

The First Church in Albany

Welcomes you

Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 22, 2022, 10am
Drive-In Worship Service

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.

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Tune in to 87.9FM on your car radio

Prelude

"Amazing Grace"

V. Labenske

Margaret Randall, keyboardist

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 *Based Psalm 67*

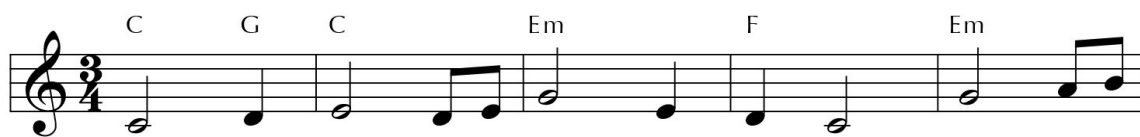
Leader: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, Selah that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.

People: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. Selah

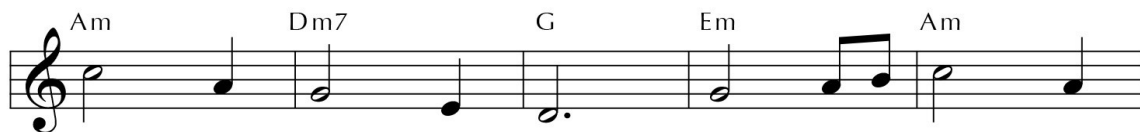
Leader: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.

People: May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.

*Opening Hymn All Who Love and Serve Your City 351



1 All who love and serve your cit - y, all who
 2 In your day of wealth and plen - ty, wast - ed
 3 For all days are days of judg - ment, and the
 4 Ris - en Lord, shall yet the cit - y be the



bear its dai - ly stress, all who cry for
 work and wast - ed play, call to mind the
 Lord is wait - ing still, draw - ing near a
 cit - y of de - spair? Come to - day, our



peace and jus - tice, all who curse and all who bless:
 word of Je - sus, "You must work while it is day."
 world that spurns him, of - fering peace from Cal - vary's hill.
 judge, our glo - ry. Be its name "The Lord is there!"

TEXT: Erik Routley, 1966
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Prayer of Confession and Hope

**We are molded, each one of us,
 in the image of God,
 and within our souls there is a
 fingerprint
 none can erase.
 We pray for those who have no regard
 for anyone but self,
 who put no value on human life.
 For nations and individuals who abuse
 and kill.
 We are not called to be judge or jury,
 but we are called to be agents of
 change,
 and if the butterfly that flaps its wings
 should be our attitude to others**

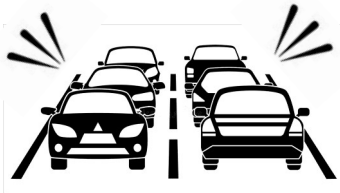
**then so be it, Lord,
 and may the hurricane this generates
 somewhere within the world
 reach into the hearts and souls of
 those
 for whom we pray, and reveal to them
 how precious are those
 for whom they have no love,
 and how precious are they
 who now bring tears to the eyes of
 God.**

~ John Birch

As found on:
[https://www.faithandworship.com/
 prayers_peace.htm](https://www.faithandworship.com/prayers_peace.htm)

Words of Assurance

For God so loved the world He gave His own Son.



***Passing the Peace**

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 or hand-sign of peace.

Prayer for Illumination

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

Sermon Text

Acts 16:9-15

⁹ During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” ¹⁰ When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

¹¹ We therefore set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹² and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³ On the Sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴ A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵ When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.” And she prevailed upon us.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Don't Mind Your Business

A Prayer of Blessing on the Word

***Hymn of Response & Offering**

Stand for What Is Right

Words and music
by Jim Strathdee

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1. When in - jus - tice harms our friends, stand for what is
 2. When the chil - dren have no voice, speak for what is
 3. When we hurt our moth - er earth, work for what is
 4. When the world seems most un - fair, pray for what is

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right. When the vio - lence nev - er ends, stand for what is right. Yes,
 right. When the moth - ers have no choice, speak for what is right. Yes,
 right. When we de - ny each oth - er's worth, work for what is right. Yes,
 right. When we're lost in deep de - spair, pray for what is right. Yes,

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stand and speak, work and pray and keep your cour - age strong. The

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Spir - it of God will be lead - ing us through our whole life long.

