



**DRIVE-IN WORSHIP**

June 25, 2023 10am

**World  
Refugee  
Awareness  
Day**



**THE FIRST CHURCH IN ALBANY**

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### Refugee Awareness Sunday

*(see note at end)*

#### Prelude

*"Hymn of Promise"*

N. Sleeth

*Jean Lamere, vocalist*

In the bulb there is a flower,  
in the seed, an apple tree,  
in cocoons, a hidden promise:  
butterflies will soon be free!  
In the cold and snow of winter  
there's a spring that waits to be,  
unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence,  
seeking word and melody;  
there's a dawn in every darkness,  
bringing hope to you and me.  
From the past will come the future;  
what it holds, a mystery,  
unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning,  
in our time, infinity;  
in our doubt there is believing,  
in our life, eternity,  
in our death, a resurrection,  
at the last, a victory,  
unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see.

## **Welcome, Announcements, & Blessing**

Good morning, children of God, may our souls magnify the Lord, and our spirits rejoice in God our Savior.

### **Refugee Sunday Call to Worship from Faithward.org**

L: Come, O people of God, let us worship the Lord.

**P: Let us kneel before the Lord, our God and maker.**

L: Gathered, as we are, from east and west, from south and north.

**P: We do not adhere to earthly categories or worldly distinctions.**

L: Here, it does not matter what language we speak or what land we come from.

**P: It does not matter how we got here or how long it has been**

L: In this place, We are no longer strangers and aliens,

**P: We are all citizens with the saints and members of the household of God.**

### **\*Opening Hymn**

*“Be Thou My Vision” (see insert)*

**Prayer of Confession** Prayer for Refugee  
Sunday by the Rev. Dr. Tim TenClay, longtime  
RCA missionary and now minister at  
Community Reformed Church at Manhasset,  
New York

Leader: Let us pray. Ever merciful God, you  
said “Let us make humankind in our own  
image.” (Genesis 1:26)

**People: Forgive us, we pray, for the times  
we have only recognized your image in  
those who look, think, and act like us.**

L: You said “Six days you shall labor and do  
all your work. But the seventh day is a  
sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall  
not do any work—you, your son or your  
daughter, your male or female slave, your  
livestock, or the alien resident in your  
towns.” (Exodus 20:9-10)

**P: Forgive us, we pray, for the times we  
have imagined ourselves too important  
to rest and treated others as unworthy  
of time off.**

L: You said “You shall not reap to the very  
edges of your field, or gather the gleanings  
of your harvest; you shall leave them for  
the poor and for the alien.” (Leviticus 23:22)

**P: Forgive us, we pray, for the times we  
have hoarded your blessings and acted  
as if the poor, the homeless, and the  
refugee deserve their reality.**

L: You said “Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.” (Hebrews 13:1)

**P: Forgive us, we pray, for the times we have closed doors, hearts, and churches to those whom we judge too strange or different.**

L: You said “the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.” (Galatians 5:22)

**P: Forgive us, we pray, for the times we have hated, brooded, divided, hurried, been cruel, stingy, disloyal, harsh, and self-indulgent...**

*silent confession and reflection*

L: In your great mercy,

**P: forgive us, we pray.**

L: Through your Holy Spirit,

**P: transform us into bearers of hope and healing,**

L: here and now,

**P: on earth, as it is in heaven.**

**All: Amen.**

*Silent Reflection*

**\*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.

## **Prayer for Illumination**

**Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me. Mold me. Fill me. Use me. Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me!**

**Sermon Text**    Genesis 21: 8-21

Leader: The Word of the Lord

**People: Hallelujah!**

**Sermon**    The End is a Better Beginning

**A Prayer of Blessing on the Word**

## **\*Hymn of Response & Offering**

*"We Know that Christ Is Raised"*

(see insert)

## **Ordination or Installation of Office Bearers:**

### **Elders Elect**

- Norma Jean Ballou
- Tom Allison

### **Deacons Elect**

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

### **Trustees Elect**

- David Bradley
- Robert Dorn
- Becky Mondore
- Ross Westhuis

We thank God for the service of our outgoing leaders: Chip Welge, Mary Weijola, Nicole Sivaslian, and Shirley Bone.

