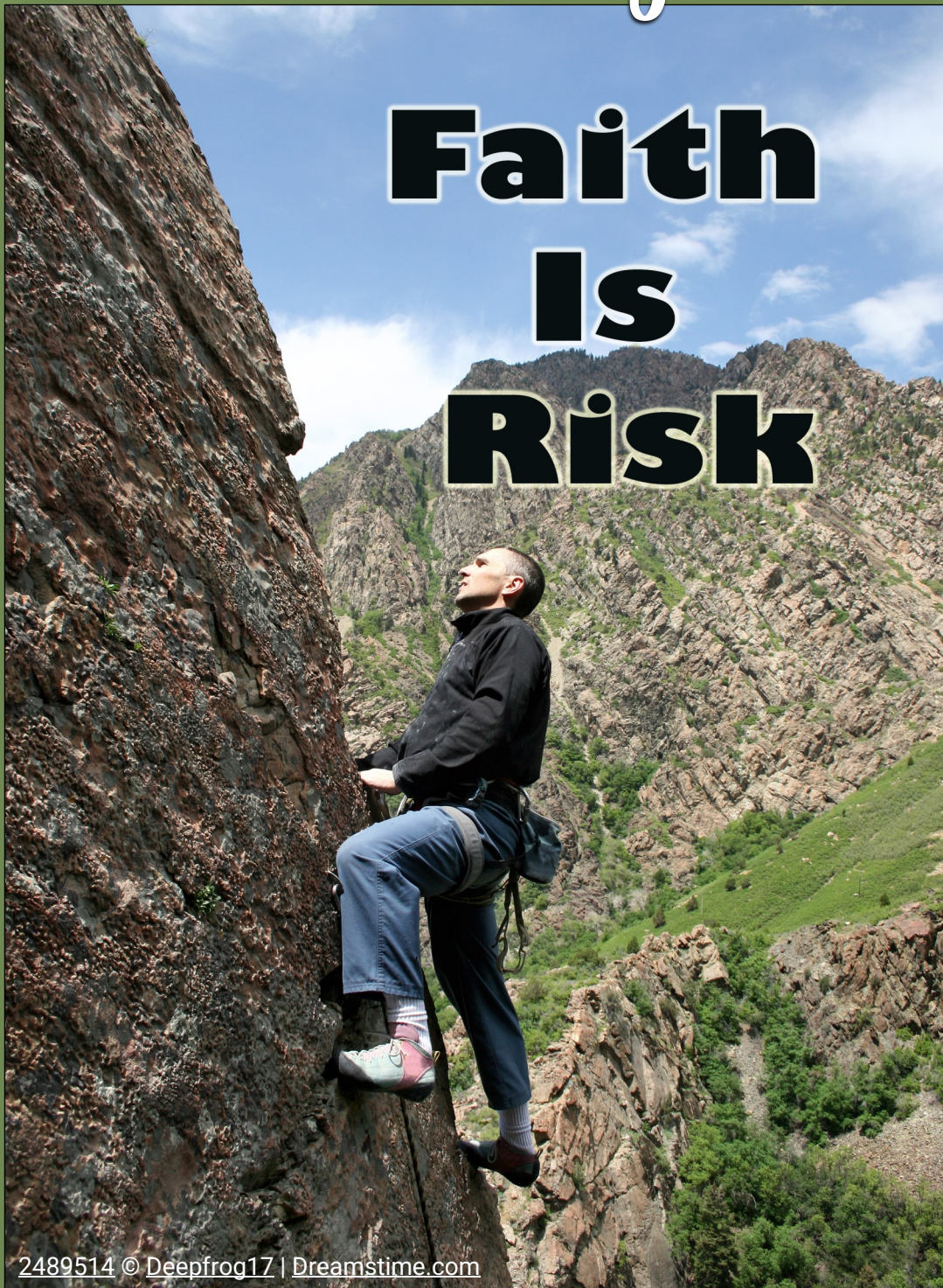


The First Church in Albany

Welcomes you



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Sunday, October 10, 2021 at 10am

The First Church in Albany **(Reformed Church in America)**

Founded in 1642; Continuing in Ministry Today

In response to God's unconditional love for all people made known to us in Jesus Christ, we are called to be a welcoming and affirming community. The First Church in Albany includes young and old, families, couples and singles, rich and poor, persons of various races, ethnicities, backgrounds, sexual orientation and gender identities, differing physical and mental abilities, believers and seekers. We welcome into the full life of the church all those whom God sends us. Centered in Christ, we commit ourselves to breaking down dividing walls and building a community where we are loved.

