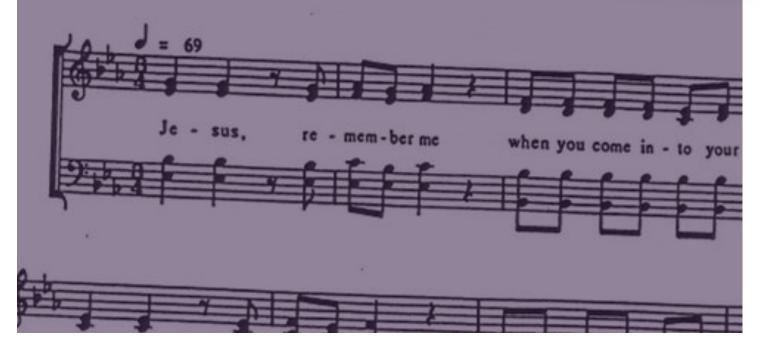
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Jesus, Remember Me



# 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.

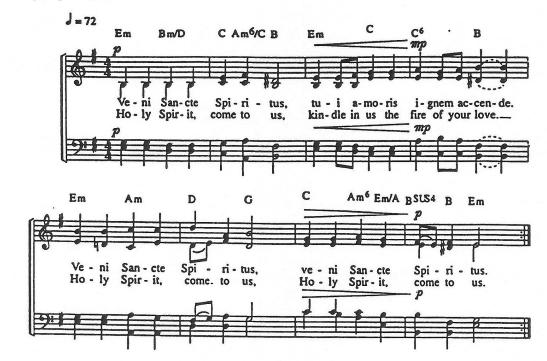
Centered in Christ, we commit ourselves to breaking down dividing walls and building a community where we are loved.

Worship Service
March 13, 2022 at 4pm
in the
Stephen James Chapel

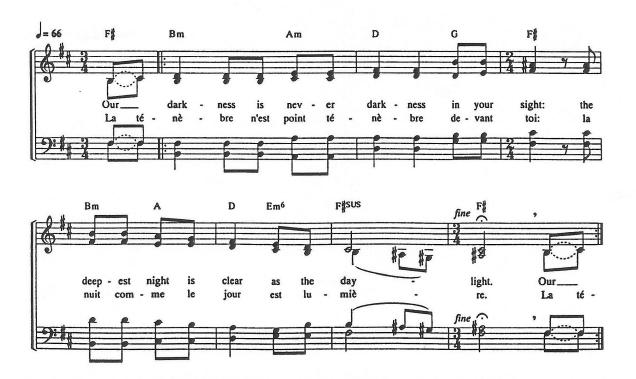
#### A time for silence and meditation

#### Songs:

Holy Spirit, Come to Us



#### Our Darkness





My God, I trust you, let me not be disappointed; do not let my enemies triumph.

Those who hope in you shall not be disappointed, but only those who wantonly break faith.

Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me, for you are God my savior.

In you I hope all the day long because of your goodness, O Lord. Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth. In your love remember me.

The Lord is good and upright, showing the path to those who stray, guiding the humble in the right path, and teaching the way to the poor.

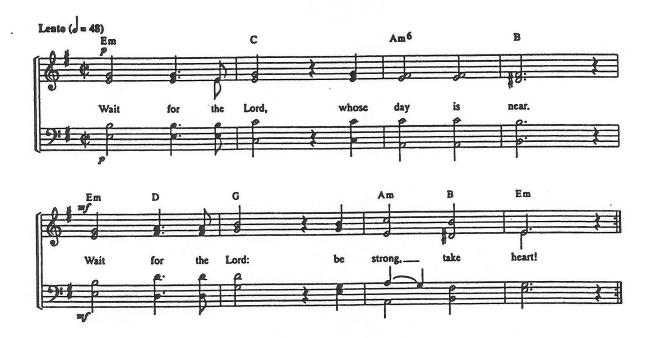
# Scripture: First Reading - Ephesians 2: 4-6

(St. Paul writes) God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which God loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ - by grace you have been saved - and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

#### Second Reading - Luke 9: 22-25

Jesus said to his disciples, "The Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised." Then he said to them all, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will save it. What does it profit them if they gain the whole world, but lose or forfeit themselves?"

#### Song: Wait for the Lord



#### Silence

Although within each of us there are wounds, there is also, above all else, the miracle of Christ's mysterious presence within us. When we realize this for the blessing it is, our burdens grow lighter, and our wounds begin to heal. Then we are freed to journey with Christ from one discovery to the next.

#### Intercessions



For the victims of war and violence, O God, we pray.

For those wounded by the constraints and the harshness of life, O God, we pray.

For the elderly and the ill who are alone, O God, we pray.

For those who devote their energies to restoring peace, to creating justice, and to helping those who suffer, O God, we pray.

Help us live according to the way of Christ, who died and rose for us, so that nothing can separate us from your love, O God, we pray.

## The Lord's Prayer (ecumenical version-recited by all)

Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial
 and deliver us from evil.

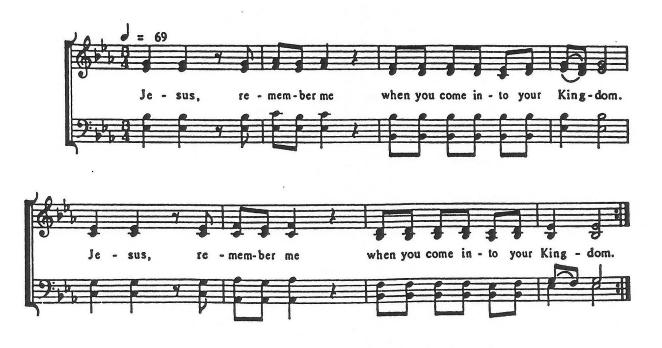
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
 now and forever. Amen.

#### Concluding Prayer

Christ of compassion, through your Gospel we discover that measuring what we are, or what we are not, leads us nowhere. What matters is a humble, trusting faith. By it we are able to glimpse the innocence of God, who is able only to love.

## Songs:

#### Jesus, Remember Me



Lord of All Goodness





**Taizé Services** - Come for a contemplative time of reflection and music in the Stephen James Chapel

- Sunday, March 13 at 4pm
- Sunday, March 27 at 4pm

A Night of Worship, Thursday, April 7 at 7pm

Palm Sunday, April 10 at 10am

Maundy Thursday, April 14 6:30pm in the Sanctuary

Good Friday, April 15, Stations of the Cross

Easter Sunday, April 17 at 10am

Join us for this most blessed journey at

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