## **\*Hymn for the Renewal of Vocation**

*"Be An Example"*

(see insert)

## **\*Charge & Blessing**

### **\*Postlude**

*"Fugue in C. Major"*

J.S. Bach

**Note 1:** For those who would like to participate in a special and short communion service today, please congregate in Clee Park. Rev. Trey will start the communion service shortly.

**Note 2:** Weekly Wellness Walk with Pastor Mashona follows worship. One mile total over the Albany Skyway.

Note 3: Next week we will be worshipping alongside other FOCUS congregations, those we have covenanted with, at 9:30 am at First Presbyterian Church (362 State St, Albany, NY 12210). There will be **no** worship at First Church.

Deacon Becky Hudak is coordinating carpools for the three FOCUS Summer services. If you are interested in providing rides or you need a ride, please fill in the insert in this bulletin and place it in the offering. A link to an online signup form will also be available this summer in the Eblast.

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### **What is World Refugee Sunday?**

World Refugee Day is June 20. It is an international day to honor refugees around the globe, celebrate the strength and courage of people who have been forced to flee their homes to escape conflict or persecution, and lament the circumstances that led to their forced displacement and harrowing journeys to find refuge. World Refugee Day offers us an opportunity to build empathy and understanding for the plight of refugees, to recognize their resilience, to pray for displaced people and their homelands, and to take time to discern how God is calling us, as Christ followers, to provide compassionate care for refugees and other displaced people. As the Church, we come together to observe Refugee Sunday on either the Sunday before or after June 20.



# Prayers, Joys & Concerns

- We rejoice with the Bianchine & Cummings families for the wedding of Mark & Emily
- Norma Jean Ballou
- For Sara Bonam-Welge and family
- Deborah Paris, daughter of Betty Pierce,
- 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
- Kokeese Ballou
- Janie Unright, friend of the Andrews family
- Norma McClement
- For Jennifer Recene Gallagher
- Carol LaBatte
- 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](mailto:office@firstchurchinalbany.org) to share your joys and concerns*



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!*

We could use your help to support of this ministry. If you would like to donate supplies, the following items can be dropped off in the workroom.

- Nathan's all-beef hotdogs
- Hot-Dog Buns
- Individual bags of chips
- Fruit (i.e. apples, oranges)
- Bottled Water, soda
- Popsicles
- Condiments (i.e. ketchup, mustard, relish, bbq)
- Napkins

We also need volunteers to help serve on Thursdays.

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Key:





# THE FIRST CHURCH IN ALBANY

## SUMMER EVENTS CALENDAR

### JULY

- 2 - FOCUS SUNDAY, FIRST PRESBYTERIAN IN ALBANY, **NO WORSHIP AT FIRST CHURCH**
- 3 - PANTRY CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY OBSERVANCE
- 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



### 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

### 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



## What's Happening this Week at The First Church in Albany

- Sunday 6.25 10am **Refugee Awareness Sunday**  
**Drive-In Worship** at  
FCIA, also on Zoom  
Communion Service &  
Lemonade Lull in Clee Park
- Monday 6.26 9am Food Pantry
- Tuesday 6.27 6am-9pm Primary Voting in Zimmerman
- Wednesday 6.28 9am Food Pantry  
noon AA Meeting  
noon Centering Prayer in  
the Powell Rm
- Thursday 6.29 11:30am Hot Dogs in Clee Park

*AW = After Worship*

### Upcoming Events

- 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.

**Reminder:** Tuesday, June 27 is Primary Election Day. The First Church in Albany is a polling place for elections 6am—9pm.



### First Church in Albany

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# Music Insert



Sunday, June 25, 2023


# Be Thou My Vision

Capo 1: (D)  $E^b$  (G)  $A^b$  (D/F#)  $E^b/G$  (A7)  $B^b7$  (D)  $E^b$




1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;  
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;  
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A)  $B^b$  (D)  $E^b$  (G)  $A^b$  (A)  $B^b$




naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;  
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G)  $A^b$  (D)  $E^b$  (F#m7)  $Gm7$  (G)  $A^b$  (A)  $B^b$



thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;  
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,  
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm)  $Cm$  (D/F#)  $E^b/G$  (G)  $A^b$  (D)  $E^b$



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.  
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range.



