

would like to schedule time with Pastor Jane, please call her directly at 802-430-3636 or email her at janechurchlady@gmail.com

Prayer Circle: If you or someone you know is in need of prayer you may call anyone of the following:

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~ALL ARE WELCOME HERE! ~ AUGUST 16, 2026 ~
~ PROPER 15 ~
STEWARDSHIP SERIES
MAKING ROOM AT THE TABLE – WEEK THREE



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY *“Money is not the only commodity that is fun to give. We can give time, we can give our expertise, we can give our love or simply give a smile. What does that cost? The point is, none of us can ever run out of something worthwhile to give.” — Steve Goodier*



PRELUDE *Air* J.S. Bach Sharon Pinsonneault

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES & RINGING OF THE BELL Kate Hill

Many: To embody God's powerful love...

- **welcoming all people, with a vision and message of hope,**
- **weaving deep relationships with Jesus and each other,**
- **working, praising and playing in our towns and world.**

*There's a wideness in God's mercy,
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in God's justice,
which is more than liberty.*

*There is welcome for the sinner,
and more graces for the good!
There is mercy with the Savior;
there is healing in his blood.*

*For the love of God is broader
than the measure of our mind;
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.*

*If our love were but more simple,
we would rest upon God's word;
and our lives would be illumined
by the presence of the Lord.*

If
you



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Tuesday, September 15, 2026
09:00 AM - 01:30 PM

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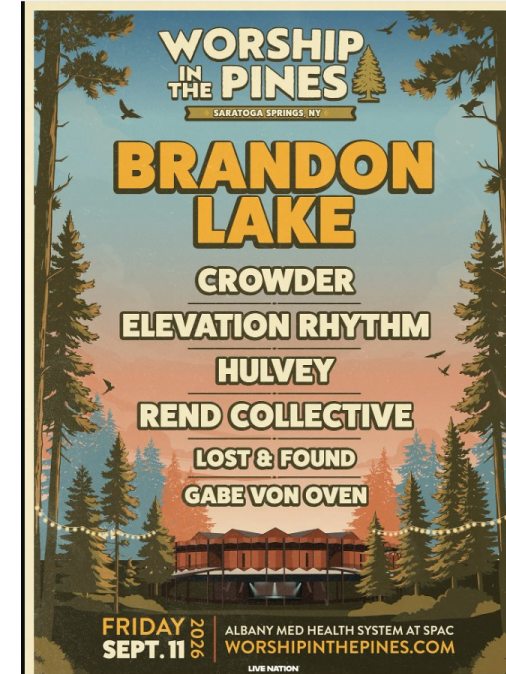


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Please join us for Coffee and Fellowship following the service

Thank you for coming to worship with us!

IMMEDIATE NEEDS PRAYER LIST: Pam Berryhill, Jeff Buxton, C.J., Connie Munukka, Carlene Kasuba, Jessica Smith, Rick Hall, Jeanne Cole, Erik Van Scoy, Vance, Chris, Jennifer Clement, Maggie & Jeremy Ashton, Gretchen Lima, John Daly, Tony Briere, Missy Hurst, Andrew and Francis Donovan, Phil Smith, Madden Gero, Pam Wilson.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE ARE OPENING THE CHURCH FOR FELLOWSHIP AND FREE LUNCH. 11 AM—2 PM on Wednesday, August 19, 2026 All are welcome, invite a neighbor and friend. Let's get to know each other better. Let's share our abundance and make new friends.

TRUSTEES MEETING today after worship.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2026 We will have our Annual All Church Picnic at the Pavilion at Chrystal Beach. We'll provide the hamburgers, hotdogs and lemonade. Please bring the sides and desserts.

WE HOPE EVERYONE ATTENDS — BRING A FRIEND

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY will be held on **Sunday, August 30, 2026.**

PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING will meet on Sunday, August 30, 2026 after worship.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.

People: ***Let the people praise you, O God. Let all the peoples praise you.***

Leader: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

People: ***Let the people praise you, O God. Let all the peoples praise you.***

Leader: The earth has yielded its increase, God has blessed us.

People: ***May God continue to bless us, let all the ends of the earth revere Him.***

Leader: Come, let us praise and worship our God this day.

INVOCATION

Debbie Pratt

PRAISE & WORSHIP Maranatha Praise # 18 Freely, Freely

God forgave my sin in Jesus' name, I've been born again in Jesus' name, and in Jesus' name I come to you to share his love as he told me to.

He said: 'Freely, freely you have received; freely, freely give. Go in my name and because you believe, others will know that I live.'

All power is given in Jesus' name, in earth and heaven in Jesus' name, and in Jesus' name I come to you to share his power as he told me to.

He said: 'Freely, freely you have received; freely, freely give. Go in my name and because you believe, others will know that I live.'

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.*

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

TIME WITH THE YOUNG

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 15:10-20, 21-28 Nancy Pierce

SERMONIC HYMN (CH) # 487 Help Us Accept Each Other

*Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;
teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace.
Be present, Lord, among us and bring us to believe
we are ourselves accepted and meant to love and live.*

*Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life
we struggle to be human and search for hope and faith.
Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some,
to love them as we find them or as they may become.*

*Let your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved
in living situations to do the truth in love,
to practice your acceptance until we know by heart
the table of forgiveness and laughter's healing art.*

*Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need,
who hunger for acceptance, for righteousness and bread,
we need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on;
renew us with your Spirit; Lord, free us, make us one!*

SERMON Making Room at the Table, There Is Always Room for One More
Pastor Jane

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CLOSING HYMN (CH) # 433 Blest Be the Tie that Binds

*Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love:
the fellowship of kindred minds
is like to that above.*

*When we are called to part,
it gives us inward pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart,
and hope to meet again*

BRINGING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST OUT INTO THE WORLD

CHORAL BENEDICTION *This Little Light of Mine*

*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine*

*Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

BENEDICTION Pastor Jane
POSTLUDE *Deep River* arr. Lani Smith Sharon Pinsonneault

