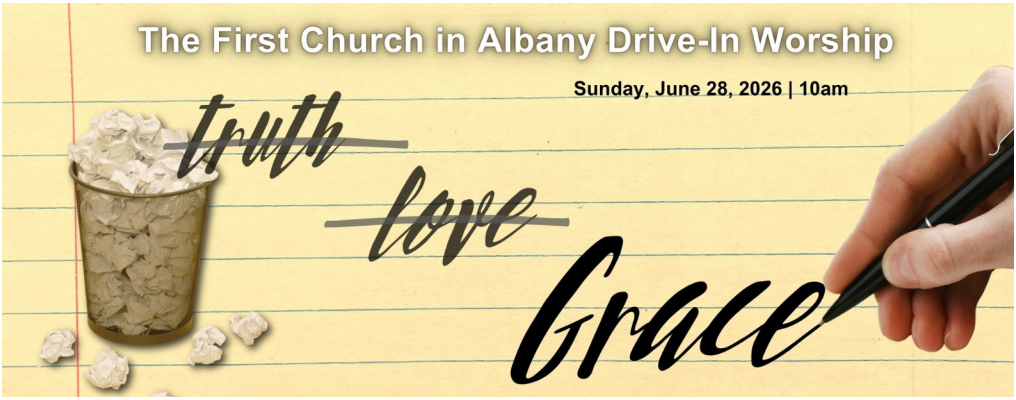

Radio Station **87.9 FM**

Prelude From *"Album for the Young"*
Peter Ilyitch Tchaikovsky (1840-1893)
In Church and Morning Prayer

From *"St. Paul"*
Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)
O Rest in the Lord

Welcome and Announcements

Blessing

Call to Worship Psalm 148 *(read bold words aloud)*

Come, praise the eternal God! All you in the heavens, angels above—**praise God!**
Sun, moon, and stars in the sky—**praise God!**
Dolphins and whales, fish in the sea—**praise God!**
Lighting and thunder, snow and rain—**praise God!**
Mountains and hills, desert and prairie—**praise God!**
Fruit trees and cedars, flowers and weeds—**praise God!**
Kings and presidents, prime ministers and judges—**praise God!**
Men and women, young and old—**praise God!**
Let them all praise the name of God! For God's name stands alone, above all others; God's glory shines over earth and heaven. Let's worship God together!

***Opening Hymn**

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" #610

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Prayer of Confession

Leader: Loving God, help us. When we have run away, when we have turned our backs on love, when we have sought immediate satisfaction and not long-term healing, help us.

People: Merciful God, forgive us. When we have been selfish, when we have been mean, when we have closed our ears to the cries of others, forgive us.

Leader: Powerful God, heal us. When we are so broken we cannot move, when we don't know how to care for our wounds, when we are too ashamed to seek community, heal us.

People: Give us the courage, the strength, and the hope to accept your grace and hear your call in Christ. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Friends in Christ, know this: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting, and I remind you of this surpassing grace – in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

***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.

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination

Guide us, O Lord, by your Word and Holy Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sermon Text Acts 10 and 11

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

Sermon "My Quest for TRUTH…LOVE…Grace"

Prayers of the People by the People

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.

Offertory** **"Consolation"*
Felix Mendelssohn

***Sending Hymn** *"Jesus Love Me" sing 2x* #188
JESUS LOVES ME
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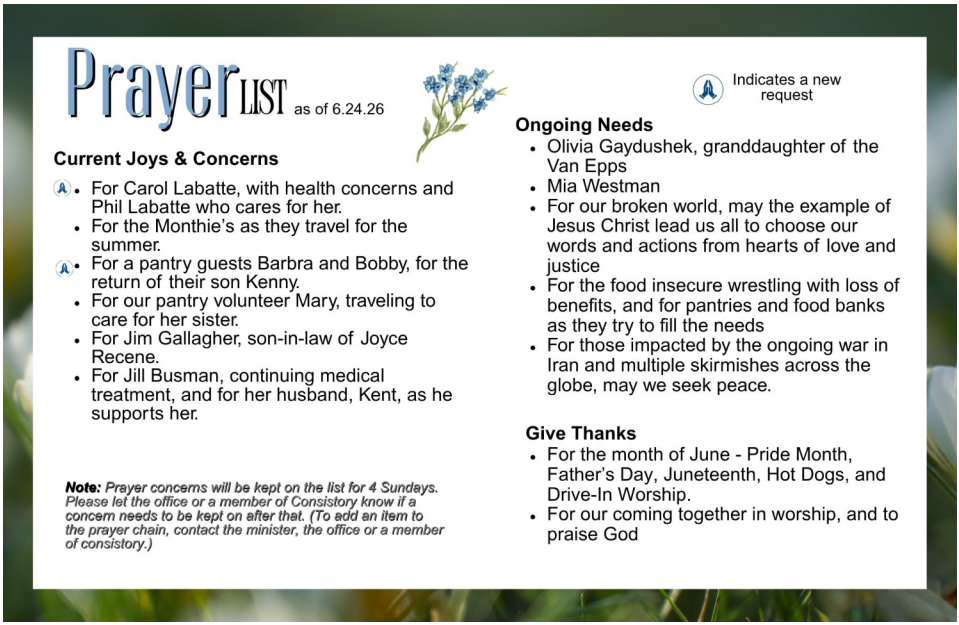
***Charge & Blessing**

