

# PRIDE

## Sunday



### DRIVE-IN WORSHIP

June 11, 2023

## Tune to 87.9 FM on your car radio

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**Prelude**                      *“We’ll Build a World”*                      D. Lohman  
   *Glenn Claydon, vocalist*

We are different, you and I, yet together,  
   fates entwine.  
New we gather in this space, joined in spirit,  
   filled with grace;  
bring your fullness, I’ll bring mine, and together  
   we will shine.

### ***Refrain***

Together, we’ll build a world where  
   there’s for all to be;  
a world where we’ll live our lives liberated,  
   strong, and free!

This glorious future build it now with me.

As we labor toward that day,  
don’t let differences fall away,  
Your uniqueness I will see,  
and the same thing, see in me.  
Thus we’re valued, known and named,  
   honored, cherished,  
   loved and claimed.

In this varied universe all existence so diverse.  
Filled with wonder, life so dear,  
steeped in myst’ry, oft unclear.  
Yet together hand in hand,  
we’ll create that Promised Land.

## 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 on John 16:1-15 & the Heidelberg Catechism Q&A #54*

Leader: Holy Spirit you are the One,

**People: the One who gathers, protects, and preserves us as your children.**

Leader: Christ names you as our Advocate

**People: Make yourself known today as the Advocate of *all your children*.**

Leader: Christ also said that you will advocate for us by

**People: “proving the world wrong about sin, righteousness, and judgment.”**

Leader: And then Christ said you will teach us more than what he taught

**People: and guide us into all truth.**

Leader: So Holy Spirit, come!

### \*Opening Hymn

*“God of Many Faces”*

*(see insert)*

## Prayer of Confession & New Living

**Triune God who is Love, we, as the Church, humbly confess our role in creating walls that hinder the full flourishing of those who are marginalized and oppressed, particularly those who identify as LGBTQ+. In our hubris, we have assumed the authority to determine who is**

worthy of inclusion, and have cast out of your church those whom you love. Send your Holy Spirit upon your church, we pray, so we might be “guided into all truth” and truly live as you desire us to. 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 & Blessing**

### **Prayer of Illumination** *Based on John 16*

**Spirit of truth, come and guide us into all truth. Teach us what righteousness looks like to Jesus, not the world, and give us the strength to live out this truth. Amen.**

**Sermon Text** John 16:1-15

**Sermon** Prove the World Wrong

## **A Prayer of Blessing on the Word**

**\*Hymn of Response & Offering**

*“All the Colors of the Rainbow”*

*(see insert)*

## **Prayers of the People**

Mitch Leet,  
Program Coordinator of Room for All

**People: Inspire us to live by love.**

**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**

### **Note:**

1. For those who are going to the Pride Parade, please gather ASAP after worship
2. Lemonade Lull in Clee Park – join for a time of refreshments and fellowship!

## Prayers, Joys & Concerns

- For Sara Bonam-Welge and family as they mourn the passing of her mother Marilyn
- Deborah Paris, daughter of Betty Pierce, after a fall.
- For friends and family of George Kass as they mourn his passing
- Shekia, granddaughter of Joeanna Brown, with a health issue and family concerns
- Ian Leet, continuing to gain strength from illness
- Sam, son of Barb and Dave Andrews
- Sam, cousin of Barb Andrews
- For Barb and Dave Andrews as they take on the role of caretakers
- Joe Vasta and Albie, friends of the Persons
- Eula, friend of Joeanna Brown
- Sharnelle Jones
- Ken Lucas, friend of Philip Labatte
- Kokese Ballou
- Janie Unright, friend of the Andrews family
- Carol LaBatte
- Norma McClement
- For Jennifer Recene Gallagher
- David Bradley
- For Jason Shahid
- Ruth and Josue Torres
- For Jim, Rose Hunsberger's father
- Alexis Parry, niece of Cheryl Gowie
- Gail Santimaw, friend of Judith Utley-Suess
- John Utley, brother of Judith Utley-Suess
- Judith Utley-Suess, for strength
- Harold Bushnel
- Alex Bliss
- Mary Weijola
- Cheryl Gowie
- Ralph McNeil, brother of Norma Jean Ballou
- Anthony, of the Brown Family
- Donna Schultz
- Olivia Gaydushek
- Clergy, staff and leaders of the First Church in Albany
- Prayers for all areas of conflict across the globe. May we all remember to lead with love.
- For an end to gun violence here in Albany, in the U.S., and around the world.

