



# First Congregational Church of Lebanon

*United Church of Christ – Open and Affirming*

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**CHILDREN'S SUNDAY! • Third Sunday after Pentecost**

June 13, 2021

“When the Church baptizes a child, that action concerns me, for that child is thereby connected to... that body of which I am a member.”

—John Donne

*Kindly silence cell phones and other devices during worship. All hymns are included on pages 4-7.*

**Prelude**

*The Fifers*

Jean-François Dandrieu

**Call to Worship**

Adapted from Psalm 100

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

**People: Worship the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with singing.**

Leader: Know that the Lord is God. It is God that made us, and we are God's; we are God's people, and the sheep of God's pasture.

**People: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and God's courts with praise.**

Leader: Give thanks to God, bless God's name. For the Lord is good.

**People: God's steadfast love endures forever, and God's faithfulness to all generations.**

**Hymn 70 (p. 4)**

*God Is Here! As We Your People Meet*

Abbot's Leigh

**Prayer of Invocation**

God, join us all together, whether young or old, near or far, in and through your Spirit. Lift up our worship, inspire our prayers, and infuse all we do and offer with your grace, your love, and your power. We pray all these things in the name of your Son. Amen.

**Gloria (Unison)**

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.

**Words of Welcome; Our Ministry and Mission**

**Children's Moment**

This Sunday we recognize the children in our community and the adults who look after them. None of us should ever feel alone, but even when we do, God is with us. God loves each and every one of us, no matter who we are. When we succeed, God

cheers us on as we make use of the skills and talents God has given to us. And while there may be times we can do better, we know that God will give us a second chance, because God loves us. Always.

## Celebration and Recognition of Children's Community Corner

Hymn 481 (pp. 5-6) *I Sing a Song of the Saints of God*

Grand Isle

### Scripture Lessons

**Galatians 5:22-26.** <sup>22</sup>By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup>gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. <sup>24</sup>And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup>If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. <sup>26</sup>Let us not become conceited, competing against one another, envying one another.

**Matthew 19:13-15.** <sup>13</sup>Then little children were being brought to him in order that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples spoke sternly to those who brought them; <sup>14</sup>but Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs." <sup>15</sup>And he laid his hands on them and went on his way.

Presentation "From the Mouths of Children"

Children's Community Corner

Hymn 327 (p. 6) *Jesus Loves Me*

Jesus Loves Me

### Sharing of Joys and Concerns; Pastoral Prayer

*As we hold our community members in prayer, please exercise care and discretion when sharing. Help us keep our prayer list current by contacting Rev. Silver to add or remove names on the list.*

Today we offer our ongoing prayers for Pete, Lloyd, Arlene, Evelyn, Barbara, Greg, Larry, Edith, Jan, Eileen, James, and Sandy.

We pray for all those fighting the coronavirus or other illnesses, whether of mind, body, or spirit. We pray for the healthcare workers and first responders who are on the front line dealing with the pandemic. We pray for all those struggling with financial challenges, reduced hours and unemployment, and fears about the future.

Finally, we offer the following prayer:

God of all people, today we celebrate the gift of children, especially those whom you have entrusted to our care, those who bring joy to our fellowship, those in whom the future of the church rests. We give thanks that we are able to nurture and sustain them, as you care for us, with and through Jesus and the Holy Spirit. We repent for the times in which we have lost our tempers, grown short, or not appreciated what you have given to us. Let us always remember that these girls and boys are a treasure, and we are blessed to know them.

We pray this, and all the joys and concerns we hold in our hearts, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

### **The Lord's Prayer (Unison)**

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.

### **Offering of Gifts**

*Remembering those who are without, who are in need, who are often ignored, we invite your support of our ongoing ministry in and for the community.*

**Offertory**                      Allegro moderato, from *Tunes for Clay's Musical Clock*      G. F. Handel

### **Doxology (Unison)**

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.

### **Prayer of Dedication (Unison)**

God of All Creation: You have made this wonderful world and seen fit to entrust it to our care. We acknowledge this awesome act with a pledge to tend to this gift, to make sure all may enjoy its fruits, to see to it that we might be proud of what we pass on to future generations. Accept our thanks for your trust and generosity and our gratitude, symbolized by our offerings. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

**Hymn 478** (p. 7)              *All Things Bright and Beautiful*                      Royal Oak

### **Benediction**

My friends, life is short. We do not have too much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us. So, be swift to love, and make haste to be kind.

