



January 28, 2024



Albany
First United
Methodist Church

Rev. Alyssa Baker, Pastor
Eric McKirdy, Organist & Music Director
Jason Caffarella, Choir Director

Worship Notes: Unison responses are in **bold type**. An asterisk (*) shows where you may stand if you wish.

Welcome!

Welcome

Carol Pemberton

Prelude

Call to Worship

Carol Pemberton

Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart in the company of the upright in the congregation.

Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.

The works of God's hands are faithful and just; all God's precepts are trustworthy.

They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

God's works extend to you and me and the whole community as the Spirit nurtures gifts and graces in each of us.

Great are the works of the Lord, whose love and grace endures forever!

God raises up some to be prophets to help us follow God's voice, yet all are called to lead by following.

We affirm the gifts of those who are called to be truth-tellers in our midst, helping us all to answer the call to be truth-doers. Great are the works of the Lord! Amen.

Opening Prayer

God of power and might, you sent prophets to your people, calling us back to your covenant, and teaching us your ways. In the fullness of time, you sent us your Son Jesus, teaching with such authority, that our eyes were opened to see your ways anew. Open our hearts and minds, that we may understand and proclaim your teachings for all to hear. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Passing the Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Please turn to your neighbor and share signs of Christ's peace. Listen for Eric to lead us into our opening hymn.

***Hymn:** *For the Healing of the Nations*

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Scriptures:

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Deuteronomy 18:15-20

15 "The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet.

16 This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said, 'Let me not hear again the voice of the Lord my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.'

17 Then the Lord replied to me, 'They are right in what they have said.

18 I will raise up for them a prophet like you

from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command.

19 Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable.

20 But any prophet who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.'

Mark 1:21-28

21 They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught.

22 They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes.

23 Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit,

24 and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God."

25 But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be quiet and come out of him!"

26 And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him.

27 They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him."

28 At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

Choir: *Bound for Glory*

Sermon: "Becoming the People of God: Among Your Own People"

Eric McKirdy

***Hymn:** *Grace Alone*

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Prayer

Terrie Sanderson

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Choir: *Spirit of God*

***Hymn:** *I Am Thine, O Lord*

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Announcements:

— **South Santiam Circuit Field Trip:** This coming Saturday, February 3rd, is our next South Santiam Circuit Field Trip. We will gather at 10 a.m. at Lebanon First UMC to build hygiene and school kits for United Methodist Disaster Relief. If you have brought supplies today, please put them with our collection in the Narthex. If you have forgotten your supplies you can bring them to the field trip next week.

— Albany UMC is gathering handbell players to practice during the week. Anyone interested please see Kirke Campbell.

Closing Blessing

Terrie Sanderson

Postlude



Field Trip Supply List for Albany First UMC:

- * Two-gallon re-sealable plastic bags
- * Combs (must be sturdy with at least 6 inches of teeth; no pocket combs or picks)
- * Bath-size soap 3oz or larger (no Ivory or Jergen's soap; do not remove from packaging)
- * Blunt Scissors (round tips only, no plastic scissors)
- * 1-Subject Notebooks (No marble composition books; no 3- or 5-subject notebooks)
- * Rulers (12 inches long)

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~ The church office is open Tue, Wed, Thur: 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. ~

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