Radio Station 87.9 FM

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Blessing

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 85:8-13)

Leader: Come, let us worship God in unity
People: It is a blessing when brothers and sisters live in peace.
All: When we are united in the love of Christ, It is like precious, sweet smelling balm.
Leader: Come, let us be together in worship
People: No more fighting! No more "me first." What really matters is God – and God is love!
All: As we draw near in worship, there is blessing and new life, let us worship our loving God together.

Opening Hymn *"All Creatures of Our God and King"*
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Call to Confession

We return to God through confession. Let us honestly acknowledge how we have gone astray and confess our sins to God.

Prayer of Confession: (Unison)

God our refuge, you hear our cries for mercy. You know our exhaustion, our cynicism, our sense of defeat. You lift the lowly and offer hope to the hopeless. But we are quick to lose perspective and exaggerate critique. We confess the ways we are tempted to give up on the path of righteousness. We pray for your forgiveness. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (Isaiah 43:1)

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. In the name of 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

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on us. Open us to your life-giving Word. Quiet the voices within us that do not align with your will. Focus our minds on the message you intend for us so we may faithfully discern your way. Amen

Sermon Text 1 Kings 19:9-18

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

Sermon "Shhhhhhhhhhhhhh"

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

Offertory Prayer

Lord, we give thanks for the blessings you have bestowed upon us. As we offer these tithes and offerings, we do so with grateful hearts. May these gifts be used for glory, your honor, and your praise. Amen.

Sending Hymn

"Be Thou My Vision" #450

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Charge & Blessing

Postlude

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

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Preacher: Rev. Dr. Mark Mast
Liturgist:
Keyboardist: Eugene Sit
Audio/Visual: Joshua Bliss, Stephen Reohr

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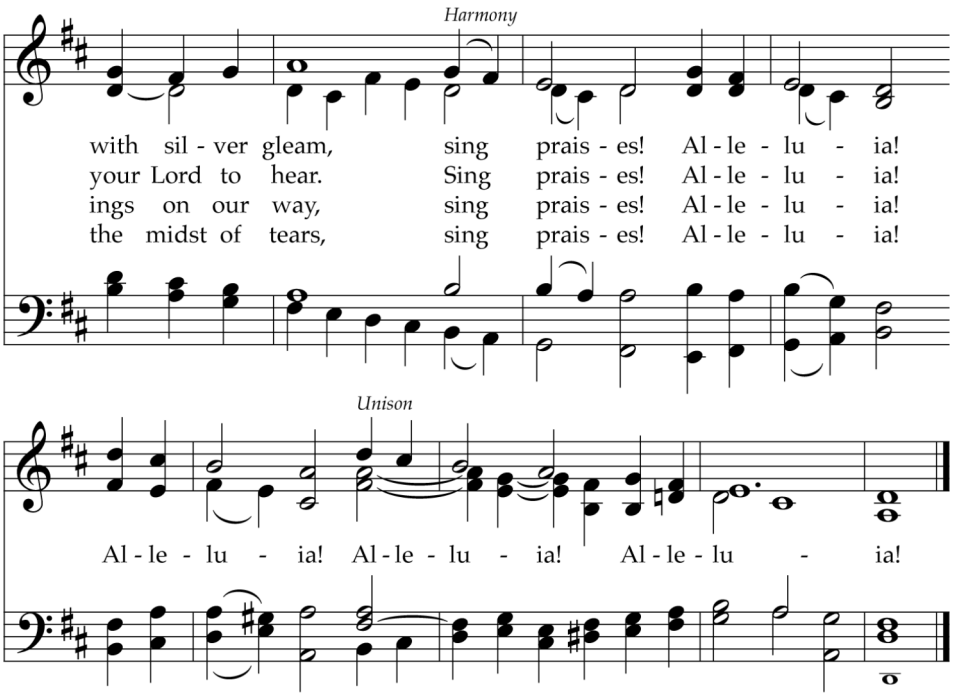

Sometimes called "The Canticle of the Sun," this cosmic roll call allows human beings to give voice to all creation. One of the earliest religious poems in the Italian language, it is made even more expansive by this broad, repetitive melody with interspersed "Alleluias."

TEXT: Francis of Assisi, 1225; trans. composite
MUSIC: *Geistliche Kirchengesäng,* 1623, alt.; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

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LM with alleluias
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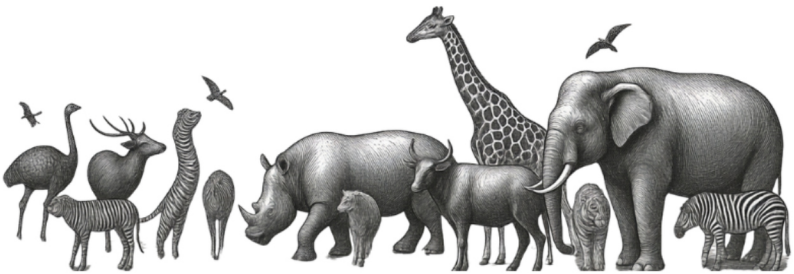

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These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range.

TEXT: Irish poem; trans. Mary E. Byrne, 1905; vers. Eleanor Hull, 1912, alt.
MUSIC: Irish ballad; harm. David Evans, 1927
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Prayer LIST

as of 7.22.26 (A) Indicates a new request

Current Joys & Concerns

- (A) For everyone recovering from the flooding experienced locally this week.
- (A) For Linda Mitchell (Keys for Kids) and her family as they mourn the passing of their brother Fred.
- For Star and John Haviland, both working through some health issues.
- (A) For Linda, friend of the Masts, as she navigates some health and life issues, and for her caretakers as they serve her.
- For pantry guest Charles Wilson, with health concerns (with permission).
- For Tammy, friend of the Claydon's with health concerns.
- 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
- (A) For the folks who came together on Wednesday to make sure we were able to provide Hot Dogs, supporting the ministry during some volunteer absences

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.)*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THE FIRST CHURCH IN ALBANY

August 2026

TUE 11

PANTRY — 9AM

CONSISTORY — IN THE PARLOR 5:30PM

WED 12

HOT DOGS IN THE PARK — 11:30AM

CENTERING PRAYER — NOON IN THE POWELL ROOM

AA MEETING — IN THE PARLOR NOON

THU 13

PANTRY — 9AM

SUN 16

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

LEMONADE LULL — IN CLEE PARK

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