

THE FIRST CHURCH IN ALBANY

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The First Sunday of Lent

February 21, 2021

10:00 am Sunday Worship

Service

via ZOOM



Please keep in prayer this week...

- Wayne Silvaslian & family
- The family and friends of Linda Becker Heim
- The family and friends of Jane Ward
- The family and friends of Joline Mondore
- Judith Suess & Leroy
- Amy Carr (Gillespie family)
- Cindy Gillespie, in benevolence for the loss of her father
- Kathy Stallmer (Monthie family)
- Brown family
- Pagerey family
- Steve Hoffman
- Beth
- Gertrude Dorn
- Ginger
- Charles Welge
- First Church 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. Call the office at 518-463-4449 or email fciaofficemanager@gmail.com.

Prelude

“There is a Balm in Gilead”

Burleigh

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship Psalm 25:1-1



¹To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

²**O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me.**

³Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

⁴**Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.**

⁵Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

⁶**Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.**

⁷Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O LORD!

⁸**Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.**

⁹He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

¹⁰**All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.**

Hymn #371

“Wade in the Water”

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Wade in the Water

Wade in the wa - ter, (chil-dren,) wade in the

The first system of musical notation for the hymn. It consists of a treble and a bass staff, both in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps) and 4/4 time. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics 'Wade in the wa - ter, (chil-dren,) wade in the' are written below the notes.

wa - ter, chil-dren, wade in the wa - ter,


The second system of musical notation. It continues the melody and bass line from the first system. The lyrics 'wa - ter, chil-dren, wade in the wa - ter,' are written below the notes.

God's a-going to trou-ble the wa - ter. O wa - ter.


The third system of musical notation, which includes a first and second ending. The first ending leads back to the beginning of the third line, and the second ending leads to the final chord. The lyrics 'God's a-going to trou-ble the wa - ter. O wa - ter.' are written below the notes.

Hymn #371


“Wade in the Water”




1. See that host all dressed in white,
2. See that band all dressed in red,
3. Look o - ver yon - der, what do I see?
4. If you don't be - lieve I've been re - deemed,




(Hum)




God's a-going to trou-ble the wa-ter; the lead - er looks like the
God's a-going to trou-ble the wa-ter; looks like the band that
God's a-going to trou-ble the wa-ter; the Ho - ly Ghost a -
God's a-going to trou-ble the wa-ter; just fol - low me down to



(Hum)



Is - ra - el - ite, God's a - going to trou - ble the wa - ter.
Mo - ses led, God's a - going to trou - ble the wa - ter.
com-ing on me, God's a - going to trou - ble the wa - ter.
Jor - dan's stream, God's a - going to trou - ble the wa - ter.



D.C.

Prayer of Confession

Most merciful God,
whose Son Jesus Christ was tempted in every way, yet without sin,
we confess before you that which does not satisfy;
we have compromised with evil;
we have doubted your power to protect us.
Forgive our lack of faith; have mercy on our weakness.
Restore in us such love and trust that we may walk in your ways
and delight in doing your will.

Assurance of Pardon

For God so loved the world He gave His only begotten son.
So that whoever believes in the son will not peris but have
everlasting life.

Prayer of Illumination

(from the hymn “Spirit of the Living God,” Iverson)

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.



A Reading of Scripture

Genesis 9:8-17

⁸Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him,

⁹"As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you,

¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark.

¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth."

¹²God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations:

¹³I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.

¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds,

¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.

¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth."

¹⁷God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon
The Prayer and Blessing on the Word

“Now What?”

The Response to God



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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.

Hymn #630

“We Shall Overcome”

We Shall Overcome

630

1. We shall o - ver - come, we shall o - ver - come,
we shall o - ver - come some - day! Oh, deep in my
heart I do be - lieve we shall o - ver - come some - day!

The musical score is written for two voices (Soprano and Bass) in 2/2 time. The key signature has one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and repetitive, with a triplet of eighth notes in the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes, and the score ends with a double bar line and a final chord.

2. The Lord will see us through.
3. We'll walk hand in hand.
4. We are not afraid (today).

5. The truth shall make us free.
6. We shall live in peace.

Benediction

(based on Micah 6:8)

Go in peace—to do justice;
love mercy—be kind and gentle to yourself and others;
and walk humbly with your God—God is beside you, in you, and from you,
today and all days...Amen.

~written by Rev. Sally May, Mallet's Bay Congregational Church, Colchester VT, and posted on Discipleship Ministries <https://umcdiscipleship.org>

Postlude

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

Osterhand

The background of the slide features a subtle, repeating pattern of stylized purple flowers and leaves, creating a textured, decorative effect.

WORSHIP LEADERS:

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Mashona
Walston, Senior Minister;
Guest Organist: Justan Foster
Liturgist: Ian Leet
Soloist: Rose Hunsberger

Tech Team:

Ian Leet, Josh Bliss, and
Stephen
Reohr

**We welcome all who gather
to worship God this
morning, especially visitors
and friends from near and
far.**