*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](mailto:office@firstchurchinalbany.org).*

## Recently Elected First Church Office Bearers

**Elders:**  
Norma Jean  
Ballou  
Tom Allison

**Deacons:**  
Deb Anderson  
Becky Hudak  
Zak Morton  
Erica Zetter-  
holm-Bliss

**Trustees:**  
David Bradley  
Robert Dorn  
Becky Mondore  
Ross Westhuis

**Ordination/Installation of Office Bearers** will be held on Sunday, June 25th.





**When?:** Sunday, June 11th (Marching starts at 11:45, but come earlier!)

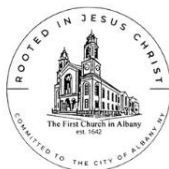
**Where?:** Marching starts on State St. and ends in Washington Park.

**Who is invited?:** *Everyone!* The First Church in Albany, in conjunction with RoomForAll, will be coordinating a group to march in the pride parade. Let's show that Reformed folk truly believe God loves everyone!

**How do we get involved?:** Connect with Rev. Trey Tirpak at The First Church in Albany, and let him know that your group would like to join: (518) 463-4449

**What should we bring?:** Water (lots of it!), pride gear, and a joyful spirit.

**Have other questions?:** Please reach out to Rev. Trey at the above info.



Join us each Thursday,  
from 11:30am-1:00pm  
in Clee Park  
for a free Hot Dog lunch

*Please Share and Come to Help Out!*





## What's Happening This Week?

# The First Church in Albany

- Sunday 6.11 10am **PRIDE SUNDAY**  
Drive-In Worship at FCIA, also on Zoom  
Lemonade Lull in Clee Park  
**PRIDE** March
- Monday 6.12 9am Pantry
- Tuesday 6.13 noon Zoom Book Study
- Wednesday 6.14 9am Food Pantry  
noon AA Meeting  
noon Centering Prayer in the Parlor (*change*)
- Thursday 6.15 11:30am Hot Dogs in Clee Park

*AW = After Worship*

## Upcoming Events

- Sunday, June 18, Father's Day and Juneteenth recognition
- Sunday, June 19, Office Closed for Juneteenth Holiday

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

**Hot Dog**  
**THURSDAY**  
**IS BACK!**

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# God of Many Faces

Amy Cerniglia

SLANE

Irish Melody, harm. Jack Schrader

God of man - y fa - ces, we of - fer our praise,  
God of man - y gen - ders, our world re - flects you,  
God of man - y names, we in - vite you to show  
God of man - y bod - ies, a - bide with - in ours,

sing - ing your glo - ry through all of our days.  
sun - rise and sun - set u - ni - ting our hues,  
us the new names that re - flect our true souls.  
shift - ing more each day through time and through scars.

Hear ev - er grow - ing voi - ces, once fra - gile, now strong,  
wo - ven in - to a ci - ty with jewels of all shades,  
Breathe with your ho - ly spir - it to give us the Word,  
Come sanc - ti - fy our bod - ies, all fash - ioned by you,

car - ry - ing mel - o - dies in ex - pan - sive new songs.  
hou - ses of ru - by and walls rowed with jade.  
that will in - dwell dry bones, grant - ing new live once heard.  
ho - li - er ev - ery - day, still be - com - ing more true.

# All the Colors of the Rainbow

Carl P. Daw

ABBOT'S LEIGH

Cyril V. Taylor

1. All the co - lours of the rain-bow live un - seen in dai - ly light,  
2. All the bo - dy's parts are wan-ted, nor can one de - spise the rest:  
3. Ev - ery lang - uage gains more mu - sic when the words for peace ap - pear:  
4. Teach us, God, our need of oth - ers; through them help us ful - ly live.

but their splen - dors find ex - pres-sion when re - leased to hu - man sight;  
head and hand must work to - get - ther, as must eye and ear and chest;  
Pax, Sa - laam, Ei - ri - ni, Hei - wa, Pa - ce, San - ti, Frie - den, Mir.  
Wean us from our sel - fish hab - its; let us list - en, learn, for - give.

so the church re - veals most beau - ty where di - ver - si - ty is real:  
so the church needs all its mem - bers for a range of min - i - stries:  
Though our tongues make sounds that va - ry all be - speak a com - mon home:  
May we see your longed - for im - age in each hu - man heart and face,

breadth of race and class and gen - der, room for doubt and space to heal.  
var - ied gifts with one great mis - sion, "Do this for the least of these."  
long - ing for the end of con - flict and a new life in God's Sha - lom.  
and be - hold how those a - round us can be chan - nels of your grace.