



First Congregational Church of Lebanon

United Church of Christ – Open and Affirming

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost • Father's Day • Shelter Sunday

June 20, 2021

“Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God.”

—Corrie ten Boom

Kindly silence cell phones and other devices during worship. All hymns are included on pages 5-8.

Prelude Larghetto and Allegro, Sonata in C George Frideric Handel

Call to Worship Adapted from Genesis 1:1 and John 1:1

Leader: In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

People: Behold, our God is a Creator.

Leader: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

People: Behold, our God is a Redeemer.

Leader: The earth was without form, and darkness was upon the face of the deep; and the Spirit of God was moving over the face of the waters.

People: Behold, our God is a Holy Spirit.

Leader: Beloved, let us worship the God of creation and redemption, of majesty and mystery.

People: Let us worship the Lord of life and love, of grace and mercy.

Hymn 68 (p. 5) *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* Ellacombe

Prayer of Invocation

Gracious God, who has the power to create the whirlwind and the wisdom to speak to us in the still, small voice, we ask that you bring your love to us today. We are in need of the strength of your spirit. We live in the hope of your call. We depend on you; there is no other who gives us such hope and life. Come abide with us, comfort and confront us with your love and grace. Through the power of the Spirit we pray. 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 "David and Goliath"

1 Samuel 17

Hymn 32 (p. 6) God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale

Roeder

Scripture Lessons

Job 38:1-40:4 (excerpts). ^{38:1}Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind: ²"Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? ³Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

⁴"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. ^{5a}Who determined its measurements—surely you know! [...] ^{6b}Who laid its cornerstone ⁷when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy? [...] ¹²Have you commanded the morning since your days began, and caused the dawn to know its place? [...] ²⁵Who has cut a channel for the torrents of rain, and a way for the thunderbolt, ²⁶to bring rain on a land where no one lives, on the desert, which is empty of human life? [...] ³⁴Can you lift up your voice to the clouds, so that a flood of waters may cover you? ³⁵Can you send forth lightnings, so that they may go and say to you, 'Here we are'? [...]

^{39:9}"Is the wild ox willing to serve you? Will it spend the night at your crib? [...] ¹⁹Do you give the horse its might? Do you clothe its neck with mane? ^{20a}Do you make it leap like the locust? [...] ²⁶Is it by your wisdom that the hawk soars, and spreads its wings toward the south? ²⁷Is it at your command that the eagle mounts up and makes its nest on high? [...]"

^{40:1}And the Lord said to Job: ²"Shall a faultfinder contend with the Almighty? Anyone who argues with God must respond."

³Then Job answered the Lord: ⁴"See, I am of small account; what shall I answer you? I lay my hand on my mouth."

Mark 4:35-41. ³⁵On that day, when evening had come, [Jesus] said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." ³⁶And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. ³⁷A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. ³⁸But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" ³⁹He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. ⁴⁰He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" ⁴¹And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

Sermon

"Conversation with a Fault-Finder"

Jo Shelnutt

Sharing of Joys and Concerns; Pastoral Prayer

As we hold our community members in prayer, please exercise care and discretion when sharing, as what seems public for you may be private for others. Help us keep our weekly prayer list current by contacting the church office to confirm 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 the nations, God of our community, you have made each of us unique and wonderful, meant to be distinctive but called to live in harmony with others. Often we behave as if being together should not require work. But you have shown us that love requires and deserves effort. Help us accept this high calling, regardless of the cost and grateful for the blessing, and give us the courage to create a world in which all may live in your joy, your peace, and your grace.

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

Larghetto, Sonata in C

G. F. Handel

Doxology (Unison)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below,
Praise God above, ye heavenly host,
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication (*Unison*)

Holy One, whose heart abounds with gifts, receive this offering as a sign of our intention to live surrounded by your mercy, inspired by your Spirit, open to the joy of your Presence, hospitable to one another, and generous toward your world. Amen.