***Postlude** *"Rondeau"*
Jean-François Dandrieu
(1682-1738)

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

We wish Alfred well as he takes a break for the summer months. We pray for a wonderful season for Al and Sue, and look forward to his return in the fall.

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



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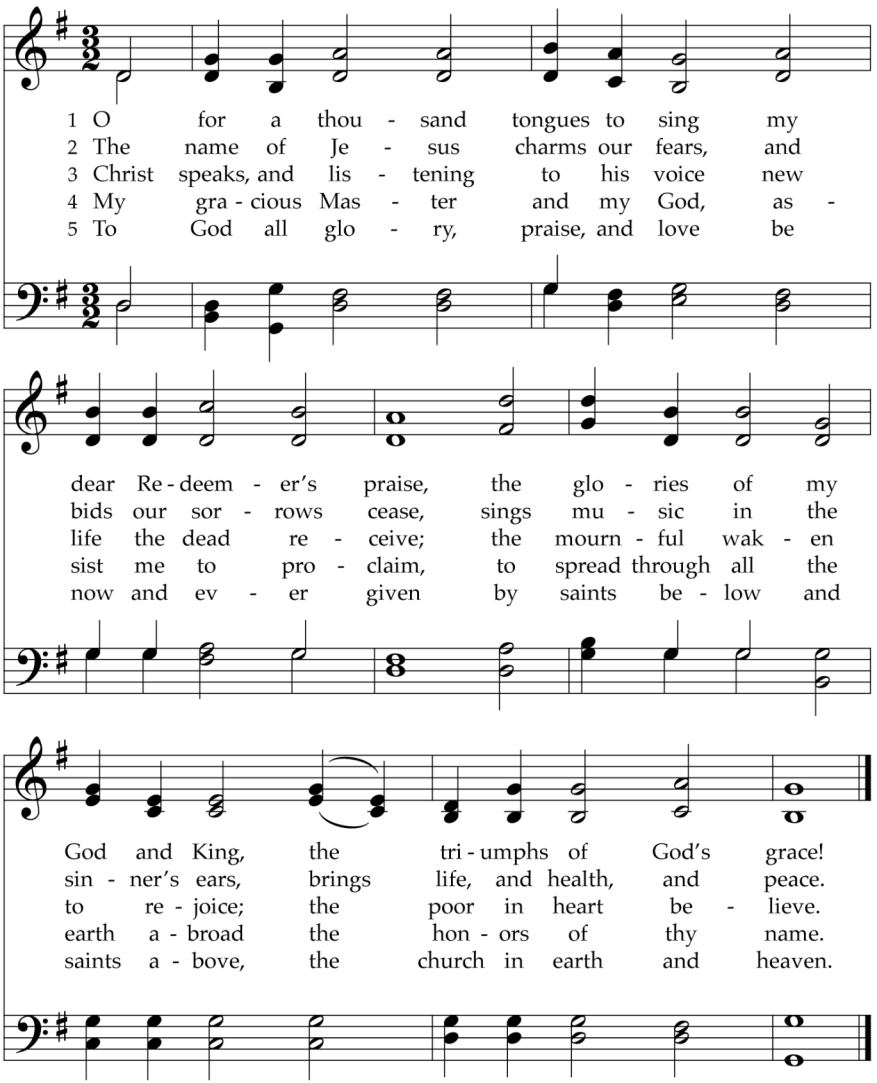
This text comes from an eighteen-stanza hymn the author wrote to mark the first anniversary of his life-changing conversion experience. It is now customarily the first hymn in Methodist hymnals worldwide. This tune, adapted from a German composer, is the usual North American setting.

TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1739, alt.; Spanish trans. Federico J. Pagura; Korean trans. The United Methodist Korean Hymnal Committee, 2001
MUSIC: Carl Gotthelf Gläser, 1828; arr. Lowell Mason, 1839
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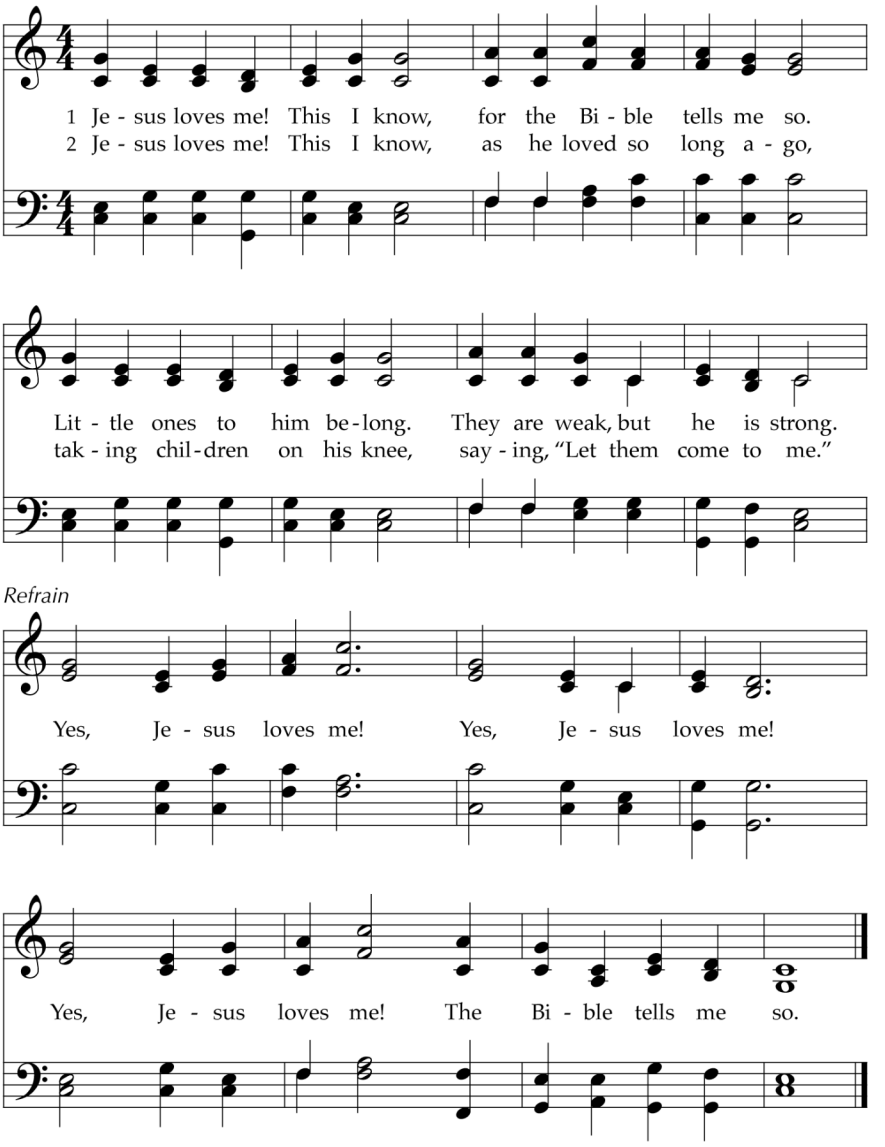
Few songs of faith have supported people from cradle to grave like this one. The great theologian Karl Barth said that its opening two lines were a summary of all that he had learned. The composer formed the refrain from those lines when creating this universally used tune.

TEXT: Stanza 1, Anna Bartlett Warner, 1859; stanza 2, David Rutherford McGuire, 1971
MUSIC: William Batchelder Bradbury, 1862, alt.

JESUS LOVES ME
7.7.7.7 with refrain

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HOT DOGS IN THE PARK — 11:30AM

CENTERING PRAYER — NOON

IN THE POWELL ROOM

AA MEETING — IN THE PARLOR — NOON

THU 2

PANTRY FCIA — 9AM

FRI 3

OFFICE CLOSED TO OBSERVE HOLIDAY — 9AM

SAT 4

Happy INDEPENDENCE Day!

SUN 5

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DRIVE-IN WORSHIP — IN THE SHERIDAN LOT — 10AM

LEMONADE LULL — IN CLEE PARK — 10:45AM

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