Radio Station 87.9 FM

Prelude "*Cantilena" (from Trittico)*
Arrigo Barbiretti (1906-1994)
"Blessed Ye, Who Live in Faith Unswerving"
Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)
"Chorale"
Johann Christian Heinrich Rinck (1770-1846)

Welcome and Announcements

Blessing

Call to Worship (inspired by Psalm 100)

Leader: Shout with joy to God, all the earth!
People: Remember that our God is the only God—the One who made us, the One who sustains us, the One whose Spirit lives within us.
Leader: Let us enter God's house with thanksgiving; and come into God's presence with praise.
People: For God is good, with unfailing love that lasts forever, and faithfulness that extends to all generations.

***Opening Hymn**
"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" #12
ST. DENIO
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Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance

Leader: For our foolish or careless use of the gifts of your creation, Lord have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For our indifference to the needs of others, our brothers and sisters for whom you died, Christ have mercy.

People: Christ, have mercy.

Leader: For our neglect of fellowship and the means of grace in worship and private prayer, Lord have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Hear then Christ's word of grace to us: Your sins are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God.

***Passing the Peace (during the passing of the peace, children please come forward for a message and blessing.)**

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 and hand-sign of peace.

Prayer for Illumination

God of joy and wonder, breathe your Spirit upon us. Open our hearts and ears to hear these ancient words and be surprised. Open our minds and our eyes to see our place in your living word today and every day. Amen.

Sermon Text Genesis 18:1-15

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon "No Laughing Matter"

Prayer of Blessing on our Pride Marchers

***Offertory** *"Offrande"*
Flor Peeters (1903-1986)

***Sending Hymn**
"Guide Me, Oh Thou Great Jehovah" #65
CWM RHONDDA
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***Charge & Blessing**

***Postlude** *"Song of Triumph"*
Roland Diggle (1885-1954)

Note: Join us in Clee Park after worship for our Lemonade Lull.

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Preacher: Rev. Dr. Mark Mast
Liturgist:
Keyboard: Alfred V. Fedak
Audio/Visual: Joshua Bliss, Stephen Reohr

Prayer List

as of 5.27.26

Indicates a new request

Current Joys & Concerns

- For the family of Sara Lockridge, who passed on May 15th.
- For all our upcoming graduates
- Mr. Clark, pantry guest, as his healing journey continues.
- For a family navigating a difficult time and decisions.
- In celebration of the birth of Brycen Martin Monthie, to parents Amanda & Peter Monthie, and grandparents Ned & Kathie Monthie.
- For Naleta Woods, daughter of Joeanna Brown who had surgery.
- For office manager Colleen, with an upcoming health procedure and follow-up treatment
- For Jim Gallagher, son-in-law of Joyce Recene
- For Jill Busman, continuing medical treatment, and for her husband, Kent, as he supports her

Note: Prayer concerns will be kept on the list for 4 Sundays. Please let the office or a member of Consistory know if a concern needs to be kept on after that. (To add an item to the prayer chain, contact the minister, the office or a member of consistory.)

Ongoing Needs

- Olivia Gaydushek, granddaughter of the Van Epps
- Mia Westman
- For our broken world, may the example of Jesus Christ lead us all to choose our words and actions from hearts of love and justice
- For the food insecure wrestling with loss of benefits, and for pantries and food banks as they try to fill the needs
- For those impacted by the ongoing war in Iran and multiple skirmishes across the globe, may we seek peace.

Give Thanks

- For the upcoming month of June - Pride Month, Father's Day, Juneteenth, Hot Dogs, and Drive-In Worship.
- For our coming together in worship, and to praise God
- The Church of yesterday, today, and the Church of the future.

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 12

The opening line of this hymn was inspired by the three divine attributes listed in 1 Timothy 1:17 (King James Version), and it continues by considering how God's life exceeds our own finite existence. The text is well set to a Welsh melody shaped by many three-note units.

TEXT: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867, alt.
MUSIC: Welsh folk melody; arr. Caniadau y Cysegr, 1839

ST. DINO
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Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah 65

Few Welsh hymns are as well known or loved as this 18th-century text that did not gain its popular tune until the early 20th century. In both its original text and in English translation, it is a stirring hymn of pilgrimage filled with vivid imagery from Hebrew Scripture.

TEXT: William Williams, 1762; stanza 1, trans. Peter Williams, 1771; stanzas 2–3, trans. William Williams, 1772
MUSIC: John Hughes, 1907

CWM RHONDDA
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COMBINED SUMMER
Drive-In Worship

FOCUS
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Sunday, July 5th
10am

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THE FIRST CHURCH IN ALBANY

TUE 16	PANTRY	IT'S SUMMER TIME	9AM
WED 17	HOT DOGS IN THE PARK		11:30AM
	CENTERING PRAYER	IN THE POWELL ROOM	NOON
	AA MEETING	IN THE PARLOR	NOON
THU 18	PANTRY		9AM
FRI 19	OFFICE CLOSED FOR	JUNETEENTH	
SAT 20	MEDIATION MTG.	IN THE CHAPEL	9AM
SUN 21	FATHER'S DAY		
	DRIVE-IN WORSHIP	IN THE SHERIDAN LOT	10AM
	LEMONADE LULL	IN CLEE PARK	10:45AM

ON SUNDAY, 7.5.26, FOCUS SUMMER COMBINED WORSHIP IS AT THE FIRST CHURCH IN ALBANY

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