

Greetings in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ

**The First Church in Albany
Welcomes you to the Service of Installation
for
Rev. Trey Tirpak**



Sunday, April 28, 2024 at 3PM

About Today's Service & Trey:

Today, the Rev. Classis of Albany will receive the Rev. Trey Tirpak and install him as the Associate Minister here at The First Church in Albany. In September 2021, the Rev. Classis of Schenectady ordained Trey to the Office of Word and Sacrament commissioning him to a specialized ministry of the Regional Synod of Albany, specifically to serve at The First Church in Albany through the Albany Synod Fellowship Program.

Born and raised on the island of O'ahu, Trey attended Hanalani Schools for fifteen years and graduated with a Servant Leadership Diploma. He then moved to Grand Rapids, MI, where he graduated with a B.A. in Christian Religion and Congregational & Ministry Studies from Calvin College. He then moved to Holland, MI, where he graduated with an M.Div. from Western Theological Seminary.

Trey was pastorally mentored at St. Columba's Church of Scotland, Blythefield Christian Reformed Church, Central Reformed Church, and Hope Church. He served as an aide for the Ecumincal Associate of the General Synod Council (RCA) and as an aide to the Chief of Staff for the City of Grand Rapids. Trey is joyfully married to his husband, Cameron Carley.



Provided by his parents, Trey is wearing a maile lei, which is worn by men in Hawaii for significant occasions like this.

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Prelude

*“The Day Thou Gavest”
“O Kou Aloha No”
Jackie Wright, flute*

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Queen Lili'oukalani

All classes members and ecumenical leaders are welcome to process during the processional hymn. Please gather in the narthex by the glass doors. When congregational singing begins, please process behind the acolyte down the center aisle and sit in the front couple of pews on both sides of the center aisle.

***Processional Hymn** *“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”* (see insert)

The Christ Candle is processed in by acolyte, Cameron Carley.

Votum

*The Rev. Dr. Mashona Walston
Senior Minister of The First Church in Albany*

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

Greeting & Blessing *II 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.**

Welcome & Opening Sentences *Based on Psalm 25*

Leader: To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

People: O God, in you I trust.

Leader: Make known to me your ways,

People: and teach me your paths.

Leader: Do not remember the sins of my youth, but according to your steadfast love

People: remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O Lord!

Leader: Take heart for the Lord is good and upright,

People: and God leads the humble in what is right.

Leader: All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness.

People: May the promises we humbly make today become paths for your steadfast love and faithfulness. Amen.

Baptismal Remembrance Litany

The Rev's Jacob Chipka & Greg Town

“Hear, everyone who thirsts; come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread and your earnings for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant.” Isaiah 55:1-3a

Hymn of Invitation to Come to the Font

“Come To The Water”

(see insert)

Verse 1: Guitarist leads and choir accompanies. (Minister pours out water)

Verse 2-4: Congregation joins.

Confession *Inspired by the Liturgy for Baptism*

Here at the font, risen Lord, we confess our tendency to forget the love you have shown us through the waters of our baptism and the calling you have placed on our lives as baptized children of the new covenant. Forgive us. Remind us of our adoption into the Body of Christ, and send your Holy Spirit to renew and cleanse us daily so we might faithfully live out the promises we make together today. You alone can save us from our wayward ways, and you alone are our way, truth, and life; in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness & Call to New Living: *Select portions from the Liturgy for Baptism*

Friends of Jesus, hear the good news: the living waters of baptism cleanse, refresh, and sustain because Jesus Christ is living water, and we have been baptized into him.

For in our baptism, God has already promised, by grace alone: **“to forgive our sins; to adopt us into the Body of Christ, the Church; to send the Holy Spirit daily to renew and cleanse us; and to resurrect us to eternal life.”**

“For you, dear ones, Jesus Christ came into the world; for you he died, and for you he conquered death.” Remember this, and do not fear. Be bold in living out the promises you make together today, for through the waters of baptism you have been enabled to live a holy life until Christ's kingdom fully comes. Amen.

*Passing the Peace:

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: For a few minutes, please share the peace of Christ with those around you.

Prayer for the Reading of God's Word

God of revelation, as we gather to encounter your Word, ignite within us a daring spirit to decidedly follow Jesus. Amen.

