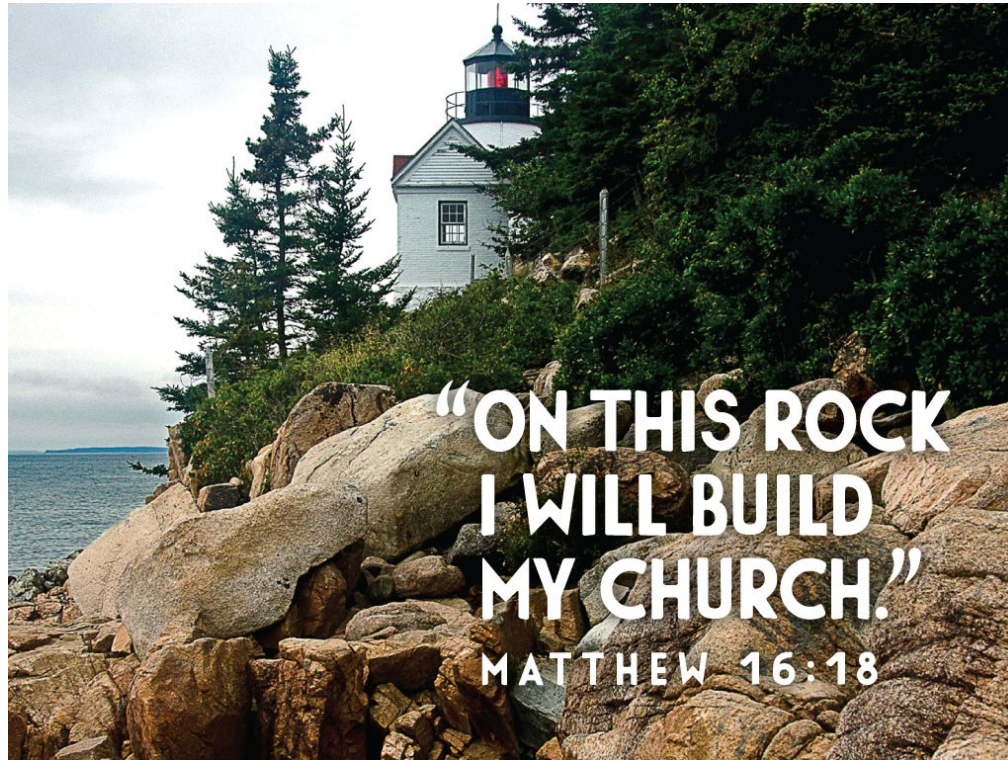


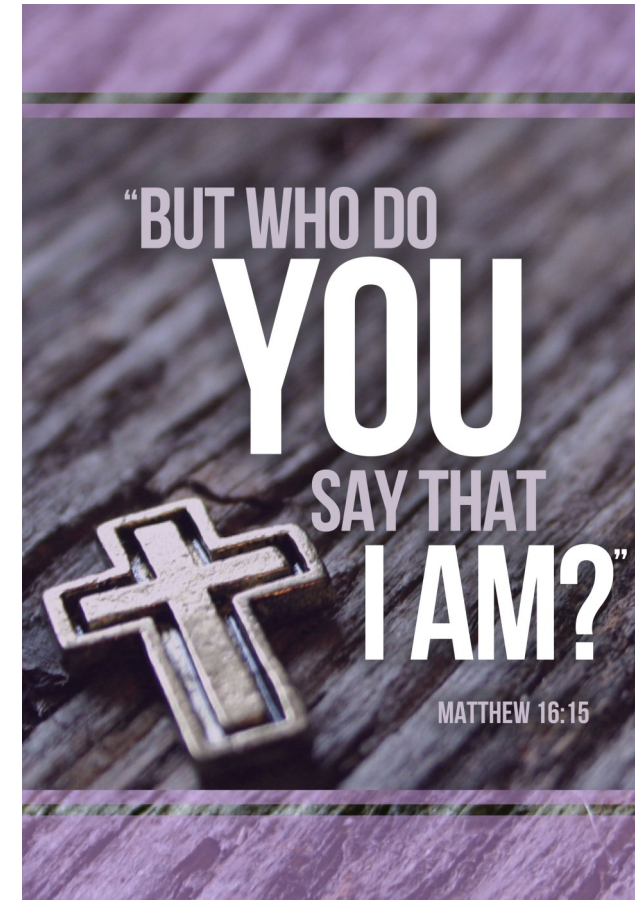
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**Prayer Circle:** If you or someone you know is in need of prayer you may call anyone of the following:

|                 |              |
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| Karen Festa     | 802-683-1896 |
| Maryann Charron | 802-468-3207 |
| Karyn Jockell   | 802-278-8058 |



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**~ALL ARE WELCOME HERE! ~ AUGUST 23, 2026 ~**  
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**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY** *"Christ would not have his miracles blazed abroad, because he did not seek his own glory, but the glory of Him that sent him."* Charles Spurgeon



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**PRELUDE** *As the Deer*

Joanie Brown

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Pastor Jane

**LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES & RINGING OF THE BELL**

Steve Fredette

One: What is our church's mission?