Hymn 485 (p. 8) *This Is My Father's World*

Terra Beata

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 Gavotta and Allegro, *Sonata in C*

G. F. Handel

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Leading Worship This Week

The Rev. Jo Shelnutt, Guest Pastor • Chris Chase, Liturgist
Ernie Drown, Organ • Chris Rua, Recorder • Brian Clancy, Tenor
Bob Gerlach, Phil Hammond, and Sue Pratt, Usher/Greeters

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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 or speak with Rev. Shelnutt directly.

IT'S SHELTER SUNDAY — HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

Every Father's Day, FCC makes a commitment to support the work of **Upper Valley Habitat for Humanity** (uvhabitat.org), 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.

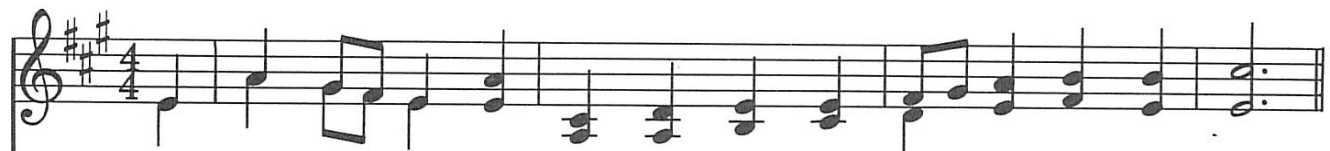
Many thanks to all those who contributed so generously this year to Shelter Sunday, in honor or memory of the fathers and father-figures in their lives (see list below).

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

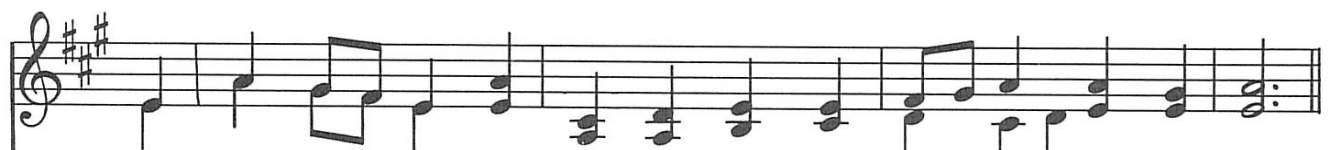
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Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, *all.*


ELLACOMBE C.M.D.
"Gesangbuch," Württemberg, 1784



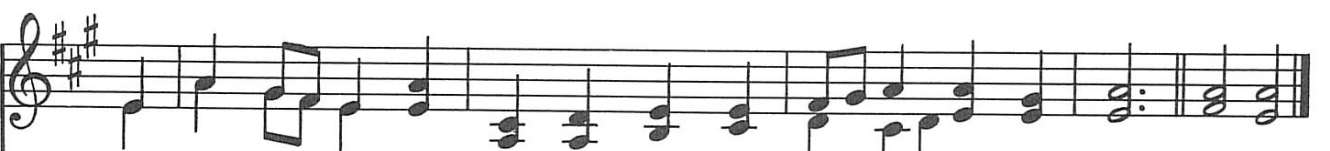
1 I sing the might-y power of God, That made the moun-tains rise,
2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord, That filled the earth with food;
3 There's not a plant or flower be - low, But makes thy glo - ries known;



That spread the flow - ing seas a - broad, And built the loft - y skies.
He formed the crea-tures with his word, And then pro-nounced them good.
And clouds a - rise, and tem-pests blow, By or - der from thy throne,



I sing the wis-dom that or-dained The sun to rule the day;
Lord, how thy won-ders are dis-played, Wher-e'er I turn my eye:
While all that bor-rows life from thee Is ev - er in thy care,



The moon shines full at his com-mand, And all the stars o - bey.
If I sur-vey the ground I tread, Or gaze up-on the sky!
And ev - ery-where that man can be, Thou, God, art pres-ent there. A-men.