Now go forth with the love of God, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, this day and forevermore. Amen.

### **Postlude**

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### ***Leading Worship This Week***

The Children and Leaders of the Children's Community Corner  
The Rev. Stephen R. Silver, Pastor • Ernie Drown, Organist • Brian Clancy, Tenor

# God Is Here! As We Your People Meet

*Fred Pratt Green, 1978; alt.*

1 God is here! As we your peo-ple meet to of - fer praise and prayer,  
 2 Here are sym-bols to re - mind us of our life - long need of grace;  
 3 Here our chil-dren find a wel-come in the Shep - herd's flock and fold;  
 4 Sov - ereign God, of earth and heav-en, in an age of change and doubt

May we find in full - er mea-sure what it is in Christ we share.  
 Here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit, here the cross has cen - tral place.  
 Here as bread and wine are tak - en, Christ sus - tains us as of old.  
 Keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel, help us work your pur - pose out.

Here, as in the world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts  
 Here in hon - es - ty of preach-ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,  
 Here the ser - vants of the Ser - vant seek in wor-ship to ex - plore  
 Here, in this day's ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;

wait the com-ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.  
 here, in new-ness and re - new-al, God the Spir - it comes to each.  
 what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.  
 we, who can - not live with-out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

*Though he retired in 1969, this distinguished British poet has continued to write hymns. In addition to administering several circuits and local congregations, Fred Pratt Green published plays, translations, and poems. Emory University in Atlanta awarded him an honorary doctorate.*

Tune: ABBOT'S LEIGH 8.7.8.7.D.  
*Cyril V. Taylor, 1941*

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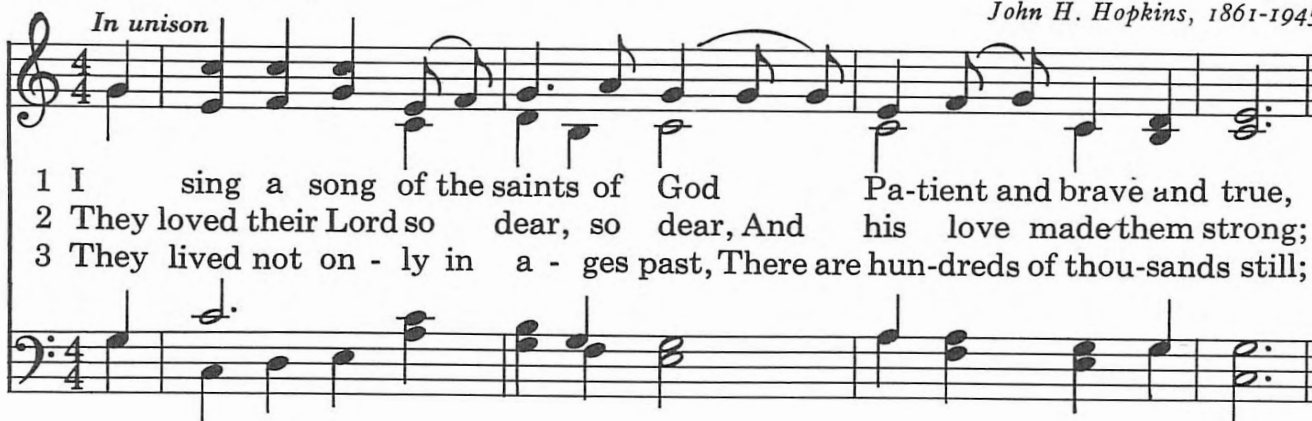
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## I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

