

The First Church in Albany

Welcomes you

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radically,

selflessly,


exceptionally,

without motive,

with LOVE,

**June 26, 2022, 10am
Drive-In Worship Service**


Next week, we are hosting...



FOCUS
CHURCHES OF ALBANY


COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICES

The First Church in Albany



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JULY 3, 2022 @ 10 AM
THE FIRST CHURCH
IN ALBANY



Drive-In Worship Service
in the church parking lot

The Service is also available on Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting
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Dial by your location
+1 646 558 8656 US
(New York)

Meeting ID: 974 7609 1001
Password: FOCUS2022

Prayer reminder...

Our WorkCamp Team Is in the Field

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.*



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.

Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 26, 2022

Tune in to 87.9FM on your car radio

Prelude

"Voluntar"
Iteke Prins, keyboardist

J. Travers

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 *Based on Acts 2:42-46 by Austin D. Hill*

Leader: They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

People: Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles

Leader: All the believers were together and had everything in common

People: They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need

Leader: Every day they continued to meet in the temple courts

People: They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all people.

***Opening
Hymn**

Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!

v. 1,3,5



1 Je - sus! what a Friend for sin - ners! Je - sus! Lov - er
2 Je - sus! what a Strength in weak - ness! Let me hide my -
3 Je - sus! what a Help in sor - row! While the bil - lows
4 Je - sus! what a Guide and Keep - er! While the tem - pest
5 Je - sus! I do now re - ceive him, more than all in



of my soul; friends may fail me, foes as - sail me,
self in him; tempt - ed, tried, and some - times fail - ing,
o'er me roll, e - ven when my heart is break - ing,
still is high, storms a - bout me, night o'er - takes me,
him I find, he has grant - ed me for - give - ness,

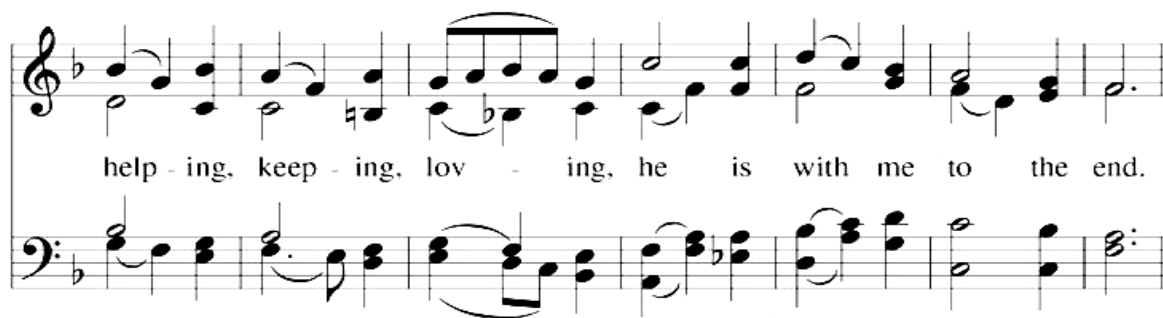
Refrain



he, my Sav - ior, makes me whole.
he, my Strength, my vic - tory wins.
he, my Com - fort, helps my soul. Hal - le - lu - jah! what a
he, my Pi - lot, hears my cry.
I am his, and he is mine.



Sav - ior! Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Friend! Sav - ing,



help - ing, keep - ing, lov - ing, he is with me to the end.

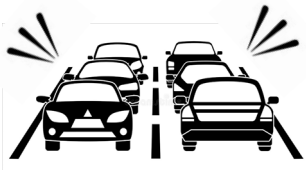
Prayer of Confession *by Chip Hardwick*

Gracious God, you shower us with so many blessings, yet we struggle to share them with others. You love a cheerful giver, but we sometimes give grudgingly. We forget that all we have is yours, and that you can use our gifts to bless the whole world. Give us generous hearts which long to share our bounty, giving extravagantly, loving at great risk, and working for justice in seemingly impossible situations. Forgive us for clutching too tightly what has always been yours in the first place. Pardon us for this and all of our sins, as we continue to confess in silence...

Assurance of Pardon

“Even now,” declares the LORD, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning.” Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the LORD your God, for God is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and God relents from sending calamity.