# We Know That Christ Is Raised

Capo 3: (D)

(Asus) (A)

(A/G)

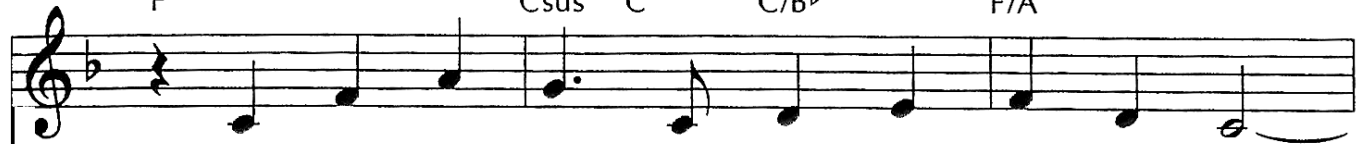
(D/F#)

F

Csus C

C/Bb

F/A



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.  
 2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.  
 3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.  
 4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows

(D)

(A)

(D)

(E7)

(A)

F

C

F

G7

C



Em - braced by death he broke its fear - ful hold,  
 Re - born we share with him an Eas - ter life  
 The Spir - it's pow - er shakes the church of God.  
 as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.

(Am)

(D)

(G)

(Em)

(Bm)

Cm

F

Bb

Gm

Dm



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.  
 as liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ.  
 Bap - tized we live with God the Three in One.  
 The u - ni - verse, re - stored and whole, will sing:

1-3

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(Em)

(D) (Asus) (A)

(Em)

(D)

Gm

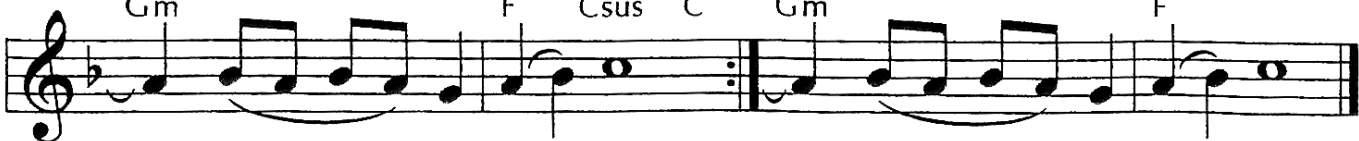
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Csus

C

Gm

F



Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia!

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

Beginning with an allusion to Romans 6:9, this exuberant baptismal hymn unfolds the implications of our incorporation into Christ's new life, making us "a new creation" (2 Corinthians 5:17). The text was written to fit this expansive tune by a distinguished British composer.

# Be an Example

Text: John A. Dalles 2013

Wayne Leupold Editions

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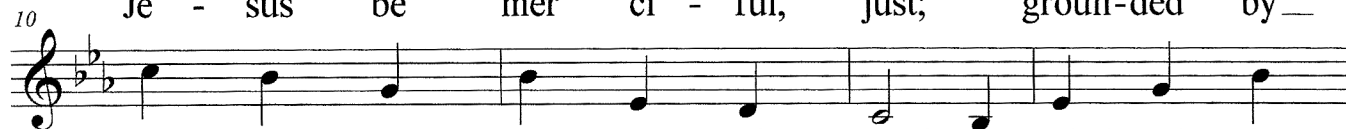
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1. Be an ex - am - ple in all that you say, your words con -
2. Be an ex am - ple in all that you are, choo - sing in
3. Be an ex - am - ple of in - fi - nite love, claim - ing de -
4. Be an ex - am - ple of Spi - rit - filled zest, charged\_\_ with
5. Be an Ex am - ple of un - swer - ving trust, root - ed in



vey - ing Christ's life, truth, and way; ev - ry\_\_ ex -  
 con - duct to shine like a star; hold in\_\_ your  
 vo - tion, a gift from a - bove; blend ad - mi -  
 new life con - vey - ing your best; firm in\_\_ al -  
 Je - sus be mer ci - ful, just; groun - ded by\_\_



pres - sion an em - blem of praise\_\_ filled with the  
 bear - ing so you will be - have,\_\_ heed - ing the  
 ra - tion with kind - ly re - gard,\_\_ sha - ring the  
 le - giance to what scrip - ture tells,\_\_ bles - sing your  
 con - fi - dence, ser - ving Christ call;\_\_ true in your



Gos - pel, God's mes - sage of grace.  
 mo - del of\_\_ Je - sus who saves.  
 pas - sion of\_\_ Je - sus the Lord.  
 hear - ers and\_\_ your - self as well.  
 ac - tions, your wit - ness, your all.