



Radio Station: 87.9

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements, & Blessing //

Corinthians 13:14

“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.” **Amen.**

Call to Worship *Based on Psalm 104*

Votum: Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth. **Amen.**

Leader: O Triune God, how varied are your works—

People: The earth is full of your marvels!

Leader: How manifold is your handiwork—

People: We delight in all of your creation!

Leader: You even created human beings in your image,

People: Reflecting your diversity and unity!

Leader: You created all our bodies and souls,

People: And you gave us the freedom to live in love!

Leader: We worship you, God who is Love and shows us astounding love!

***Opening Hymn**

(see p. 4)

“Love Astounding” HOLY MANNA

Prayer of Confession & Call New Living

Transcendent God, we’ve believed lies about you, others, and even ourselves. Lies that say others and ourselves are unworthy, beyond love, broken beyond repair. Yet still, you walk the gardens of our souls, asking, “Where are you?” Not to shame us, but to restore. Speak louder than our fear. Call us into the light. Heal us. 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 for Illumination

God who walks with us, silence the serpent’s lies. Shine your loving face on us—even in our hiding. Give us the care we need so that we might truly live. Amen.

Sermon Text Genesis 3:1-13

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon The First Closet: That Lie About Being

Prayers of the People by the People

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.

***Offertory & Sending Hymn** (see p.5)

“God Loves Us in Mysterious Ways”

DUNDEE

***Charge & Blessing**

***Postlude**

Worship Leadership

Preacher: Rev. Trey Tirpak

Liturgist: Imani Brewer,

Deacon of the Great Consistory

Keyboardist: Eugene Sit

Vocalist: Norma Jean Ballou & Jean Lamere

Audio/Video: Joshua Bliss,

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Note:

- Please join us for Lemonade Lull in Clee Memorial Park!
- **Those who would like to walk in the Capital Pride Parade, please gather near the accessible parking spots, and we will determine a carpool for getting up the hill.**



Love Astounding

Jeannette M. Lindholm

HOLY MANNA
Wiliam Moore, Columbian Harmony 1825

1. Love a - stound-ing, Love con - found-ing__ lim - its__ fear - ful minds im - pose.
2. Love re - ceiv - ing Love be - liev - ing,__ we re - joice with thanks and song,

Love re - new - ing, Love pur - su - ing__ ev - ery__ heart un - til it knows
faith re - gain - ing, hope pro - claim - ing,__ Love has__ taught us, we be - long

Love's trans - form - ing, heal - ing__ good - ness, Love's a - bid - ing gen - tle__ grace,
safe with - in Love's ten - der__ keep - ing, safe from fear's per - sis - tent__ cal.

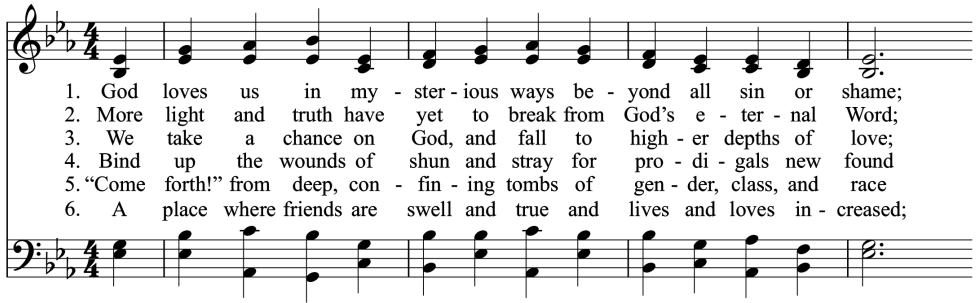
Love's en - dur - ance, Love's as - sur - ance, Love's con - sol - ing strong em - brace.
Love de - fend - ing, Love un - end - ing,__ Love of__ God en - fold - ing all.

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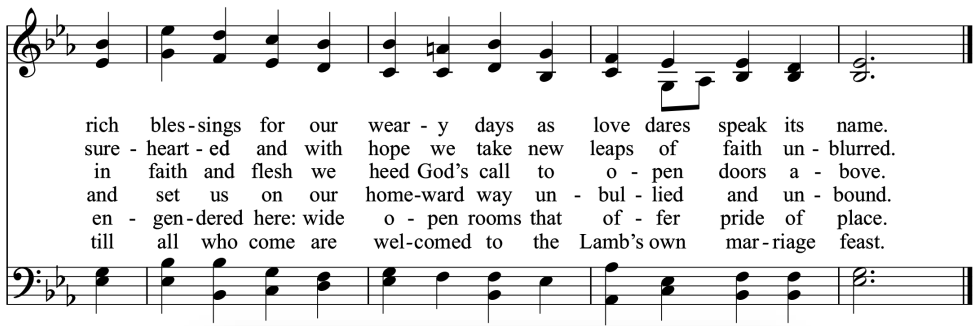
God Loves Us in Mysterious Ways

Edward Moran, 2015

DUNDEE
Scottish Psalter 1615



1. God loves us in my - ster - ious ways be - yond all sin or shame;
2. More light and truth have yet to break from God's e - ter - nal Word;
3. We take a chance on God, and fall to high - er depths of love;
4. Bind up the wounds of shun and stray for pro - di - gals new found
5. "Come forth!" from deep, con - fin - ing tombs of gen - der, class, and race
6. A place where friends are swell and true and lives and loves in - creased;



rich bles - sings for our wear - y days as love dares speak its name.
sure - heart - ed and with hope we take new leaps of faith un - blurred.
in faith and flesh we heed God's call to o - pen doors a - bove.
and set us on our home - ward way un - bul - lied and un - bound.
en - gen - dered here: wide o - pen rooms that of - fer pride of place.
till all who come are wel - comed to the Lamb's own mar - riage feast.



