

The First Church in Albany

WELCOMES YOU

MOSES IN
BIRDS!

An Old Testament Production

Drive-In Worship
June 18, 2023 10am



"...I bore you on eagle's wings and brought you to myself." Exodus 19:4b

Tune to 87.9 FM on your car radio

Fitness Faith connection “ Stretch our Faith”

We love our drive-in service as it allows us to do things we don't usually do! This summer, we encourage you to get out of your cars and stretch during the prelude as a way to awaken your body to worship God.

Prelude “Forgive Us God, When in Our Fear”

Becky Hudak, vocalist arr. I. Prins

Welcome, Announcements, & Blessing

“Lift up your heads, O ye gates, And be lifted up, O ancient doors, That the King of glory may come in! Who is the King of Glory? The Lord, strong and mighty.” - Psalm 24

Call to Worship Adapted from Psalm 116

Leader: I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.
Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live. What shall I return to the LORD for all his bounty to me?

All: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD, I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people. O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving girl. You have loosed my bonds.

***Opening Hymn**

"Forgive Us God, When in Our Fear"

(see insert)

Prayer of Remembrance

Read by Imani Brewer and Chance Davis

Time of Silence

Assurance of Pardon

The Lord says to you, "Come unto me all who labor and are heavy burdened. I will give you rest."

***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.



Commissioning of Young Adults for Mission Trip

Prayer of Illumination *Based on John 16*

Spirit of the Living God, empower us to keep your commandments, that we may show forth your love with gentle word and reverent deed to all. Amen.

Sermon Text Exodus 19:2-8a

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Birds!

A Prayer of Blessing on the Word

***Hymn of Response & Offering**

“How Great Thou Art” (see insert)

Prayers of the People (*With a mic, the liturgist will walk to those with their hand raised.*)

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** *“How Great Thou Art”*

arr. John Carter



GirlTREK

Join us for worship this
Sunday, June 18, 2023.
10am Juneteenth is
about freedom and
justice. First Church in
Albany. Black women, you are
 welcome here.



There is a health crisis in America and Black women and girls are among the hardest hit. Every day 137 Black women die from heart disease. This is more than gun violence, HIV/AIDS and smoking combined. And the effects of chronic stress are wearing on Black women mentally, physically and spiritually. Black women die younger and at higher rates than any other group of women in the country: 82% of Black women are currently overweight, 53% are morbidly obese (CDC, 2020).

GirlTrek is a solution. With over one million active members, the movement organizes Black women to walk, talk, and solve problems together. GirlTrek has been featured on CNN, The New York Times, Essence Magazine and has won the Webby Award two years in a row for its podcast, Black History Bootcamp.



To all the amazing dads
 and fatherly-mentors out
 there...
 we have a gift for you
 that shows we are
SWEET on you!

Prayers, Joys & Concerns

- Norma Jean Ballou
- 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.

Call the office at (518)463-4449 or email office@firstchurchinalbany.org to share your joys and concerns

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

Recently Elected First Church Office Bearers

Elders:
Norma Jean Ballou
Tom Allison

Deacons:
Deb Anderson
Becky Hudak
Zak Morton
Erica Zetterholm-Bliss

Trustees:
David Bradley
Robert Dorn
Becky Mondore
Ross Westhuis

Albany Synod School of Ministry

Old Testament Introduction and History

Approaching the Bible as a profound literary work allows the sort of disciplined observation and probing discussion that leads to deeper understanding of the Word of God for our lives. The course will explore the types of literature, authorship and theological themes found in the Old Testament. It will also seek to understand Yahweh's relationship with Israel as a continuing Divine activity in history.

Mondays
7 PM to 10 PM
September 25 to November 13

This 8-week distance learning video conferencing course is a required course for those pursuing Preaching Elder and Commissioned Pastor commissioning. However, it is open to ALL who are interested in learning about the Old Testament. Class cost: \$300.

Instructor:
Rev. Dr. Johan Bosman

To register:
<https://albansynod.breezechms.com/form/00db3a>

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FOCUS
CHURCHES OF ALBANY

2023 FOCUS SUMMER WORSHIP



There will
be no
worship at
FCIA
on
FOCUS
Sundays.