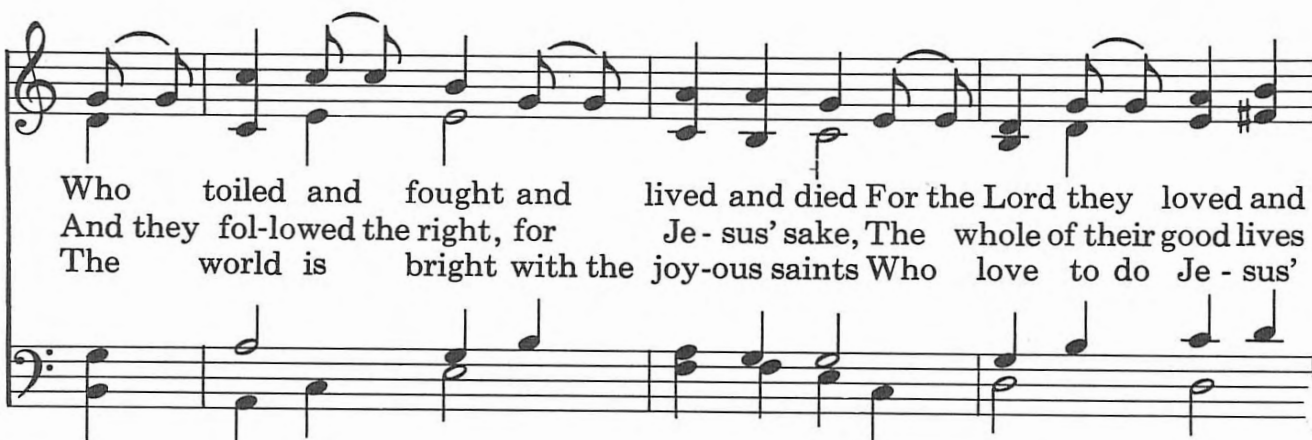
Lesbia Scott, 1898- , alt.

GRAND ISLE Irregular  
John H. Hopkins, 1861-1945

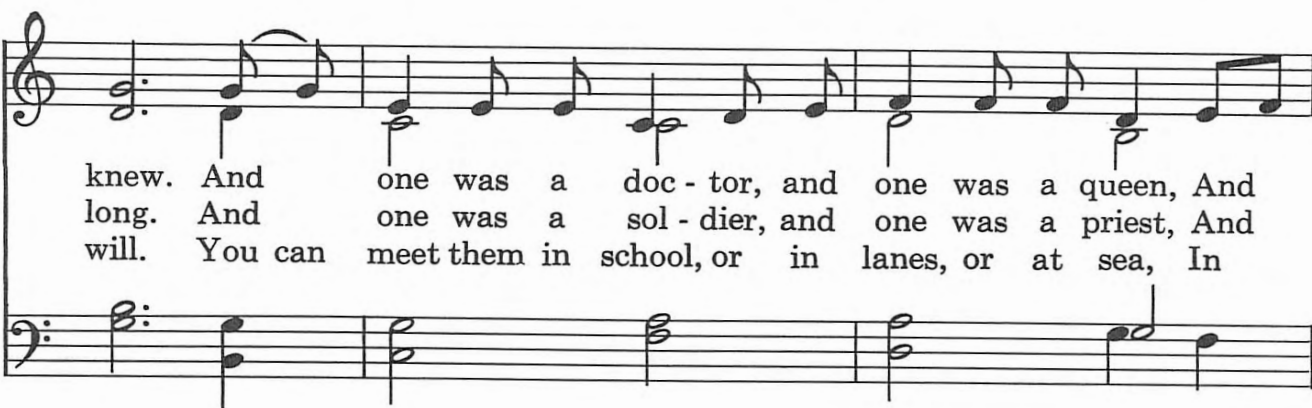
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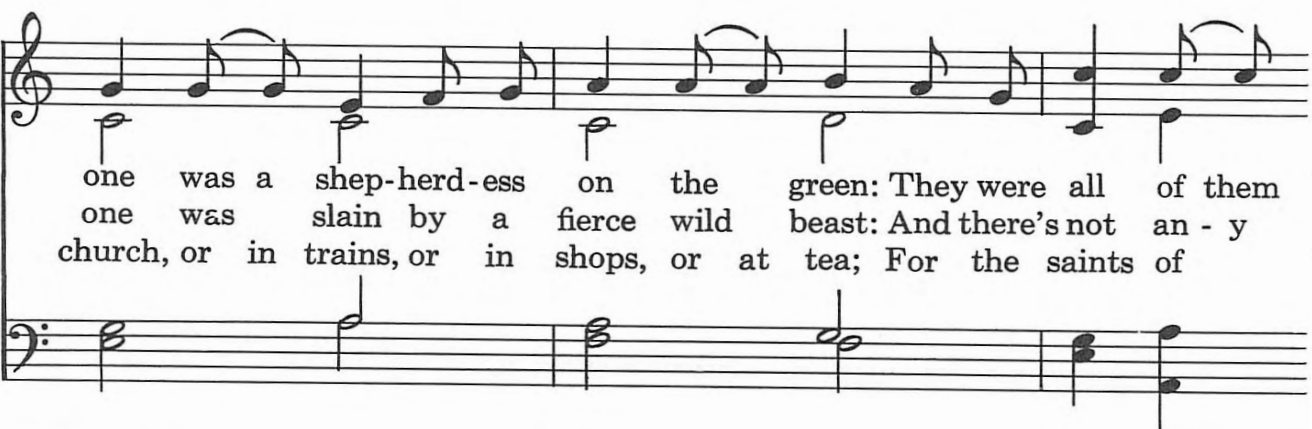
1 I sing a song of the saints of God Pa-tient and brave and true,  
 2 They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, And his love made them strong;  
 3 They lived not on - ly in a - ges past, There are hun-dreds of thou-sands still;