Prayer LIST as of 6.3.25

(To add an item to the prayer chain, contact a minister, the office or a member of consistory.)

♥ Indicates a new listing

Current Concerns

- ♥ For Michael Brennan, Kathleen Brennan-Claydon's brother, in the sudden death of his close friend Chuck.
- ♥ For the passing of First Church Member Mary Weijola.
 - Brian Brooks, brother of Gayle Wlodkowski-Hitchcock, with health concerns
 - Gertrude Dorn who fell while gardening, injuring her arm, as she recovers
 - Michelle Williams, having a procedure
 - Janet Conti who is home, but became ill and was hospitalized. Hopefully coming home. She is also without her vehicle which is still in
 - Clarice Milliken, recovering from procedure.
 - Mary Bon will be having hip surgery on June 3rd at Albany Med.
 - David Allen, for his continued recovery.
 - Eric Witt Nebel's health, friend of Michelle Williams
 - Phyllis Dean, friend of Michelle Williams

Give Thanks

- We give thanks for the time shared with Sr. Minister, the Rev. Dr. Mashona Walston. We wish her well for the next chapter of her adventure.

Ongoing Needs

- Olivia Gaydushek
- Wilma Sheffer
- Mia Westman
- Ministers, staff, and leaders of First Church as they move forward into our everchanging World
- For areas recovering from natural disasters like fires, earthquakes, etc.
- For war-torn places and area of conflict throughout the world
- For those in our immediate area dealing with gun violence and its aftermath

Note: Prayer concerns will be kept on the list for 4 Sundays. Please let the office or a member of Consistory know if a concern needs to be kept on after that.

**FCIA
HOT DOG
WEDNESDAY @NOON
THROUGH LABOR DAY**

We love treating our neighbors to lunch every Wednesday. We hope you can join us. It's a hot one, but we are ready with cold beverages and all the hot dog goodness!

FREE



Clee Park, 110
North Pearl St.
Albany
right next to FIRST
CHURCH





2025-2026 FCIA Office Bearers

Deacons

- Deborah Anderson
- Becky Hudak
- Jean Lamere
- Joy Smith
- Erica Zetterholm-Bliss

Elders

- Norma Jean Ballou
- Kathleen Brennan-Claydon
- Zak Morton
- Peter Pagerey

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- Monica Marsh
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- Joyce Recene
Secretary
- Ray Van Epps
Treasurer
- Ross Westhuis
Vice President

Trustees Emeriti

- Philip Labatte, Shirley Bone



Throughout the pastoral transition at the First Church, we will be sending frequent communications as the need arises. We will link them on their own page on the website, as well as sending them as a special Update Eblast. Our goal is to provide information and transparency throughout the process. If you have any questions, please email Rev. Trey Tirpak, treytirpak@gmail.com

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THE FIRST CHURCH IN ALBANY

JUNE 2025



TUE
10

PANTRY 
ZOOM BIBLE STUDY

9AM
1PM

WED
11

CENTERING PRAYER POWELL RM
AA MEETING
HOT DOGS IN THE PARK
ZOOM BIBLE STUDY

NOON
NOON
NOON
7:30PM



THU
12

PANTRY

9AM

SUN
15

HAPPY
Father's Day

DRIVE-IN WORSHIP [AT] FCIA
LEMONADE LULL

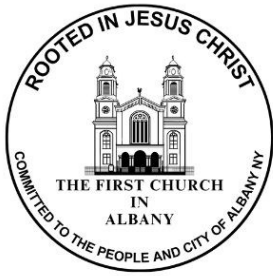


10AM
11AM

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hello SUMMER

SUNDAY,
JUNE 29

AFTER
WORSHIP

IN CLEE
PARK

IT'S TIME FOR A SUMMER FAMILY PICNIC... A FIRST CHURCH FAMILY PICNIC!

More information
to come!
Hot Dogs
will be provided





PRIDE MONTH

June



SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

 1 Lemonade Lull	2	 3 Consistory 6:30pm	 4 Book Study 7:30pm	 5	6	7
 8	9	 10	 11 Book Study 7:30pm	 12	13	14
 15	16	 17 Castle Island Bridge Ceremony 11am	 18	 19	20 Office Closed Holiday Observed	21
 22	23	 24 FOCUS Board Mtg 6:30pm	 25	 26	27	28
 29	30	 June 8	 June 8	 June 14	 June 15	 June 19



Key:



Coming in July

- July 4 (Fri.) - Office Closed for Independence Day
- July 6 (Sun.) - FOCUS Service 9:30am @ 1st Presb., No Worship at FCIA