm Cm A^b Fm

to live ac-cord-ing to your word and dai - ly learn, re-freshed, re -
 if world-ly pres-sures fray the mind and love it - self can - not un -
 whose joy - ful vir-tues put to shame the ca-sual way we wear your
 in old rou-tines or ven-tures new, may we not cease to look to

(A7) (D) (A7)(B) (Em) (G)(A7) (D)
 B^b7 E^b B^b7 C Fm A^b B^b7 E^b

stored, that you are Lord of all and will not let us fall.
 wind its tan-gled skein of care: our in-ward life re - pair.
 name, and by our faults ob - scure your power to cleanse and cure.
 you: the cross you hung up - on, all you en - deav-ored, done.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Ordination and Installation of New Elders & Appointment of New Trustees

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father
 almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.
 I believe in Jesus Christ, God's
 only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy
 Spirit,
 born of the Virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was
 buried;
 he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
 he ascended into heaven,
 he is seated at the right hand of the
 Father,
 and he will come to judge the living
 and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People *(including blessing for upcoming worktrip)*

**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.**

***Charge & Blessing**

Postlude

Selections on the Flute
Jacqueline Wright, flutist

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Worship Leadership:

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Mashona Walston
Liturgist: Rev. Trey Tirpak
Keyboardist: Itke Prins
Musician: Jacqueline Wright, flutist
Technical Team: Joshua Bliss, and Stephen Reohr

Thank you for worshiping with us today!

*You all are invited to remain with us in Clee Park for our Lemonade Lull
Fathers and Father-Figures, please make sure to pick up a gift on your way out today!
Know that we celebrate you, and that we are thankful for you. Happy Father's Day!*

A Service of Committal will be held for Harriet Stockhoff
at the columbarium after Lemonade Lull.

Prayer Concerns

- The friends and family of Tulla Pangburn
- The friends and family of Harriet Stockhoff
- Jennifer Recene Gallagher, daughter of Joyce Recene
- Becky Hudak
- Dee and Ani's grandmother Bertha
- Mia and Wim Westman
- Donna Jones
- Charnelle Jones
- Barbara W., dear friend of Barb & Dave Andrews and Donna Jones
- John Utley, brother of Judith Utley Sues
- Beverly, friend of Clarice Milliken
- Steve Hoffman
- Harold Bushnell
- Charnelle Jones
- Frank Jeffries (son of Norma McClement)
- Norma McClement
- Becky Gardner
- Ralph McNeil, brother of Norma Jean Ballou
- Cheri Scully, friend of the Persons
- Mary Ann Selmer
- Samuel, son of Barb Andrews
- The family of Danielle as they mourn her passing, for her children (Melvin, Traekwon, Antonio, Julius, Brandon, and Christopher)
- Carol LaBatte
- Anthony, of the Brown Family
- Jane, sister of Donna Schultz
- Elaine and Jim Jenks, Rose Hunsberger's parents
- Jeff Curry
- Haleigh Bliss
- Mary Weijola
- Neil Keen
- Fran Carr Morton
- Cheryl Gowie
- Ada Harris
- Gwen, friend of Becky Gardner
- Charles Welge
- Olivia Gaydushek
- Clergy, staff and leaders of the First Church in Albany
- For all those impacted by the ongoing instances of gun violence. For lawmakers as they debate how to move forward and stem the tide of these shootings.
- An end to the war in Ukraine

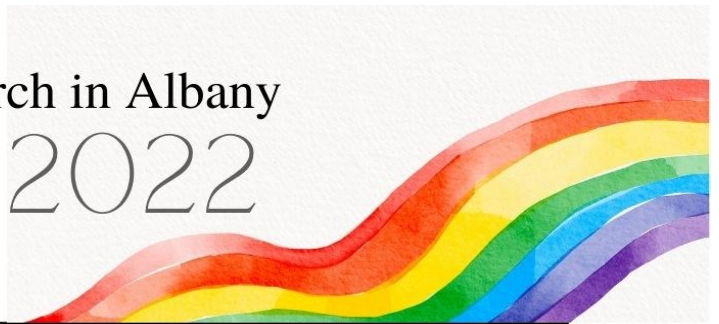
Prayer Concerns? If you would like your church family to join you in prayer, please share your concerns and joys with us. Call the office at 518-463-4449 or email office@firstchurchinalbany.org