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.

**OPENING HYMN** (CH) # 25 verses 1, 3, 5 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, who rules all creation.  
O my soul, worship the wellspring of health and salvation.  
All ye who hear, now to God's temple draw near.  
Join me in in glad adoration.*

*Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work, and defend thee.  
Surely God's goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,  
who with great love doth befriend thee.*

*Praise to the Lord! O let all of God's peoples and races,  
all that hath life and breath, give thanks for manifold graces.  
Let the Amen sound from God's people again.  
Gladly for ever sing praises.*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Leader:** Hear O Israel! I am calling! Are you listening?

**People:** *We are here and we are ready.*

**Leader:** Beloved Children, who do you say that I am?



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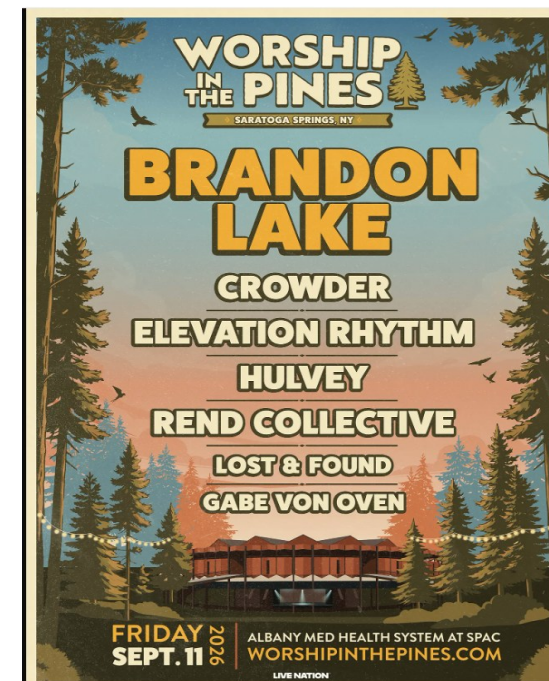
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**CHORAL BENEDICTION**    *This Little Light of Mine*

*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**    *Love Lifted Me*

Joanie Brown

**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**

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

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

**People:**    ***You are our rock and our redeemer. Our trust is in you.  
Our hearts, minds and souls belong to you!***

**Leader:**    I created you, named you and have a calling for your life.

**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 # 30 Cares Chorus**

*I cast all my cares upon You  
I lay all of my burdens down at Your feet  
And any time that I don't know what to do  
I will cast all my cares upon You  
I cast all of my cares upon You  
I lay all of my burdens down at Your feet  
And any time that I don't know what to do  
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I will cast all my cares upon You*

**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** Romans 12:1-8 Matthew 16:13-20 Matthew Pratt

**CLOSING HYMN (CH) # 715** *Now Thank We All Our God*

**SERMONIC HYMN (CH) # ‘Tis The Gift to Be Simple**

*'Tis the gift to be simple,  
'tis the gift to be free,  
'tis the gift to come down  
where we ought to be,  
and when we find ourselves in the place just right,  
'twill be in the valley of love and delight.  
When true simplicity is gained  
to bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed,  
to turn, turn, will be our delight  
till by turning, turning we come round right.*

**SERMON** Gifts and Secrets 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.*

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*Now thank we all our God,  
with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things has done,  
in whom the world rejoices,  
who from our mothers' arms  
has blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love,  
and still is ours today.*

*O may this bounteous God  
through all our life be near us,  
with ever-joyful hearts  
and blessed peace to cheer us,  
and keep us full of grace,  
and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all ills  
in this world and the next.*

*All praise and thanks to God  
our Father and our Mother,  
to Christ and to the One  
who binds us to each other,  
the one eternal God,  
whom earth and heaven adore,  
for thus it was, is now,  
and shall be evermore.*

**DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING**

**BRINGING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST OUT INTO THE WORLD**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**