God of the Sparrow God of the Whale

1 Thess. 5: 18; Ps. 136

Jaroslav J. Vajda, 1983

(Introduction) G G7 Unison C Em Am Dm

1 God of the spar - row God of the whale
 2 God of the earth-quake God of the storm
 3 God of the rain - bow God of the cross
 4 God of the hun - gry God of the sick
 5 God of the neigh - bor God of the foe
 6 God of the a - ges God near at hand

G7 C FM7 E7 Am Em

God of the swirl - ing stars How does the crea-ture say
 God of the trum - pet blast How does the crea-ture cry
 God of the emp - ty grave How does the crea-ture say
 God of the prod - i - gal How does the crea-ture say
 God of the prun - ing hook How does the crea-ture say
 God of the lov - ing heart How do your chil-dren say

FM7 Em7 Am Dm 1-5 Gsus4 G C

Awe How does the crea-ture say Praise
 Woe How does the crea-ture cry Save
 Grace How does the crea-ture say Thanks
 Care How does the crea-ture say Life
 Love How does the crea-ture say Peace
 Joy How do your chil-dren say Home.

After forty years in the ministry, Jaroslav Vajda wrote this text to provoke answers to how and why we serve God. By creating new poetic forms and adapting ageless ideas and expressions, Vajda speaks in the language of his time.

Tune: ROEDER 5.4.6.7.7.
 Carl F. Schalk, 1983

Bring Many Names

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Brian Wren, 1989

Gen. 1:27

Unison

1 Bring man - y names, beau - ti - ful and good, cel - e - brate, in
 2 Strong moth - er God, work - ing night and day, plan - ning all the
 3 Warm fa - ther God, hug - ging ev - ery child, feel - ing all the
 4 Old, ach - ing God, grey with end - less care, calm - ly pierc - ing

par - a - ble and sto - ry, ho - li - ness in glo - ry, liv - ing, lov - ing God.
 won - ders of cre - a - tion, set - ting each e - qua - tion, gen - i - us at play:
 strains of hu - man liv - ing, car - ing and for - giv - ing till we're rec - on - ciled:
 e - vil's new dis - guis - es, glad of good sur - pris - es, wis - er than de - spair:

Hail and Ho - san - na! bring man - y names! great, liv - ing God!
 Hail and Ho - san - na, strong moth - er God!
 Hail and Ho - san - na, warm fa - ther God!
 Hail and Ho - san - na, old, ach - ing God!

5 Young, grow - ing God, ea - ger,
 on the move,
 say - ing no to false - hood and
 un - kind - ness,
 cry - ing out for jus - tice,
 giv - ing all you have:
 Hail and Ho - san - na,
 young, grow - ing God!

6 Great, liv - ing God, nev - er ful - ly known,
 joy - ful dark - ness far be - yond our see - ing,
 clos - er yet than breath - ing,
 ev - er - last - ing home:
 Hail and Ho - san - na,
 great, liv - ing God!

The author states that aspects of the divine are revealed in our maleness, femaleness, youth, and age in a moving, growing matrix of life in God. The tune Westchase was composed especially for this text.

