

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
July 25, 2021
First Presbyterian Church
Albany, NY

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

The Gathering

Prelude *Andante tranquillo* from *Organ Sonata No. 3* Felix Mendelssohn

Welcome & Announcements

***Call to Worship**

One: Let's kneel before God from whom all the families derive their names in heaven and on earth.

All: Through God's Spirit we receive power and strength.

One: Christ dwells in our hearts through faith and that is why we can grasp how wide and long and high and deep is his love.

To him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us,

All: to him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen.

***Hymn No. 635**

Sing, Praise, and Bless the Lord
(Only Soloist Singing)

LAUDATE DOMINUM

Sing, praise, and bless the Lord. Sing, praise, and bless the Lord. Peo-ples!

Na-tions! Al - le - lu - ia! Sing, praise, and bless the Lord. Sing, praise, and

bless the Lord. Peo - ples! Na - tions! Al - le - lu - ia!

***Prayer of Confession**

One: Sometimes our heart says, "There is no God."

**All: We are corrupt and our deeds are vile.
We have turned aside and we do not seek God.**

One: Forgive us, Oh Savior,

**All: When we frustrate the plans of the poor,
When we live overtaken by fear.**

One: Restore the fortunes of your people, God,

**All: So that we can live happy and rejoice
Amen.**

***Declaration of Forgiveness**

The Word

Psalm 145: 10–18

Cindy Winter

One: The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Lesson Ephesians 3:14–21 (N.T., p. 193)

Diane Cornell

One: The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Old Testament Lesson II Kings 4:42–44 (O.T., p. 336)

One: The gospel of the Lord

All: Praise be to you, O Christ.

Sermon *With Attention and Intention* Rev. Dr. Amaury Tañón-Santos

Our Response

Anthem

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

George Matheson

Fiona McKinney, *alto*

John Ness Beck

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee.
I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow
may richer, fuller be.

O joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain,
that morn shall tearless be.

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

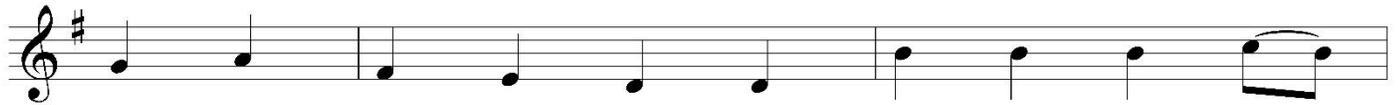
*Hymn No. 722

Lord, Speak to Me that I May Speak
(Only Soloist Singing)

CANONBURY



1. Lord, speak to me that I may speak in liv - ing
2. O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the wan - dering
3. O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the pre - cious
4. O fill me with your full - ness, Lord, un - til my
5. O use me, Lord, use e - ven me, just as you



ech - oes of your tone. As you have sought, so
and the wa - vering feet. O feed me, Lord, that
truths which you im - part. And wing my words that
ver - y heart o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and
will, and when, and where un - til your bless - ed