First Lesson Joshua 4:1-9

When the entire nation had finished crossing over the Jordan, the Lord said to Joshua, "Select twelve men from the people, one from each tribe, and command them, 'Take twelve stones from here out of the middle of the Jordan, from the place where the priests' feet stood, carry them over with you, and lay them down in the place where you camp tonight.'" Then Joshua summoned the twelve men whom he had appointed from the Israelites, one from each tribe. Joshua said to them, "Pass on before the ark of the Lord your God into the middle of the Jordan, and each of you take up a stone on his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the Israelites, so that this may be a sign among you. When your children ask in time to come, 'What do those stones mean to you?' then you shall tell them that the waters of the Jordan were cut off in front of the ark of the covenant of the Lord. When it crossed over the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. So these stones shall be to the Israelites a memorial forever."

The Israelites did as Joshua commanded. They took up twelve stones out of the middle of the Jordan, according to the number of the tribes of the Israelites, as the Lord had told Joshua, carried them over with them to the place where they camped, and laid them down there. (Joshua set up twelve stones in the middle of the Jordan, in the place where the feet of the priests bearing the ark of the covenant had stood, and they are there to this day.)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Second Lesson John 21:20-22

Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them; he was the one who had reclined next to Jesus at the supper and had said, "Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?" When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, "Lord, what about him?" Jesus said to him, "If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? Follow me!"

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

"Deciding to Follow Jesus"

The Rev. Robert Hoffman
Administrator & Clerk for the Regional Synod of Albany

Hymn for Reception and Installation

"Triune God, Mysterious Being"

(see insert)



~Order for Reception into the Classis
and Installation of a Minister of Word and Sacrament~

Presentation *President, Sandra Quay, and Vice President,
the Rev. Dr. Mashona Walston, of the Reverend Classis of Albany*

A Representative from the Congregation: “The First Church in Albany of the Reformed Church in America, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, has called the Rev. Trey Spencer Tirpak to be one of its pastors and teachers.”

***The Apostles’ Creed:** *All Christians are invited to recite the creed*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Reception Into Classis

The congregation may be seated while classis members and delegates extend the right hand of fellowship to the new member and return to their places.

All classes members and ecumenical leaders are invited up to extend a right hand of fellowship to the Rev. Trey Tirpak.

Questions for the Congregation

Congregational response: **We do.**

Charge to the Congregation

The Rev. Dr. Mashona Walston & Elder Fran Carr-Morton

Beloved people of God, receive with joy your minister in the Lord, Trey. Remember God speaks to you through him. Receive the word he will preach to you as it is in truth, the Word of God. Respect all those who labor among you. Esteem them highly in love because of their work. Let those who preach the gospel of peace—bringing good news and announcing salvation—be beautiful and pleasant to you.

Prayers of Intercession

Elder Norma Jean Ballou & Preaching Elder Karen Van Epps

Prayers followed by 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.**

***Sending Hymn**
insert)

“Go To The World!”

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***Gratitude, Charge, & Blessing**

The Rev. Trey Tirpak

May the Lord bless you and keep you;
may the Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you;
may the Lord's face turn toward you and give you peace. Amen.

Postlude

Selection on organ and flute

All are encouraged to come to the reception downstairs in Zimmerman Hall and enjoy food and fellowship.

Service Leaders:

Preacher: Rev. Robert Hoffman

Acolyte: Cameron Carley

Service Leads: Rev. Dr. Mashona Walston, Rev. Jacob Chipka, Rev. Greg Town, President of the Classis Albany Sandra Quay, Rev. Abby Norton Levering, Elder Fran Carr-Morton, Elder Norma Jean Ballou, Preaching Elder Karen Van Epps

Musicians:

Choir: Volunteers
Flutist: Jackie Wright
Guitarist: Brian Axford
Organist: Iteke Prins
Vocalist: Rose Hunsberger

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Congratulations
The Rev. Trey Tirpak



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Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to
2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry
3 Come, Al - mighty - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less

earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff at the top and a bass clef staff at the bottom. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are centered between the two staves. The music ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788
Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811-1887

Come to the Water

G C G/B D/A

1 O let all who thirst, let them come to the
 2 And let all who seek, let them come to the
 3 And let all who toil, let them come to the
 4 And let all the poor, let them come to the