Who toiled and fought and lived and died For the Lord they loved and  
 And they fol-lowed the right, for Je - sus' sake, The whole of their good lives  
 The world is bright with the joy-ous saints Who love to do Je - sus'



knew. And one was a doc - tor, and one was a queen, And  
 long. And one was a sol - dier, and one was a priest, And  
 will. You can meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea, In



one was a shep-herd-ess on the green: They were all of them  
 one was slain by a fierce wild beast: And there's not an - y  
 church, or in trains, or in shops, or at tea; For the saints of

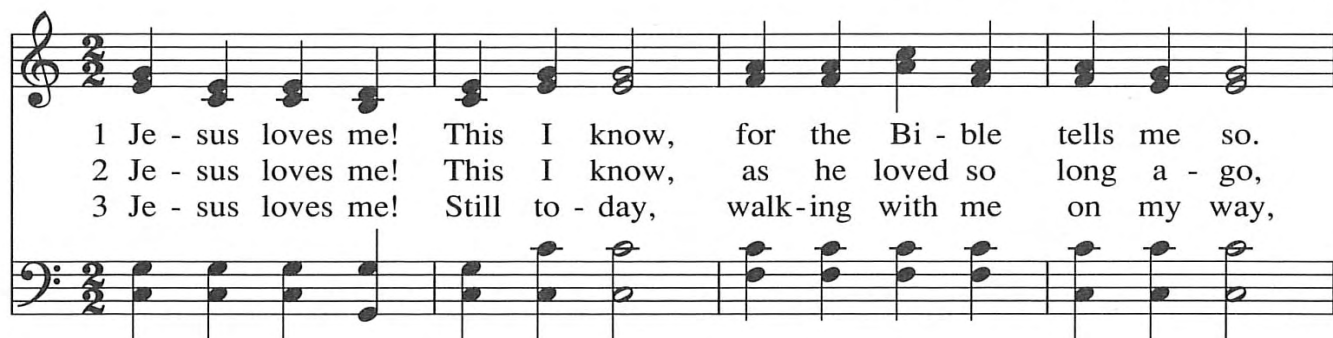


saints of God, and I mean, God help - ing, to be one too.  
 rea - son, no, not the least, Why I shouldn't be one too.  
 God are just folk like me, And I mean to be one too.

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## Jesus Loves Me

*St. 1, Anna B. Warner, 1860*  
*St. 2-3, David Rutherford McGuire, 1971*



1 Je - sus loves me! This I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so.  
 2 Je - sus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long a - go,  
 3 Je - sus loves me! Still to - day, walk - ing with me on my way,




Lit - tle ones to him be - long; they are weak, but he is strong.  
 Tak - ing chil - dren on his knee, say - ing, "Let them come to me."  
 Want - ing as a friend to give light and love to all who live.

*Refrain*



Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!



Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.



Cecil F. Alexander, 1818-1895

ROYAL OAK 7.6.7.6. with Refrain  
Traditional English Melody  
Adapted by Martin Shaw, 1875-

In unison

REFRAIN



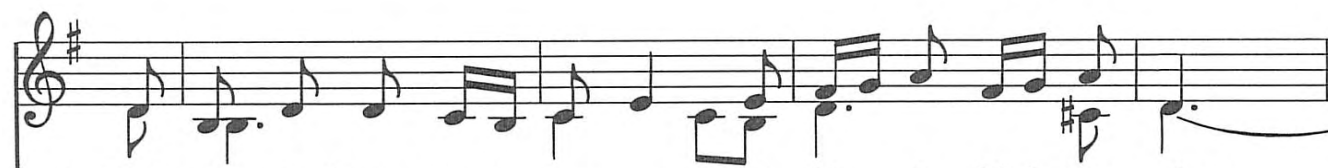
All things bright and beau-ti - ful, All crea-tures great and small,