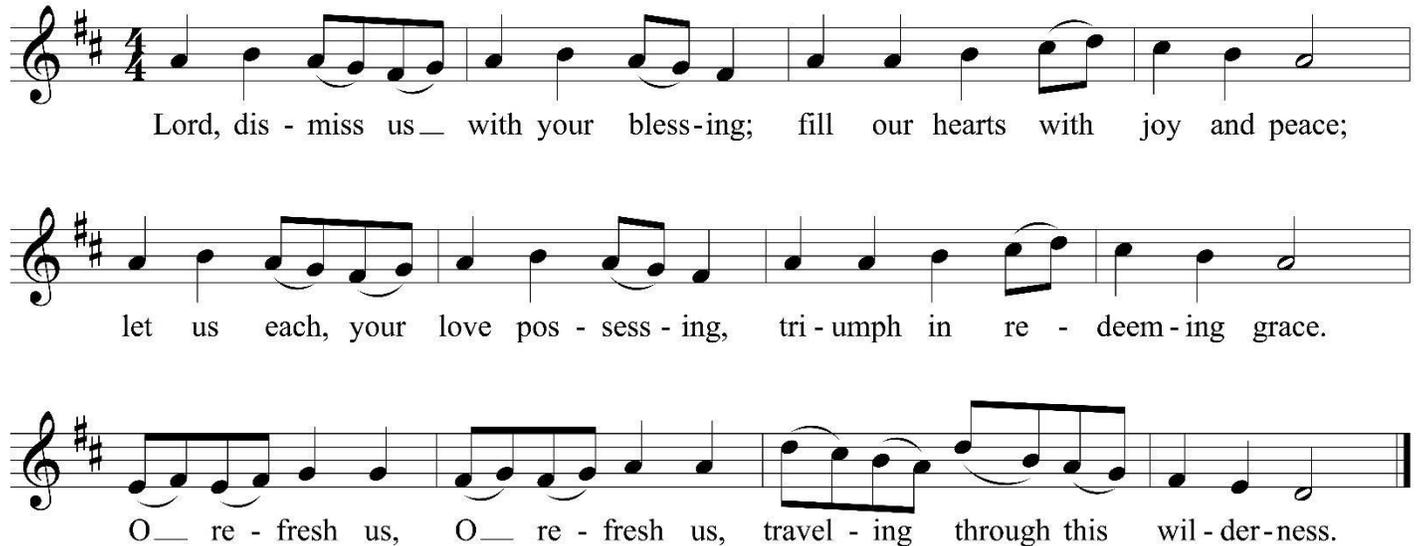


let me seek your err - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.
I may feed your hun - gering ones with man - na sweet.
they may reach the hid - den depths of man - ya heart.
glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.
face I see, your rest, your joy, your glo - ry share.

*Benediction

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

***Responsive Hymn No. 546 v. 1** *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing* SICILIAN MARINERS
(Only Soloist Singing)



Lord, dis - miss us — with your bless - ing; fill our hearts with joy and peace;
let us each, your love pos - sess - ing, tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace.
O — re - fresh us, O — re - fresh us, travel - ing through this wil - der - ness.

Postlude *Allegro maestoso e vivace* from *Organ Sonata No. 2* Felix Mendelssohn

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

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Serving you today is Usher/Greeter Team A:

Joanne Gascoyne, Richard Gascoyne,
Ann Hannay & David Hannay

Serving you today as offering counters: Owen Gilbo & Stephanie Kite

Serving you on August 8 is Usher/Greeter Team B:

Susanne Freeman, Kate Pruzek,
Bob Stevens, Linda Stevens & Alison Stonebly

Serving you on August 8 as Scripture Readers are:

Dwight Smith & Rachel Smith

Serving you as offering counters on August 8: David Hannay & Ray Henrikson

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 are out of town for vacation. They will return to the church office on Tuesday, August 17.

We welcome back to our pulpit this morning the Rev. Dr. Amaury Tañón-Santos (él/he/him) who serves the Executive Director/CEO of the Schenectady Community Ministries, a half-century-old collaborative of faith communities in the greater Schenectady, NY area seeking to address the social, financial and political injustices that emanate from and perpetuate systemic poverty.

Before his call to social NGO/not-for-profit leadership, Amaury served as pastor of congregations in urban contexts of New York and New Jersey. He also served in higher theological education as program director in the areas of multicultural ministry, faith and public life, and Latina/o leadership formation, and as staff in regional church ministry. His journey in religious vocation, community engagement, and urban life began in his native Puerto Rico (the traditional land of the Borikén Taíno).

Amaury lives in the Capital Region of New York State (the traditional land of the Mohican people), and is the spouse of First Pres member Jeannette, and the parent to Aiden Paul and Sebastián Mikel.

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
August 1	10:00am	FOCUS 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 Boehrer, FOCUS Exec. Dir.



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