

SUNDAY, MAY 21 @10AM

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*Worship*

*Sunday has  
moved outside  
for the summer!*



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SHERIDAN AVE. PARKING LOT AT FCIA

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## Radio Station: 87.9 FM on your car radio

**Prelude** "Largo" G.F. Handel

### Welcome, Announcements, & Blessing

"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all."  
2 Corinthians 13:14

### Call to Worship *Based on Ps. 24 & Acts 1*

Leader: Lift up your heads, O gates! Be lifted up, O ancient doors!

**People: So that the King of Glory may come in!**

Leader: Who is the King of Glory?

**People: The Lord, strong and mighty—the Lord of hosts!**

Leader: On this Ascension Sunday, we remember:

**People: that Christ has ascended to his throne,**

Leader: and has called us to be his witnesses in all the world—

**People: and sends us power through the Holy Spirit.**

Leader: Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!

**\*Opening Hymn** *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus* (see insert)

**\*Passing the Peace** (during the passing of the peace, children please come forward for a short 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 Regents & Viceroy's

"It is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ..." Romans 8:16-17a

### Prayer for Illumination: *Based on Ephesians 4*

**Jesus, you ascended to "fill all things." We ask, now, that you fill our hearts and minds with what you would have us know. In your name we pray. Amen.**

## Sermon Text

Acts 1:6-12

So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day’s journey away.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

“But, you will receive power.”

## A Prayer of Blessing on the Word

### \*Hymn of Response & Offering

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

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

*Please hold mic close to your mouth as you speak.*

**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

*“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”*

*arr. J. Carter*

**Note:** Enjoy some fellowship and refreshments at the Lemonade Lull in Clee Park!





## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT THE FIRST CHURCH IN ALBANY

- Sunday 5.21  
10am  
AW  
**Ascension Sunday**  
**Drive-In Worship** at FCIA, also on Zoom  
**Lemonade Lull** in Clee Park
- Monday 5.22 9am  
Food Pantry
- Tuesday 5.23 10am  
Women's Networking Event  
noon  
Zoom Book Study
- Wednesday 5.24 9am  
Food Pantry  
noon  
AA Meeting  
noon  
Centering Prayer in the Chapel

*AW = After Worship*

### Upcoming Events

- Sunday, May 28—**Pentecost**, Congregational Meeting
- Monday, May 29—**Memorial Day, Office and Pantry Closed**
- Thursday, June 1—Hot Dogs in Clee Park begins

\*Meeting Schedules are subject to change. Watch your email for updates if you are a part of these gatherings.



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