

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
July 18, 2021
First Presbyterian Church
Albany, NY

Called by God to reduce the widening gap between rich and poor

The Gathering

Prelude

Adagio in C Major

Mozart

Welcome & Announcements

***Call to Worship**

One: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

All: The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures; the Spirit leads me beside still waters;

One: The Lord restores my soul. Divine Spirit leads me in right paths for their name's sake.

All: Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff— they comfort me.

One: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

All: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

***Hymn No. 65**

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
(Only Soloist Singing)

CWM RHONDDA



1. Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this bar - ren land.
2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing stream doth flow.
3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my an - xious fears sub - side.



I am weak, but thou art might - y. Hold me with thy power - ful hand.
Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me all my jour - ney through.
Death of death, and hell's des - truc - tion, land me safe on Ca - naan's side.



Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en, feed me till I want no more;
Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and shield;
Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es I will ev - er give to thee;



feed me till I want no more.
be thou still my strength and shield.
I will ev - er give to thee.

***Prayer of Confession**

We confess, O Lord of Love, that we have failed to love ourselves. We have failed to see our own sacredness, how we are created in your image, how the Divine spark of your love is in each of us. And in doing so, we have failed in caring for ourselves. We have failed to rest, we have failed to pause, we have failed to stop. The Gospel of Busyness, the Gospel of Productivity, the Gospel of Importance has taken hold of our lives. We have gone back to business as usual without even thinking. Have mercy on us, O Lord of Love, help us in this time. Turn us around. Remake us in your image, spark the love of the Divine back into our lives once again. Amen.

***Declaration of Forgiveness**

The Word

Old Testament Lesson Jeremiah 23:1–6 (O.T., p. 725) Kendra Smith-Howard

One: The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

Rob Dreher

One: The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson Mark 6:30–34, 53–56 (N.T., pp. 41–42)

One: The gospel of the Lord

All: Praise be to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Needing a Break

Shannan Vance-Ocampo

Our Response

Anthem

Spirit of God descend upon my heart

Keith Crosby Brown

Joshua Gurwitz, *tenor*

G. Croly

Spirit of God descend upon my heart wean it from earth, through all its pulses move
stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art, and make me love thee as I ought to love.

I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies, no sudden rending of the veil of clay,
no angel visitant, no opening skies, but take the dimness of my soul away.

Hast thou not bid us love thee, God and king?

All, all thine own, soul, heart and strength and mind? I see thy cross, there teach my heart
to cling, oh, let me seek thee, and oh, let me find.

Teach me to feel that thou art always nigh, teach me the struggles of the soul to bear,
teach me the patience of unanswered pray'r. Oh, let me seek thee, and oh, let me find.

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Prayers of the People

*There is a “Prayers of the People” book on the table in the back of the sanctuary. We encourage the congregation to write their concerns and thanksgivings in the book before the service so they can be included in the Prayers of the People. Several petitions are offered, each concluding with: O God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

Offering of Ourselves and Our Gifts

Offering receptacles are located in the back of the sanctuary. You make place your offering in one on the way into worship or as you leave. You may also donate online at firstpresalbany.org/donate.

Prayer of Dedication

The Eucharist (Thanksgiving)

Communion

Invitation to the Lord’s Supper

All those, including children, who seek the way of Christ and desire fellowship in the church are invited to the Lord’s Table to share in our common meal of thanksgiving.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord’s Prayer: 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.

Breaking of the Bread and Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

The Sending

*Hymn No. 803

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need
(Only Soloist Singing)

RESIGNATION



1. My — shep - herd will sup - ply my need; Je - ho - vah is his name.
2. When I walk through the shades of death your pres - ence is my stay;
3. The — sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me all my days;



In — pas - tures fresh he makes me feed, be - side the liv - ing stream.
one word of — your sup - port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.
O — may your house be my a - bode, and — all my work be praise.



He brings my wan - dering spir - it — back when I for - sake his ways,
Your hand, in — sight of — all my foes, does still my — ta - ble spread;
There would I — find a — set - tled rest, while o - thers go and come;



and leads me, for his mer - cy's sake, in — paths of truth and grace.
my cup with bless - ings o - ver - flows; your oil a - noints my head.
no — more a — strang - er, or a — guest, but like a child at home.

*Benediction

*Response by the People (*in unison*) Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Amen.