JULY
02

**First Presbyterian
Church at 9:30 a.m.**

AUG
06

**Trinity Methodist
Church at 10:00 a.m.**

SEPT
03

**Emmanuel Baptist
Church at 10:00 a.m.**

You are en-
couraged to
attend at the
FOCUS
host church
on FOCUS
Sunday



ALL ARE WELCOME
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What's Happening this Week at The First Church in Albany

- Sunday 6.18 10am **Father's Day & Juneteenth Drive-In Worship** at FCIA, also on Zoom
Lemonade Lull in Clee Park
GirITREK Walk (see info inside)
- Monday 6.19 **Juneteenth Holiday**
Office & Pantry Closed
- Tuesday 6.20 noon Zoom Book Study
- Wednesday 6.21 9am Food Pantry
11:30am Castle Island Montessori
Bridge Ceremony in Clee Park
noon AA Meeting
noon Centering Prayer in **the Powell Rm (change)**
- Thursday 6.22 11:30am Hot Dogs in Clee Park

AW = After Worship

Upcoming Events

- June 25—Special Communion in Clee Park
- July 2—FOCUS Worship, First Presbyterian, Albany NY
- July 4—Independence Day, Office Closed
- July 6—A Night of Worship

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



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!



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Forgive Us God When In Our Fear

I.M

EDith Sinclair Downing

1. For - give us, God, when in our fear, we
2. For lov - ing has no chance to live if
3. All to share God, give us the strength to

3 shrink from sha - ring oth - er's pain. The risk of lo - ving
we re - fuse to keep a - live the flame of hope that
6 share with them the care we know. Help us live close to

seems to great. Give us the will to try a - gain.
waits to burn in us to ligh - ten oth - er's lives.
you each day that your pure love through us may flow.

How Great Thou Art

O STORE GUD 11.10.11.10 with refrain

Carl Gustav Boberg, 1885

English version: Stuart K. Hine, 1953

Transliteration of Korean: Myung Ja Yue, 1989

Swedish folk melody

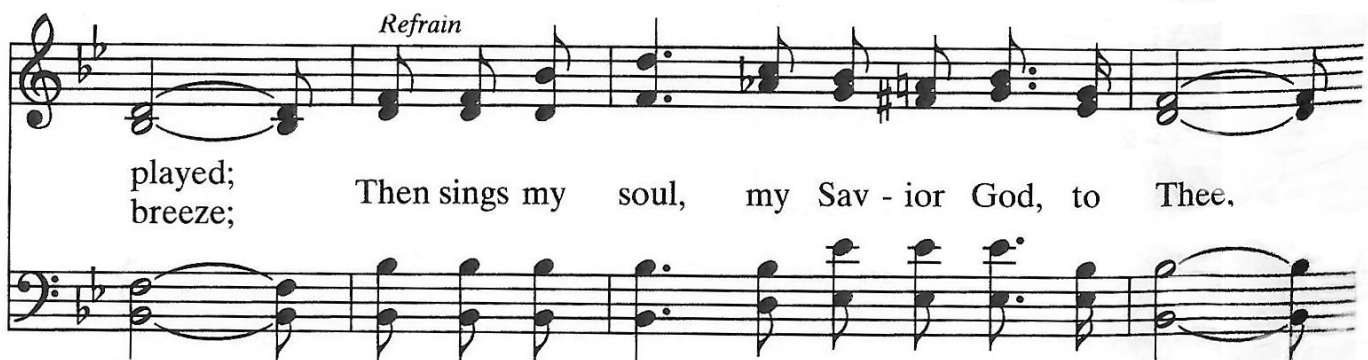
Harm. Stuart K. Hine, 1949

1. O Lord my God! when I in awe-some won - der Con - sid - er
2. When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der And hear the

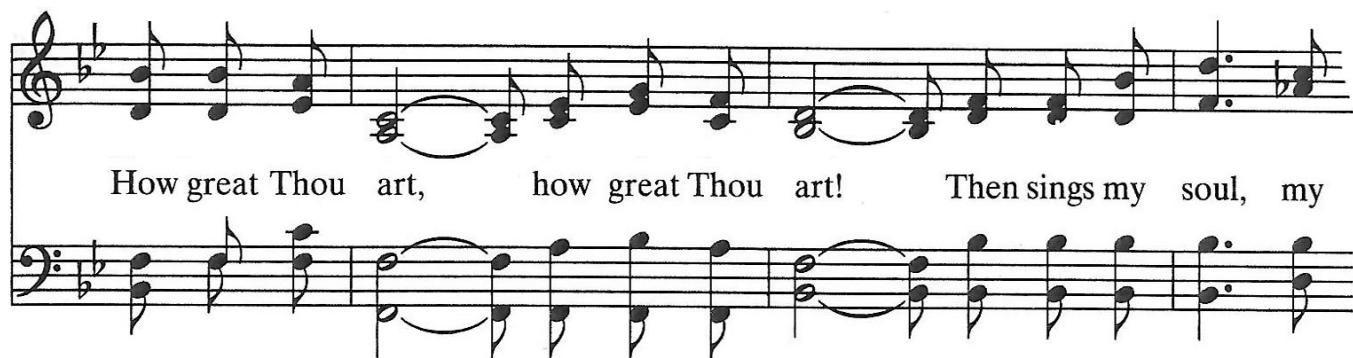
all the *worlds Thy hands have made, I see the stars, I
birds sing sweet - ly in the trees; When I look down from



