Radio Station 87.9 FM

Prelude
"Adagio" from Piano Sonata No. 4 in E-flat
W.A. Mozart

Welcome and Announcements

Blessing

Call to Worship

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth
People: Amen
Leader: O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
People: You have set your glory above the heavens.
Leader: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
People: the moon and the stars that you have established;
Leader: what are human beings that you are mindful of them,
People: mortals that you care for them?
Leader: Yet you have made them a little lower than God
People: and crowned them with glory and honor.
All: Let us worship God always!

Opening Hymn *"This Is My Father's World" #370*
TERRA BEATA SMD
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Call to confession:

Jesus' words of the Gospel call us to turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ. As we offer ourselves to him in penitence and faith, we renew our confidence and trust in his mercy.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Here is good news:
Christ Jesus came that we might have life, life in all its fullness:
to forgive our failure,
to accept us as we are,
to set us free from the power of evil,
and to renew us in his image.
Friends believe the good news of the Gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

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

Eternal God, in the reading of the Scripture, may your word be heard; in the meditation of our hearts, may your word be known; and in the faithfulness of our lives, may your word be shown. Amen.

Sermon Text Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you oh Christ!

Sermon Weeds Among the Wheat

Prayers of 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

Sonatina from *"God's Time Is the Very Best Time"* BWV 106,
J. S. Bach, arr. Jacques Erdos

Offertory Prayer

For the Gift of Creation, the gift of your love, and the gift of the Spirit by which we live, we thank you and give you the fruit of our hands. May your grace be proclaimed by the gifts that we give.

Sending Hymn
"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" #722
MARION
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Charge

Go out in faith, trusting in God's sense of direction. Remember how much God loves this world and so love the world in the name of Christ, that your testimony becomes the good news someone else has been waiting to receive.

Blessing

As you go out and come in, may God keep you by sunlight and moonlight; may Christ encompass you with love; and may the Holy Spirit empower you with new life; now and forever.

Postlude "*Song Without Words", Opus 53, No. 2,*
Felix Mendelssohn

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

Preacher: Preaching Elder Peter Pagery
Keyboardist: Eugene Slt
Audio/Visual: Joshua Bliss, Stephen Reohr

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Prayer List

as of 7.14.26

Indicates a new request

Current Joys & Concerns

- For Star and John Haviland, both working through some health issues.
- For pantry guest Charles Wilson, with health concerns (with permission).
- For Tammy, friend of the Claydon's with health concerns.
- For the family and friends of Shirley Joosten, as they mourn her passing and celebrate her life.
- For Steve, deacon Becky Hudak's partner, who has a new diagnosis. Traveling mercies for Steve and Becky as they travel back and forth for his treatment. Becky asks for prayers for strength, assurance and healing.
- For Maureen J., pantry guest, for family issues.
- For Carol Labatte, with health concerns and Phil Labatte who cares for her.
- For a pantry guests Barbra and Bobby, for the return of their son Kenny.
- For Jim Gallagher, son-in-law of Joyce Recene.

Ongoing Needs

- Olivia Gaydushek, granddaughter of the Van Epps
- Mia Westman
- 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 our coming together in worship, and to praise God
- For a blessed and inclusive FOCUS worship service on July 5th.

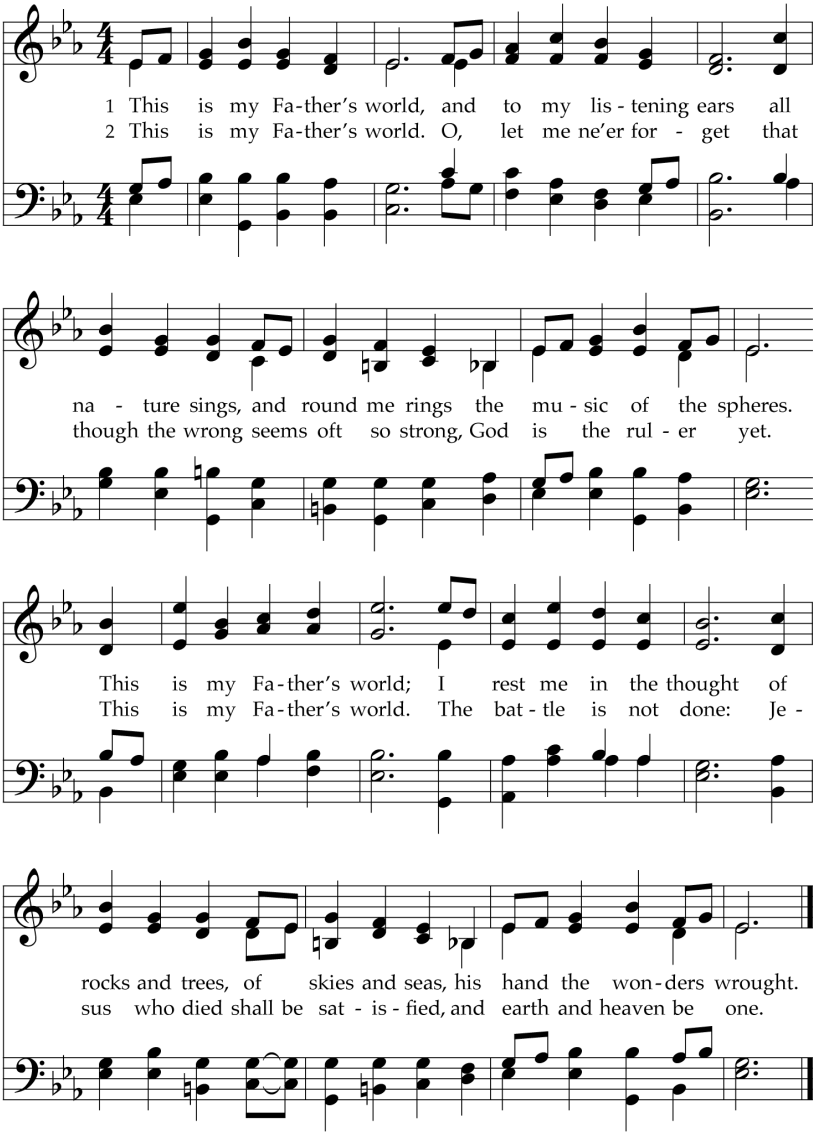
Note: *Prayer concerns will be kept on the list for 4 Sundays. Please let the office or a member of Consistory know if a concern needs to be kept on after that. (To add an item to the prayer chain, contact the minister, the office or a member of consistory.)*