Tune: WESTCHASE 9.10.11.9.
 Carlton Young, 1989

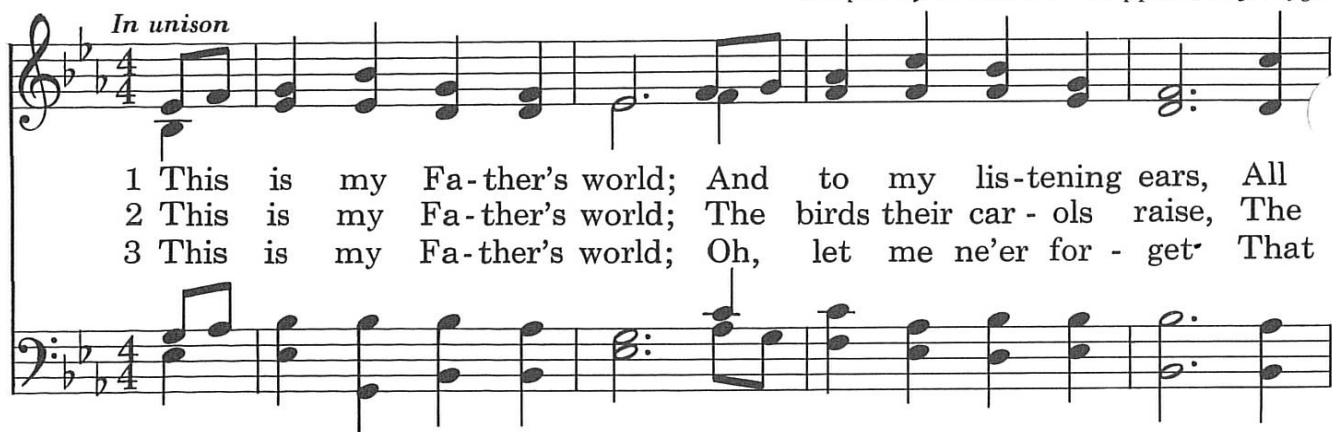
Mallbie D. Babcock, 1858-1901, alt.

TERRA BEATA S.M.D.