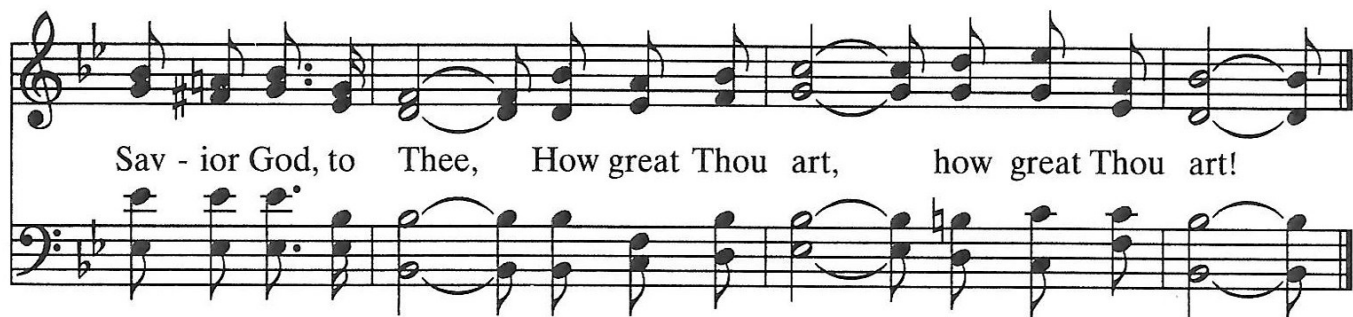
hear the *roll - ing thun - der, Thy power through-out the u - ni - verse dis -
loft - y moun-tain gran - deur And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle



Refrain
played;
breeze; Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to Thee.



How great Thou art, how great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my



Sav - ior God, to Thee, How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

And when I think that God, His Son
not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross, my burden gladly
bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin;
Refrain

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JUNE 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
PRIDE MONTH				 1 A Night of Worship	2	 3 Garden Day
 4	 5	Zoom Study noon 6	 7 AA	 8	9	10
 11	 12	Zoom Study noon 13	 14 AA	 15	16	17
 18 Father's Day	 19 Juneteenth Office & Pantry Closed	Zoom Study noon 20	 21 AA	 22	23	24
 25	 26	Zoom Study noon 27	 28 AA	 29	30	
						

Key:



Pantry
9am



Centering
Prayer 12pm



Drive In
Worship
10am



Communion
Sunday



Lemonade
Lull



Hot
Dogs
11:30



THE FIRST CHURCH IN ALBANY

SUMMER EVENTS CALENDAR

JUNE

- **1** - (THURSDAY) START OF HOT DOGS IN CLEE PARK EVERY THURSDAY
- **4** - RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES SUNDAY
- **11** - PRIDE SUNDAY, GO TO CAPITAL PRIDE AFTER WORSHIP
- **18** - JUNETEENTH SUNDAY, FATHER'S DAY
- **19** - (MONDAY) OFFICE CLOSED FOR JUNETEENTH
- **25** - SPECIAL COMMUNION IN CLEE PARK AFTER WORSHIP

AUGUST

- **6** - FOCUS SUNDAY, TRINITY UNITED METHODIST, **NO WORSHIP AT FIRST CHURCH**
- **13** - FIRST CHURCH BIRTHDAY BASH #381! ENJOY SOME SPECIAL REFRESHMENTS AFTER WORSHIP
- **20** - ALOHA ATTIRE COMPETITION. COME DRESSED IN YOUR ALOHA BEST!
- **27** - SPECIAL COMMUNION IN CLEE PARK AFTER WORSHIP



JULY

- **2** - FOCUS SUNDAY, FIRST PRESBYTERIAN IN ALBANY, **NO WORSHIP AT FIRST CHURCH**
- **4** - (TUESDAY) OFFICE CLOSED FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY
- **16** - BRING YOUR BIKE AND RIDE THE ALBANY SKYWAY AFTER WORSHIP! (WALKERS WELCOME!)
- **30** - SPECIAL COMMUNION IN CLEE PARK AFTER WORSHIP

SEPTEMBER

- **3** - FOCUS SUNDAY, EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH, **NO WORSHIP AT FIRST CHURCH**
- **4** - (MONDAY) OFFICE CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY
- **17** - LAST DRIVE-IN SERVICE
- **24** - BACK TO **IN-DOOR SERVICE**, BLESSINGS OF THE PRAYER SHAWLS



REMINDER: THIS IS JUST THE CALENDAR OF SPECIAL SUNDAYS, HOLIDAYS, AND EVENTS. KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR ANY MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS.

SUMMER 2023