Radio Station 87.9 FM

Prelude "*Jordan*" Early American hymn tune
David N. Johnson (1922-1987)
"Prelude" (Sonatina for Worship No.2)
Robert W. Jones (1932-1997)

Welcome and Announcements

Blessing

Call to Worship (inspired by Psalm 50)

Leader: Come, listen to the One
People: who speaks and summons the earth, from the rising of the sun to its setting.
Leader: Come, see the One
People: who shines forth in the perfection of beauty.
Leader: Come, bring thanksgiving, the sacrifice that honors the One
People: who shows the salvation of God.

***Opening Hymn**

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" #611
HYMN TO JOY
See p. 5

Instillation of Elders, Deacons, and Trustees

***Offertory** *"Eucharistia"*
G. Winston Cassler (1906-1990)

Prayer for Illumination

God of Wisdom, your Word is upright, and you are faithful to your promises. As we hear your Word read and proclaimed, may your Holy Spirit move among us, inspiring faith without fear, and showing us a new way forward. Amen.

Sermon Text Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon "Perfect for the Job!"

Sacrament of Communion

Meaning

Invitation

Communion Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Lift up your hearts!
People: We lift them up to the Lord.
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Communion

Hymn

“Standing on the Promises” #838 (GTG)

PROMISES

See p. 6

***Charge & Blessing**

***Postlude** *"Scherzetto"* (from "Spring" Sonata)

Alec Rowley (1892-1958)

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

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Liturgist: Joanne Farrell
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 Nelota 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.

611 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

This well-known melody was created to provide a choral setting for J. C. F. von Schiller's poem, "An die Freude" (To Joy), as the final movement of the composer's *Ninth Symphony*. The author, a prominent Presbyterian pastor and author, wrote the words with this tune in mind.

TEXT: Henry van Dyke, 1907, alt.
MUSIC: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824; adapt. Edward Hodges, 1842, alt.

HYMN TO JOY
8.7.8.7.D

838 Standing on the Promises

Perhaps because this hymn is so well known, its language sounds vaguely scriptural; but while there are various biblical uses of "stand" and "promise(s)," the two words are never combined. The confidence here is similar to that of "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" (see no. 353).

TEXT and MUSIC: R. Kelso Carter, 1886

PROMISES
11.11.11.9 with refrain

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THE FIRST CHURCH IN ALBANY

IT'S SUMMER TIME

MON 8	OFFICE CLOSED		
TUE 9	PANTRY		9AM
	CONSISTORY MTG.	IN THE PARLOR	5:30PM
WED 10	HOT DOGS IN THE PARK		11:30AM
	CENTERING PRAYER	IN THE POWELL ROOM	NOON
	AA MEETING	IN THE PARLOR	NOON
THU 11	PANTRY		9AM
FRI 12	OFFICE CLOSED		
SUN 14	DRIVE-IN WORSHIP	IN THE SHERIDAN LOT	10AM
	LEMONADE LULL	IN CLEE PARK	10:45AM
	PRIDE PARADE IN ALBANY		11:30AM

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

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