COMBINED SUMMER WORSHIP

FOCUS
CHURCHES OF ALBANY

Sunday, August 2nd
10am
Delmar Reformed Church

FOCUS CHURCHES OF ALBANY Doing together what we cannot do alone.

This Is My Father's World 370

When pastor of a Presbyterian church in Lockport, New York, the author of this text referred to his morning walks as "going out to see my Father's world." The tune created for these words is based on an English melody the composer learned from his mother when he was a boy.

TEXT: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1901
MUSIC: Franklin L. Sheppard, 1915; harm. Edward Shippen Barnes, 1926, alt.

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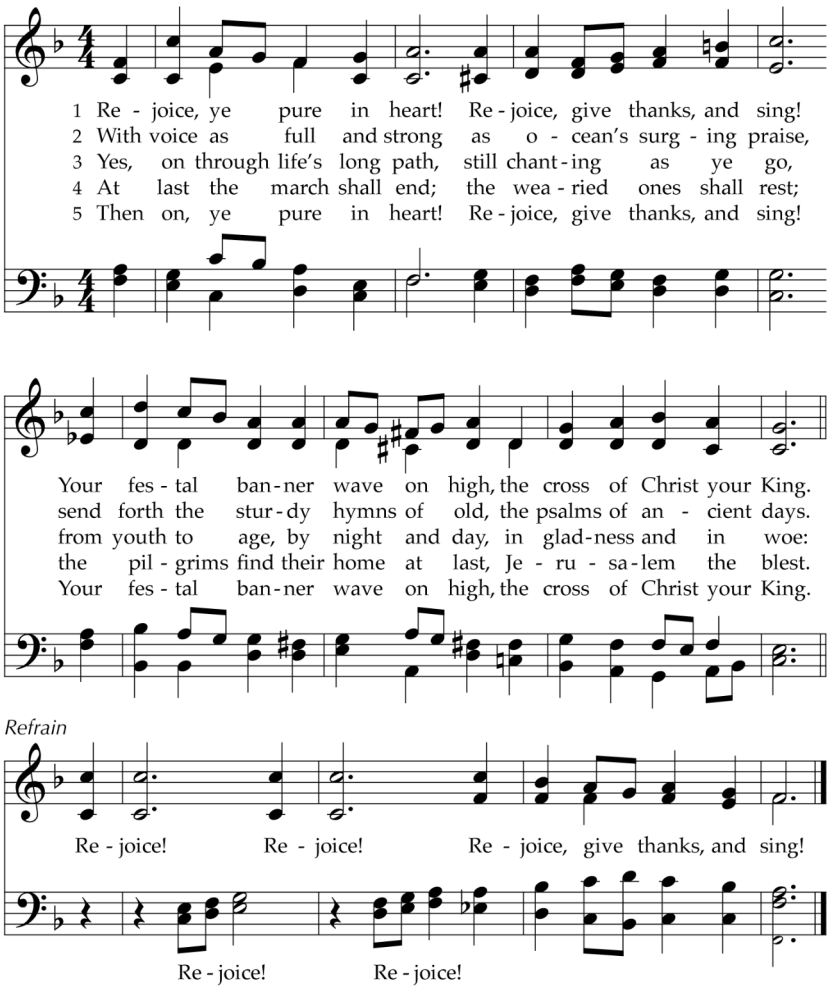
804 Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!



These stanzas are drawn from a much longer hymn created for the processional at an English choir festival in 1865. The original text lacked the refrain that gives the hymn so much of its energy and interest. That feature was added by the composer of this tune in 1883.

TEXT: Edward Hayes Plumptre, 1865
MUSIC: Arthur Henry Messiter, 1883

MARION
SM with refrain

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THE FIRST CHURCH IN ALBANY

JULY 2026

TUE 21	PANTRY FCIA		9AM
WED 22	HOT DOGS IN THE PARK		11:30AM
	CENTERING PRAYER	IN THE POWELL ROOM	NOON
	AA MEETING	IN THE PARLOR	NOON
THU 23	PANTRY FCIA		9AM
SUN 26	DRIVE-IN WORSHIP	IN THE SHERIDAN LOT	10AM
	LEMONADE LULL	IN CLEE PARK	10:45AM

REMINDER: SUNDAY, AUG. 2, WE WILL BE WORSHIPPING WITH FOCUS CHURCHES AT DELMAR REFORMED CHURCH. THERE WILL BE NO DRIVE-IN WORSHIP AT FCIA.

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