G C

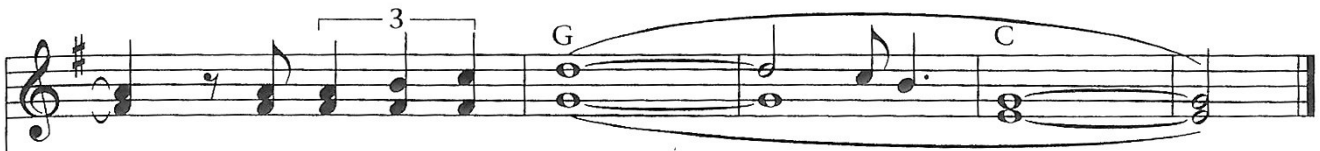
wa-ter. And let all who have noth-ing,
 wa-ter. And let all who have noth-ing,
 wa-ter. And let all who are wea - ry,
 wa-ter. Bring the ones who are la - den,

G/D D G

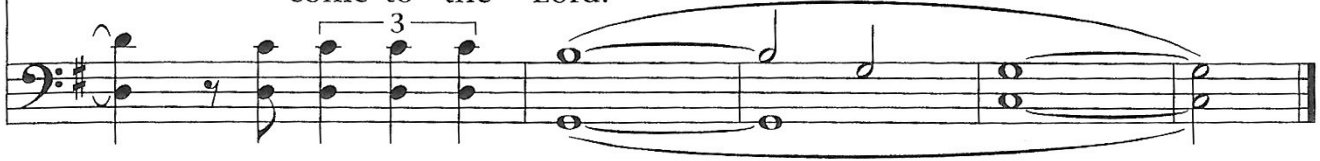
let them come to the Lord: with-out mon-ey,
 let them come to the Lord: with-out mon-ey,
 let them come to the Lord: all who la - bor,
 bring them all to the Lord: bring the chil-dren

G7 C Am F D

with-out price. Why should you pay the price,
 with-out strife. Why should you spend your life,
 with-out rest. How can your soul find rest,
 with-out might. Ea - sy the load and light:



ex-cept for the Lord?
ex-cept for the Lord?
ex-cept for the Lord?
come to the Lord.



Triune God, Mysterious Being

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choir God the Spir - it, guide and guard - ian, wind - sped flame and
choir Christ our Sav - ior, Sov - ereign, Shep - herd, Word made flesh, Love
choir Great Cre - a - tor, Life - be - stow - er, Truth be - yond all
all Tri - une God, mys - ter - ious Be - ing, un - di - vid - ed



hov - ering dove, breath of life and voice of proph - ets,
cru - ci - fied, teach - er, heal - er, suf - fering ser - vant,
thought's re - call, fount of wis - dom, womb of mer - cy,
and di - verse, deep - er than our minds can fath - om,



sign of bless - ing, power of love: give to those who
friend of sin - ners, foe of pride: in your tend - ing
giv - ing and for - giv - ing all: as you know our
great - er than our creeds re - hearse: help us in our



lead your peo - ple fresh a - noint - ing
may all pas - tors learn and live a
strength and weak - ness, so may those the
var - ied call - ings your full im - age



of your grace; send them forth as bold a - post - les
shep - herd's care; grant them cour - age and com - pas - sion
Church ex - alts ov - er - see her life stead - fast - ly
to pro - claim, that our min - is - tries u - nit - ing



to your Church in ev - ery place.
shown through word and deed and prayer.
yet not o - ver - look her faults. *interlude*
may give glo - ry to your Name.

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Go to the World!



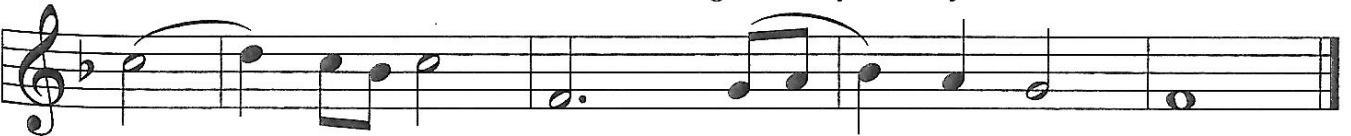
1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.
2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - ery place.
3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;
4 Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,



Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,
Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.
the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.
for I am with you till the age shall end,



bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.
Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.
As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.
when all the hosts of glo - ry cry "A - men!"



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Based on Christ's Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20), this text was written for a Convocation of Emmanuel College in Toronto, the largest theological school of the United Church of Canada, a denomination formed by the union of Methodists, Congregationalists, and Presbyterians.