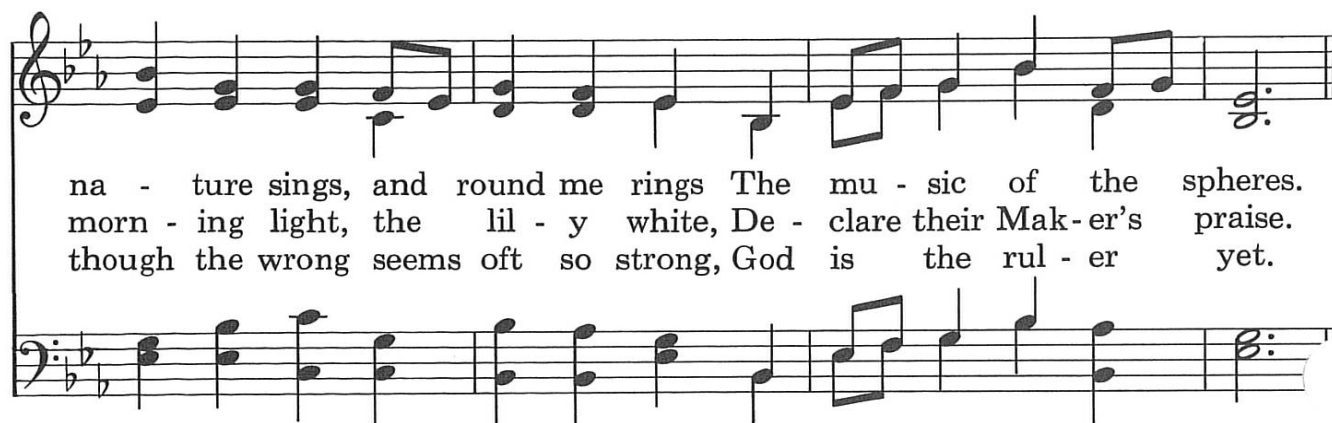
Traditional English Melody

Adapted by Franklin L. Sheppard, 1852-1930

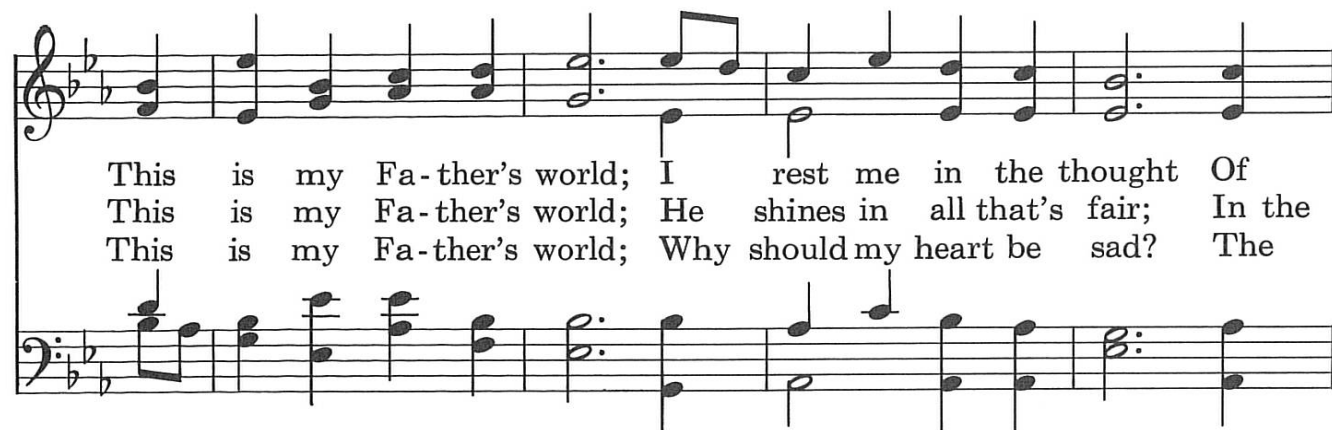
In unison



1 This is my Fa-ther's world; And to my lis-tening ears, All
 2 This is my Fa-ther's world; The birds their car - ols raise, The
 3 This is my Fa-ther's world; Oh, let me ne'er for - get That



na - ture sings, and round me rings The mu - sic of the spheres.
 morn - ing light, the lil - y white, De - clare their Mak-er's praise.
 though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.



This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought Of
 This is my Fa-ther's world; He shines in all that's fair; In the
 This is my Fa-ther's world; Why should my heart be sad? The



rocks and trees, of skies and seas, His hand the won - ders wrought.
 rus - tling grass I hear him pass; He speaks to me ev-ery - where.
 Lord is king; let the heav-ens ring. God reigns; let the earth be glad.

THANKS TO ALL who generously participated in Shelter Sunday this year! We give these gifts to the glory of God, lovingly honoring and remembering the fathers in our lives.

IN HONOR OF...

My son, Doug—*Ron Bailey*
Our sons, Chris and Rob—*Kathy and Warren Belding*
All the dads in our families—*Marcia Corkins and Pete Mason*
Ike Jacobs, a wonderful husband, dad, and friend to many—*Linda Jacobs*
Etienne Houdegbe and Brendan MacAskill, our “grandsons-in-law”—*Linda and Ike Jacobs*
David Rappaport (Daddy), Larry Kirkpatrick (Grandpap), and Ken Kirkpatrick (Uncle Ken)—*Nan Parsons and Kailyn Rappaport*
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Dad—*Chip and Rachel Silver* / Grandpa—*Chip, Rachel, and Steve Silver*
Travis Jones, a wonderful husband and father; Kenneth Smith, my amazing dad!—*Rachel Smith-Jones*
My dad, John Troutman—*Dawn Troutman*

IN MEMORY OF...

My dad and grandfathers—*Ron Bailey*
My father, Paul Valentine Fortmiller—*Lola Baldwin*
Bill and Florence Beckett—*Kathy Beckett*
Roy B. Ford and Royal J. Bennett—*Virginia and Lloyd Bennett*
The Rev. Loring D. Chase, Chris' father and Pastor Emeritus at Westmoreland
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My father, David L. Huestis—*Barbara Jones*
Robert Parsons (Gramps), Donald Parsons (Bop), and Uncle Leo—*Nan Parsons and Kailyn Rappaport*
My father, Alfred Walling—*Susan Pratt*
Grandpas Emory, Ken, Harold, and Alfred; and our dads, Ken and Jim—*Deb and Jon Scott*
My father, Clarence B. Shelnutt—*Jo Shelnutt*
Pop Pop—*Chip, Rachel, and Steve Silver*
My grandfathers, William A. Smith and Thaddeus C. Fitzpatrick—*Rachel Smith-Jones*



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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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