



The First Church in Albany

Sunday, October 10, 2021, 9:00 am

Drive-In Order of Service



You may tune in on your car radio at 87.9FM.

We Gather in the Presence of God

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.” *2 Corinthians 13:14*

Call to Worship (Psalm 90)

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

People: Amen.

Leader: The Lord will make us glad

People: for as many days as we toil with affliction.

Leader: And for as many years as we have seen evil,

People: the Lord has ten thousand good years stored up for us.

Leader: Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon all those of goodwill,

People: and the work of our hands prosper!

Leader: Let us worship this good God.

Opening Song

Confident in God’s grace, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgement. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

Moment of Silence

Assurance of Pardon

The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in loving-kindness. He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His loving-kindness toward those who fear Him. As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.

Passing the Peace



Leader: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Please **beep and wave** to one another as a sign of Christ's peace.

Prayer for Illumination

Holy Spirit, clarify the words that perplex us today. In Christ's name, Amen.

Scripture

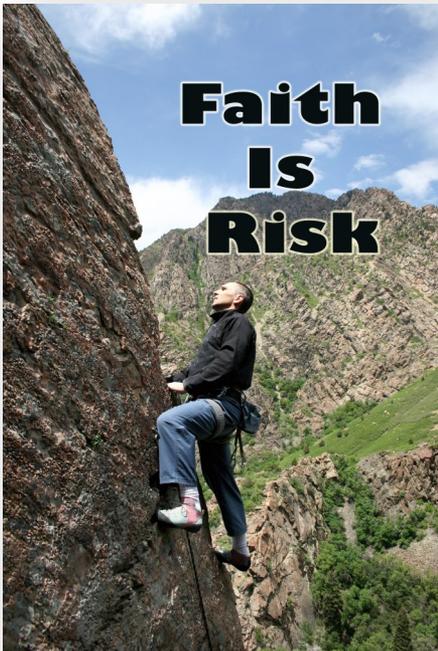
Mark 10:17-31

¹⁷As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁸Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" ²⁰He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." ²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." ²²When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” ²⁴And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” ²⁶They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

²⁸Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” ²⁹Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

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



Sermon

Faith Is Risk

Rev. Dr. Mashona Walston

Sermon Notes *(continued)*

Trouble in the text:

Trouble in our world:

God in the text:

God in our world:

Ways that God is moving in me:

The Prayer and Blessing on the Word

Prayers of the People

Leader: O Lord,

People: Hear our prayer.

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.**

Offering & Offertory

Sending Song

Charge & Blessing

Postlude

Worship Leadership:

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Mashona Walston

Liturgist: Rev. Trey Tirpak

Technical Team: Joshua Bliss, and Stephen Reohr



Please keep in prayer this week...

- Jane, sister of Donna Schultz
- Elaine and Jim Jenks, Rose Hunsberger's parents
- Bruce and Bridget Cook, for the loss of their daughter Myrica Cook (friends of the Persons)
- Imani Brewer
- Jeff Curry
- Iteke Prins, in memory of her husband Harry R. Prins
- Barb Andrews
- Haleigh Bliss
- Mary Weijola
- Neil Keen
- Ian and Edi Leet
- RB with a recent diagnosis
- Kenneth Carr (Fran's brother) and Angela Venable, for the loss of their daughter
- Harriet Stockhoff
- Kathy Stallmer (Monthie family)
- Cheryl Gowie
- Steve Hoffman
- Ada Harris
- Ginger
- Charles Welge
- Olivia Gaydushek
- Our government officials, first responders and health care workers as we continue to manage the Covid-19 pandemic
- Countries like Haiti, recovering from natural disasters, and Afghanistan, dealing with political upheaval. For these and others, we pray for the humanitarian crises that accompany uncertainty and strife.
- Staff and Leaders of The First Church in Albany

Prayer Concerns? If you would like your church family to join you in prayer, please share your concerns and joys with us.

Submit on our website or call the office at 518-463-4449 or email office@firstchurchinalbany.org.

This Week at the First Church in Albany



- Sunday 10.10 9am Drive-In Worship
10am Sanctuary Worship
Children and Worship
Open House
- Monday 10.11 Columbus/Indigenous
People's Day
Office and Pantry Closed
- Tuesday 10.12 12pm Adult Bible Study
6:30pm Consistory Mtg.
- Wednesday 10.13 9am Food Pantry
12pm AA Meeting
12pm Centering Prayer
- Thursday 10.14 6:30pm Leadership Mtg.

Other upcoming dates...

- Sunday 10.31 10am Mission Sunday—Youth
Report from July Work
Trip

All Saints Day is November 1st

- On Sunday, Nov. 7, we will remember our loved ones lost in 2020. Please email or call the office with the names of church members and friends who have passed. We will include these in the bulletin and the names will be read in memory.

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We've got a new StoryWalk®

The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library.



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The pages of Ashley Spires' *The Most Magnificent Thing* will be hanging on the fence around the church building. Bring family and friends and enjoy!

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