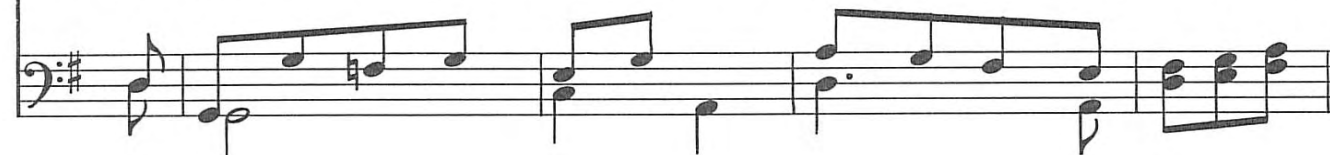
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All things wise and won - der - ful, The Lord God made them all.



1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, Each lit - tle bird that sings,  
 2 The pur - ple-head - ed moun-tain, The riv - er run - ning by,  
 3 The cold wind in the win - ter, The pleas-ant sum-mer sun,



Repeat Refrain



He made their glow-ing col - ors, He made their ti - ny wings.  
 The sun-set, and the morn-ing That bright-ens up the sky,  
 The ripe fruits in the gar - den, He made them ev - ery one.



## SHELTER SUNDAY

### The Excitement Is Building...

If you'd like to honor or remember the father(s) in your life with a contribution for Shelter Sunday, please complete and return this form to the church office (PO Box 230, Lebanon, NH 03766). You may also contact the office directly (603-448-4281/church@fccleb.org) with your information.

*Any amount is gratefully welcome!*

Dedications received by 12:00 pm on Thursday, June 17, will be listed in the bulletin on FATHER'S DAY, JUNE 20.

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Please send a card (include addresses)

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Contribution: \_\_\_\_\_ (payable to FCC, memo "Shelter Sunday")

Sponsored by the Mission & Social Action Committee

*If you wish to have a joy, concern, or prayer request lifted up in the service, or if you know of someone who may need special prayers, a card or phone call, or some other form of pastoral care, please email [prayer@fccleb.org](mailto:prayer@fccleb.org) or speak with Rev. Steve Silver directly.*

## FATHER'S DAY IS SHELTER SUNDAY

Every Father's Day (June 20 this year—next Sunday!), FCC makes a commitment to support the work of Upper Valley Habitat for Humanity, the local affiliate of an international, ecumenical ministry. Since 1986, Habitat has provided decent, affordable housing for deserving families who could not otherwise afford to buy a home. Families work alongside volunteers to build their own home, which they are then able to purchase at cost with a zero-interest mortgage.

*If you'd like to honor the father(s) in your life with a contribution to Shelter Sunday, please complete the form below and return it to the church office. Any amount is welcome, and directly supports building projects. Thanks! (Payable to FCC, memo "Shelter Sunday.")*

All dedications must be received by noon this THURSDAY, JUNE 17, in order to be listed in the worship bulletin on FATHER'S DAY, JUNE 20. (Contributions accepted beyond that date.)





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**Weekly Worship Resources Enclosed!**

*DATED MATERIAL—Please Deliver Promptly*

***Do you use email? Contact [church@fccleb.org](mailto:church@fccleb.org) to receive this and other communication by email.***

***Welcome!***

We are a Christ-centered community that celebrates the love of God. Although we are of varied minds, with varying measures of belief and unbelief, we are one body, bound together in Christ. We recognize the uniqueness of every individual as God's beloved child. We seek to respond faithfully to God's call for justice for all creation. We strive in word and deed to be faithful to Jesus' model of loving acceptance. We seek to create a sanctuary where all will know they are welcome and included.

No matter your age, gender identity, sexual orientation, marital status, race or ethnicity, physical or mental ability, or economic circumstance, you are invited into the full life and ministry of First Congregational Church of Lebanon, including its worship, sacraments, and rites.

***Join us as we grow together in God's love.***

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Barbara Teeter, Chair of Deacons • Linda Jacobs, Chair of Church Council • Barbara Jones, Moderator  
Brian Clancy, Church Administrator

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