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost **National Indigenous People Sunday** **October 10, 2021**

We Gather in the Presence of God

Prelude

"I Shall Believe"
Glenn Claydon, guitar and vocals

M. Brouwer

Welcome, Announcements & Blessing

"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 “*How He Loves*” J.M. McMillan

He is jealous for me loves like a hurricane
I am a tree bending beneath
The weight of His wind and mercy
When all of a sudden I am unaware of
These afflictions eclipsed by glory
I realize just how beautiful You are
And how great Your affections are for me

Oh how He loves us so
Oh how He loves us
How He loves us so
(REPEAT)

Chorus
(Yeah) He loves us
Oh how He loves us
Oh how He loves us
Oh how He loves
(REPEAT)

We are His portion and He is our prize
Drawn to redemption by the grace in His eyes
If grace is an ocean we're all sinking
So Heaven meets earth
Like a unforeseen kiss
And my heart turns violently inside of my chest
I don't have time to maintain these regrets
When I think about the way that



***Prayer of Lament** *(Based on the Christian Reformed Church in North America's 2016 synodical report, "Creating a New Family: A Circle of Conversation on the Doctrine of Christian Discovery.")*

Leader: Holy Spirit, we acknowledge that we cannot truly know, confront, and confess the collective and systemic sin of colonialism we live in; — nor fully lament the brokenness it causes and how this brokenness consumes society; — nor then justly repent and turn from it in our own power alone.

We can only do this work when you work through us. Spirit, we need you.

For so many of us non-native people, feelings of guilt, denial, fear, or vulnerability felt as pain overcome our ability to acknowledge our histories, lament particular realities, and move towards healing found in the liberation of others and consequently ourselves, too.

For so many native people, generational trauma and ongoing injustices try to hold them down and back, and yet native people persist and overcome. But, full liberation calls out like the groaning of all creation Paul the Apostle speaks of in Romans.

People: Jesus, as the firstborn of all creation, you lived and died and rose again to create a new, reconciled, and unified family of God. Send your Holy Spirit to make all of us co-laborers in the fields of lament and healing, justice and reconciliation.

moment of silence

Leader: Those who follow Jesus' way, Christ by his Holy Spirit and the goodness of God the Father is indeed creating a new family—a family where justice is realized, healing is found, and a life of joy is lived together. Amen.



***Passing the Peace**

Leader: The peace of the Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us greet one another with a hand-sign of peace.

Touch your thumb to the tip of your ring finger, and wave to one another. This hand-sign makes Christ's gesture of blessing in a lot of iconography in the Orthodox Tradition.

Blessing the Children

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 Notes

Trouble in the text:

Trouble in our world:

God in the text:

God in our world:

Ways that God is moving in me:

A Prayer of Blessing on the Word

***Song of Response** *“Amazing Grace/My Chains Are Gone”*

C. Tomlin

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

Chorus

My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine
You are forever mine

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Offering & Offertory *“Lullaby”* P. Colman

***Doxology #591**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

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.**

***Sending Song**

"My Jesus"

A. Wilson

Are you past the point of weary
Is your burden weighing heavy
Is it all too much to carry
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus
Do you feel that empty feeling
'Cause shame's done all its stealing
And you're desperate for some healing
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus

Chorus

He makes a way where there ain't no way
Rises up from an empty grave
Ain't no sinner that He can't save
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus
His love is strong and His grace is free
And the good news is I know that He
Can do for you what He's done for me
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus
And let my Jesus change your life

Interlude

Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah
Amen amen (amen)
Who can wipe away the tears
From broken dreams and wasted years
And tell the past to disappear
Oh and let me tell you 'bout my Jesus
And all the wrong turns that you would
Go and undo if you could
Who can work it all for your good
Let me tell you about my Jesus

Who would take my cross to Calvary
Pay the price for all my guilty
Who would care that much about me
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus oh

Interlude

Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah
Amen amen
Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah
Let my Jesus change your life

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***Charge & Blessing**

Postlude

“The Other Side”
Glenn Claydon, guitar and vocals

J. Phillips

Worship Leadership:

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Mashona Walston
Liturgist: Rev. Trey Tirpak
Guest Musician: Glenn Claydon
Technical Team: Joshua Bliss, and Stephen Reohr

We've got a new StoryWalk®

The StoryWalk® Project was created by
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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!



We lift up
Rev. Dr. Mashona Walston,
and all participants in
General Synod 2021
October 14-19
Tucson, Arizona



FIRST CHURCH PRAYER LIST

- 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.

Call the office at 518-463-4449 or email office@firstchurchinalbany.org

