



Radio Station: 87.9

Prelude *Variation on "PROSPECT"* Trad.
Joshua Bliss, Baritone Sax

Welcome, Announcements, & Blessing

I was glad when they said to me, "let's go into the courts of our God." One day in God's house is better than a thousand elsewhere.

Call to Worship Psalm 136:1-3

L: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,

P: for his steadfast love endures forever.

L: Give thanks to the God of gods,

P: for his steadfast love endures forever. All: Give thanks to the Lord of lords, for his steadfast love endures forever.

***Opening Hymn** (see insert)
“When We Must Bear Persistent Pain”

***Prayer of Confession & New Living**

Guide me O thou great Redeemer. Lead me through this barren land. Bread of heaven. Bread of heaven. Feed me till I need no more.

Words of Assurance & Encouragement

God opens now the crystal fountain, Whence the healing stream doth flow;
God is your Strong Deliverer.

****Adapted from the hymn Guide Me
by William Williams***

***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 and hand-sign of peace.

beep beep beep



Children's Message & Blessing

Prayer for Illumination

Your word is a lamp unto my feet and a light for my path.

Sermon Text

Psalm 23

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

Sermon *The Lord is a Leader*

A Prayer of Blessing on the Word

***Hymn of Response & Offering** (see insert)
 "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

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

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"* J.Carter

Note: Next Sunday, Sept. 3 is the FOCUS Worship Service at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Albany.

**** There will be no worship at First Church ****
Monday, Sept. 4 is Labor Day. The office and the pantry will be **closed** to observe the holiday.

If you would like to donate towards the wildfire catastrophe on Maui, ask the usher today for an envelope and be sure to mark "Maui Strong" on the memo line if you write a check. First Church will be donating to the Hawaii Community Foundation, which is recommended by the State of Hawaii and federal agencies.

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Join Us for This Week's Events

S 27

- 10am: Drive-In Worship (also on Zoom),
- AW: Lemonade Lull

M 28

- 9am: Food Pantry in temporary location

W 30

- 9am: Food Pantry in temporary location
- Noon: Centering Prayer (Powell), AA Mtg (Parlor)



T 31

• 11:30am: Hot Dogs in the Park
LAST ONE THIS SUMMER!

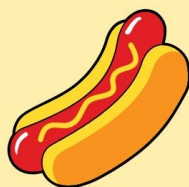
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Scan for full event calendar



ONLY 1 WEEK LEFT!

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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When We Must Bear Persistent Pain

1 When we must bear per - sis - tent pain and suf - fer
2 Sup - port us as we learn new ways to care for
3 We thank you for the bet - ter days when we may
4 In ease or pain, in life and death, to you our

with no cure in sight, come, Ho - ly Pres - ence,
bod - ies new - ly frail. Help us en - dure, and
smile to greet the sun, to do your work with
frag - ile lives be - long, and so we trust you

breathe your peace with gifts of warmth and heal - ing light.
live and love. Hear our com - plaint when pa - tience fails.
clear - ing mind, and bless your name when day is done.
in all things. You are our hope, our health, our song.

Reflecting the author's own experience of debilitating migraine headaches, this sung prayer speaks for many people whose lives involve constant pain, often without hope of lasting relief. This text is effectively set to a shape note tune using only five tones of the scale.

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MUSIC: Walker's *Southern Harmony*, 1835; harm. David N. Johnson, 1968

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The King of Love My Shepherd Is

5. Thou spread'st a ta - ble in my sight; thy unc - tion
6. And so through all the length of days thy good-ness

6
grace be ³ - stow - eth; and O what trans-port of de-light from
fail - eth ne - ver; Good Shep-herd, may I sing thy praise with-

13
thy pure cha - lice flow - eth.
in thy house for - e - ver.