*At a recent Consistory Meeting, a request was made for a monthly calendar to be published in **The Family** and made available at church. This month's calendar is shown on the next page. Please keep in mind that there are often changes made to dates and times of meetings and events after the month has begun. The most accurate updates will be on the events calendar on our website at www.firstchurchinalbany.org.*



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JUNE 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 AA 	2 A Night of Worship 7pm 	3	4
5 Pentecost Congregational Mtg.	6 	7 Zoom Study noon Consistory Mtg. 6:30pm	8 AA 	9 	10 Castle Island Play 6pm	11
12 	13 	14 Zoom Study noon Leadership Mtg. 6pm	15 AA 	16 	17	18
19 Juneteenth Father's Day Ordain & Install *	20 Office Closed for holiday 	21 Zoom Study noon	22 AA 	23 	24	25
26 	27 	28 Zoom Study noon Primary Day	29 AA 	30 	* At 11:30am on Sunday, June 19, there will be an internment service for Harriet Stockhoff in Clee Park at the Columbarium	

Key:



Pantry 9am



Centering Prayer 12pm



Drive In Worship 10am



Lemonade Lull



Hot Dog Thursday

Help us cover those weeks when our long-time volunteers might be out of town on holiday this summer.

Sign up with a friend or family member. Volunteer together!



FCIA FOOD PANTRY
NEEDS VOLUNTEERS FOR THE SUMMER
Please connect with pantry director Lorraine Houk
lorraine@focuschurches.net
The FCIA Food Pantry is open Monday and Wednesday, 9am-11:30am

THE

Lemonade

LULL

IS BACK!



SUNDAYS
IN CLEE PARK
FOLLOWING THE
DRIVE-IN SERVICE

Enjoy refreshments and fellowship.

If you are interested in hosting a future Lull, please contact the office at 518-463-4449 or email office@firstchurchinalbany.org.



HOT DOG THURSDAY WITH CLEEO

Our Summer Outreach to All of Our Neighbors

It was originally reported that Hot Dog Thursday would just run through the month of June. In speaking with Chef Jeff at this week's cookout, he intends to run it through the summer months. Thanks, Jeff!



**Each Thursday in June
11:30am—12:30pm
in Clee Park**

**Volunteers Needed
Contact the office
or use online link in
Wednesday's EBlast**

Lifting Up and Sending Our WorkCamp Team

At the end of this month, Joshua Bliss, Stephen Reohr, and Monica Marsh will be heading to Wethersfield, CT to work with this summer's Group Workcamp. They will be away from June 25-July 2.

They will be volunteering as staff, helping youth groups and high school aged students from all over as they provide residential home repairs.

Monica Marsh, on behalf of the team, would like to extend their gratitude to Andy and Rebecca Mondore for the use of their van. They would also like to thank Shirley Joosten and the Joosten Fund for sponsoring this trip.



Prayer for Our Mission Team—*Lord, we are so grateful for the calling you have placed on the hearts of Josh, Monica, and Stephen. Help them to be open to your nudging as they serve. Let them be the example of Christ followers who serve, and love one another...examples to the homeowners and to all of us at First Church. Keep them safe, let their travel to and from be blessed. We send them with prayer and thanksgiving, in your mighty Name. Amen.*

This Week at the First Church in Albany

- Sunday 6.19 10am Juneteenth, Father's Day, Installation & Ordination Sunday
Drive-in Worship, also on Zoom
11:30am Service of Committal for Harriet Stockhoff in Clee Park
- Monday 6.20 Food Pantry and Office Closed for Juneteenth Holiday Observance
- Tuesday 6.21 12pm Adult Scripture Study
- Wednesday 6.22 9am Food Pantry
12pm AA Meeting
12pm Centering Prayer
- Thursday 6.23 11:30am Hot Dog Thursday in Clee Park

June is Pride Month



Upcoming Events

- Tuesday 6.28 6am Primary Polling Place—Zimmerman Hall
- Monday 7.4 Independence Day, Pantry and Office Closed for Holiday Observance

*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

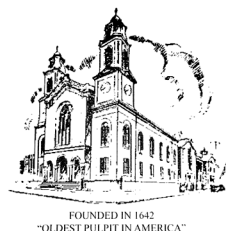
CALENDAR UPDATES

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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