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.**

***Charge & Blessing**

***Postlude**

*“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”
Margaret Randall, keyboardist*

V. Labenske

*Thank you for worshiping with us today!
All are invited to join us in Clee Park for our Lemonade Lull
Have a blessed week!*

*** Due to the heat predicted for today, we will postpone
the FCIA Skywalk outing until next Sunday, May 29, 2022 ***

Worship Leadership:

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Mashona Walston

Liturgist: Trey Tirpak

Keyboardist: Margaret Randall

Technical Team: Joshua Bliss, and Stephen Reohr

NOMINATIONS

LIST OF INDIVIDUALS NOMINATED FOR OFFICE AT THE FIRST CHURCH IN ALBANY

FOR ELDER - Joanne Farrell, Barbara Andrews

FOR TRUSTEE - Edward Monthie (current trustee), Joyce Recene (current trustee), Raymond Van Epps (current trustee), Monica Marsh, Karen Van Epps

The Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, June 5th,
after the Drive-In Service.

Prayers how can we be praying for you?

- For Jennifer Recene Gallagher, Joyce's daughter
- For Barbara W., dear friend of Barb & Dave Andrews and Donna Jones.
- For John Utley, brother of Judith Utley Suess
- For the family of Annie Holt, daughter of First Church member Mamie Holt. Annie passed recently.
- For Beverly, a friend of Clarice Milliken
- For Clarice Milliken for the loss of family and safety as she travels to attend services
- For Family and friends of Shirley Nash
- For Steve Hoffman
- For Harold Bushnell
- For Cheri Jones
- For Frank Jeffries (son of Norma McClement)
- For Rev. Susan Vincent Cox for the passing of her mother Barbara
- For Norma McClement
- For Becky Gardner
- For Norma and Leo, neighbors of Audrey Ming
- For Ralph McNeil, brother of Norma Jean Ballou
- For Cheri Scully, friend of the Persons family
- For Family of Nathaniel Marable
- For Mary Ann Selmer
- For Katherine's grandmother
- For the family of Danielle as they mourn her passing, for her children (Melvin, Traekwon, Antonio, Julius, Brandon, and Christopher)
- For Carol LaBatte
- For Anthony, of the Brown Family
- For Jane, sister of Donna Schultz
- For Elaine and Jim Jenks, Rose Hunsberger's parents
- For Jeff Curry
- For Haleigh Bliss
- For Mary Weijola
- For Neil Keen
- For Fran Carr Morton
- For Harriet Stockhoff
- For Kathy Stallmer (Monthie family)
- For Cheryl Gowie
- For Ada Harris
- For Gwen, friend of Becky Gardner
- For Charles Welge
- For Olivia Gaydushek
- For Staff and leaders of the First Church in Albany
- For those grieving after episodes of gun violence.
- For Prayers for the people and leaders of Ukraine, and the countries accepting those fleeing the violence. For immediate resolution of the conflict.

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

This Week at the First Church in Albany



- Sunday 5.22 10am Drive-in Worship, also on Zoom
- Monday 5.23 9am Food Pantry
- Tuesday 5.24 12pm Adult Scripture Study
5:15pm FCIA hosts Albany Classis Meeting
- Wednesday 5.25 9am Food Pantry
12pm AA Meeting
12pm Centering Prayer

Upcoming Events

- Sunday 5.29 11:30pm After worship, First Church walks Albany Skyway (postponed from last week due to weather)
- Thursday 6.2 7pm A Night of Worship: Pentecost
- Sunday 6.5 10:45am **Congregational Meeting** after worship

*Meeting Schedules are subject to change.
Watch your email for updates if you are a part of these gatherings.*

GROUP & MINISTRY LEADERS, SEND US YOUR

CALENDAR UPDATES

ONE-TIME EVENTS
OR RECURRING MEETINGS

PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE WITH YOUR SCHEDULED GATHERINGS SO THAT WE CAN PUT THEM ON THE CHURCH EVENT AND OPERATIONAL CALENDARS.



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