***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

God of new beginnings, we long to be like these first converts. Make us realize today that the promise of your love is for us, too. Amen.

Sermon Text

Acts 2:42-47

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: A New Reality of Giving

A Prayer of Blessing on the Word

***Hymn of Response & Offering** **The Church's One Foundation** v. 1,2,5

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of two staves each. The lyrics are printed below the vocal lines. The first system covers the first five lines of the hymn, and the second system covers the remaining lines.

1 The chur-ch's one foun-da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord.
2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op-pressed,
4 Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war,
5 Yet she on earth has un - ion with God, the Three in One,

She is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
her char - ter of sal - va - tion: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
by schis - ms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis-tressed,
she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more:
and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won:

From heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride.
One ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we,

This hymn was one of twelve written by an English curate to affirm the articles of the Apostles' Creed with biblical allusions such as 1 Corinthians 3:11 here. Though not created for this text, the tune was joined to it in 1868, and the two have been inseparable ever since.

* Samuel John Stone, 1866, alt.
 * Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864

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**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.**

Postlude “*Ain-a That Good News!*” arr. J. Carter
Iteke Prins, keyboardist

CCLI License #463379; One License #A-700689

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Mashona Walston
Liturgist: Rev. Trey Tirpak
Keyboardist: Itake Prins
Technical Team: Ian Leet

Thank you for worshiping with us today!
You all are invited to remain with us in Clee Park for our 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

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



Reminder

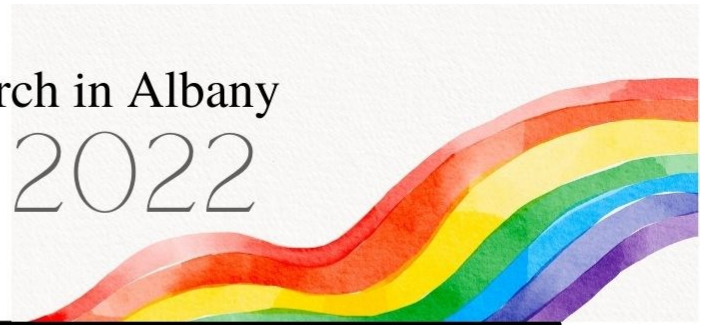
Tuesday, June 28 from 6am - 9pm

**The First Church in Albany
is a polling place for
the Primary Election**



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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	15  AA 	16 	17	18
19  Juneteenth Father's Day Ordain & Install *	20 Office Closed for holiday 	21 Zoom Study noon Leadership Mtg. 6pm	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



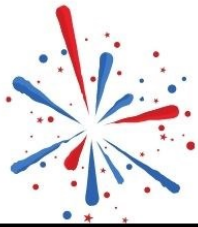
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Lemonade Lull



Hot Dog Thursday



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10  	11 	12 Zoom Study noon Leadership Mtg. 6pm	13   AA	14 	15	16
17  	18 	19 Zoom Study noon Consistory Mtg. 6pm	20   AA	21 	22	23 Filming of PBS MLK Jr. Doc.
24  	25 	26 Zoom Study noon	27   AA	28 	29	30
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Pantry 9am



Centering
Prayer 12pm



Drive In
Worship 10am



Lemonade
Lull



Hot Dog
Thursday



HOT DOG THURSDAY WITH CLEO

Our Summer Outreach to All of Our Neighbors



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

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

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.

This Week at the First Church in Albany

- Sunday 6.26 10am Drive-in Worship, also on Zoom
- Monday 6.27 Food Pantry
- Tuesday 6.28 6am-9pm Primary Polling at FCIA 
- 12pm Adult Scripture Study
- Wednesday 6.29 9am Food Pantry
- 12pm AA Meeting
- 12pm Centering Prayer
- Thursday 6.30 11:30am Hot Dog Thursday in Clee Park

June is Pride Month



Upcoming Events

- Sunday 7.3 10am FOCUS Combined Drive-In Worship Service
- Monday 7.4  Independence Day, **Pantry and Office Closed** for Holiday Observance
- Thursday 7.7 7pm A Night of Worship

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

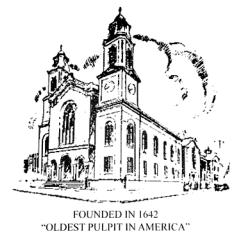
CALENDAR UPDATES

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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