*Responsive Hymn No. 541 v. 1 *God Be with You Till We Meet Again*
(Only Soloist Singing)

RANDOLPH



God be with you till we meet a - gain; lov - ing coun - sels guide, up - hold you,



with a shep-herd's care en - fold you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.

Postlude

Trumpet Voluntary

Jeremiah Clarke

*We ask that everyone leave the building following the ushers instructions.
Please join us in the parking lot for Fellowship Time, weather permitting.*

Serving you today is Usher/Greeter Team G:

Carol Bullard, Paloma Luisi, Tony Luisi
& Eric Weinhold

Serving you today as offering counters: Ron Geuther & Leslie Cheu

Serving you on July 25 is Usher/Greeter Team A:

Joanne Gascoyne, Richard Gascoyne,
Ann Hannay & David Hannay

Serving you on July 25 as Scripture Readers are:

Diane Cornell & Cindy Winter

Serving you as offering counters on July 25: Owen Gilbo & Stephanie Kite

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We welcome visitors to our worship services. This summer we are transitioning back to in-person worship. We continue to livestream our service on Facebook.

We welcome children to our worship services. Nursery care for children age birth through kindergarten is not currently provided. We hope to provide care in the near future as guidelines allow.

Parking is available on Sunday mornings in Washington Park. There is also a parking lot on Washington Avenue just west of Lark Street available during church services on Sunday mornings. The church parking lot on Sunday mornings is reserved for visitors and for those who, for physical reasons, need close access to the church. Please note the spaces reserved for those with disabilities, and please do not block other cars.

The First Presbyterian Church

“is a house of prayer for all people.” (Isaiah 56:7)

We welcome persons of differing abilities of all economic and ethnic groups of any sexual orientation

To share with us the joy, the power, the challenge of God’s good news in Jesus Christ.

Revised by Session
November 16, 2004

Announcements

Glenn and Miriam Lawrence Leupold are out of town for a planning week and then vacation. They will return to the church office on Tuesday, August 17.

We welcome back to our pulpit this morning the Rev. Shannan Vance-Ocampo who serves as the General Presbyter for the Presbytery of Southern New England. Previous to this call she was the Transitional Presbyter for Albany Presbytery, Pastor/Head-of-Staff at Watchung Avenue Presbyterian Church and Associate Pastor at First Presbyterian Church of Rumson, NJ. In the larger church she serves as chair-elect of the Presbyterian Mission Agency Board and a member of the Committee on the Office of the General Assembly. Shannan holds a B.A. in Philosophy and Religious Studies from the College of Wooster, an M. Div. from McCormick Theological Seminary and is working on her Doctor of Ministry at Memphis Theological Seminary focused on environmental ethics. She lives in Albany with her husband, Juan Gabriel Ocampo Valle, a native of Bogotá, Colombia, and their daughter, Sofia Elena, who is a member of this congregation.

Join us for worship each Sunday.
Our services are in-person livestreamed on Facebook
unless otherwise noted.
Note our worship times and invite a friend to worship
with you this summer in-person or online!

Date	Time	Summer Worship with Communion
July 25	10:00am	Worship Service
August 1	10:00am	FOUCS Worship at Emmanuel Baptist Church, 275 State St. in Albany To attend in person, please do these two things: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call or email Dorothy in the EBC office to reserve a seat in the sanctuary, no later than Thursday, July 29. emmanuelalbany@juno.com, 518-465-5161 • Wear a mask, regardless of your vaccination status. To attend on Zoom, use the link and passcode below and bring your own communion elements to your worship space Topic: FOCUS Worship August 1 Time: Aug 1, 2021 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada) Join Zoom Meeting https://ministrelife.zoom.us/j/93185738164?pwd=b1dtK3pEWDQvS0VDclZQM0I4SDZ2UT09 Meeting ID: 931 8573 8164 Password: FOCUS To Dial In: 646 558 8656 US (New York)
August 8	10:00am	Worship Service
August 15	10:00am	Worship Service
August 22	10:00am	Worship Service
August 29	10:00am	Worship Service
Sept 5	10:00am	FOCUS Worship at Trinity Methodist Church, 235 Lark St. in Albany
Sept 12	10:00am	Worship Service

Glenn D. Leupold, Co-Pastor
Michael C. Lister, Director of Music
Trevor Kahlbaugh, Organist
Jamie Mamone, Office Administrator
Fred Bohrer, FOCUS Exec. Dir.



Miriam Lawrence Leupold, Co-Pastor
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