



The Second Sunday after Epiphany

“Our goal is to create a beloved community, and this will require a qualitative change in our souls as well as a quantitative change in our lives.”

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

God's Time Is Best, from BWV 106

Johann Sebastian Bach

Psalm 36:5-10

People: Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your judgments are like the great deep; you save humans and animals alike, O LORD.

People: They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

People: O continue your steadfast love to those who know you, and your salvation to the upright of heart!

My Lord, What a Morning

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God incarnate, be present with us during this time of prayer and song. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, inspiring and empowering us so that all we do in worship, fellowship, and service gives glory to your name and reflects to the wider world what you have done, and are doing, in and through Jesus. Amen.

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 weekend we remember and celebrate the life of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. King was a great leader in the fight for civil rights, for the ability for all people to be treated fairly by the law, for men and women to be equals. Dr. King saw the fight for civil rights and equality as part of his calling. He saw this work as an integral part of being a good Christian. He did a lot for his country, and he has set an example of what we can do for our brothers and sisters today.

Hymn 415 (p. 5) *In Christ There Is No East or West*

McKee

Scripture Lessons

Isaiah 62:1-5. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. ²The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. ³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

⁴You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. ⁵For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

John 2:1-11. On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." ⁵His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. ⁹When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." ¹¹Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Sermon *"Do Whatever He Tells You"*

Stephen R. Silver

Hymn 825 (p. 6) *Swing Low, Sweet Chariot*

Swing Low

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 the church office to add or remove names.

Today we offer our ongoing prayers for Pete, Lloyd, Arlene, Evelyn, Barbara, Greg, Larry, Edith, Jan, Eileen, Jimmy, Jean, Michelle, Stephanie, and Paulette.

Holy God, as we gather this day, we remember the life and legacy of a modern prophet, Martin Luther King, Jr. We welcome the inspiration that comes to us from his example. Help us to remember the courage and the faith he brought to his struggle, and imbue us with similar convictions today and in the days ahead.

We pray this, and all the joys and concerns we hold in our hearts, in the name of your Son, our Savior. 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

There Is a Balm in Gilead

arr. William L. Dawson

Doxology (Unison)

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

Prayer of Dedication (Unison)

God of grace, God of love, God of all people: we give you thanks for the gifts we have received, for our freedom, for our lives, knowing that we will find new life in ensuring that others are able to live fully and freely. Use our offerings as we work to improve our community, here in Lebanon and around the world. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Hymn 339 (p. 7)

Lift Every Voice and Sing

Lift Every Voice

Benediction

Postlude

Trumpet Tune in D Major

David Johnson

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My Lord! What a Morning

Refrain

My Lord! what a morn - ing; my Lord! what a morn - ing;

O my Lord! what a morn - ing, when the stars be - gin to

fall, when the stars be - gin to fall. *Fine*

1 You will hear the trum - pet
2 You will hear the sin - ner
3 You will hear the Chris - tian

sound
cry,
shout, to wake the na - tions un - der ground,

look - ing to my God's right hand, when the stars be - gin to fall. *to Refrain*

This spiritual reflects on Jesus' saying about the endtimes as recorded in Matthew 24:29–30/Mark 13:24–26. It belongs to the slower, less common style of spirituals with long, sustained phrases and was among those popularized in concerts by the Fisk Jubilee Singers.

TEXT: African American spiritual

MUSIC: African American spiritual; arr. Melva Wilson Costen, 1989

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MY LORD, WHAT A MORNING

Irregular

In Christ There Is No East or West

Second Tune

John Oxenham, 1852-1941

McKEE C.M.

Negro Melody

Adapted by Harry T. Burleigh, 1866-1949

1 In Christ there is no East or West, In him no South or North;
 2 In him shall true hearts ev-ery-where Their high com-mun-ion find;
 3 Join hands, then, broth-ers of the faith, What-e'er your race may be!
 4 In Christ now meet both East and West, In him meet South and North;

But one great fel-low-ship of love Through-out the whole wide earth.
 His serv-ice is the gold-en cord Close-bind-ing all man-kind.
 Who serves my Fa-ther as a son Is sure-ly kin to me.
 All Christ-ly souls are one in him Through-out the whole wide earth.

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Leading Worship This Week

The Rev. Stephen R. Silver, Pastor

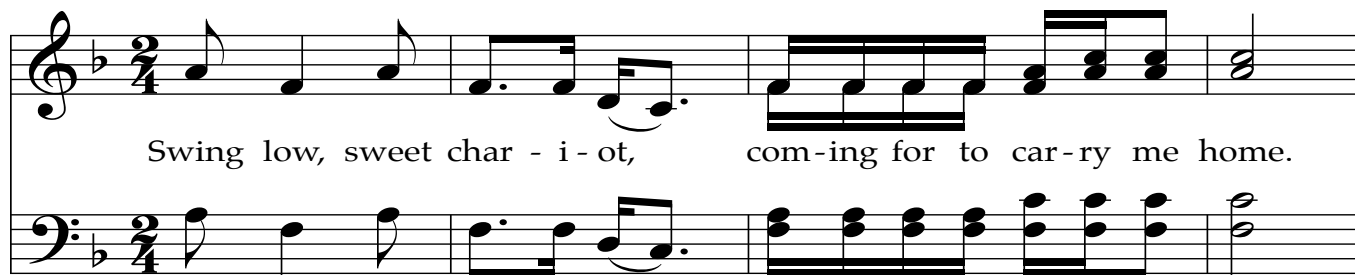
Ernie Drown, Organ/Piano • The FCC Choir • Betsy Alexander, Liturgist

Phil Hammond and Dawn Troutman, Zoom Greeters

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. Silver directly.

825 Swing Low, Sweet Chariot

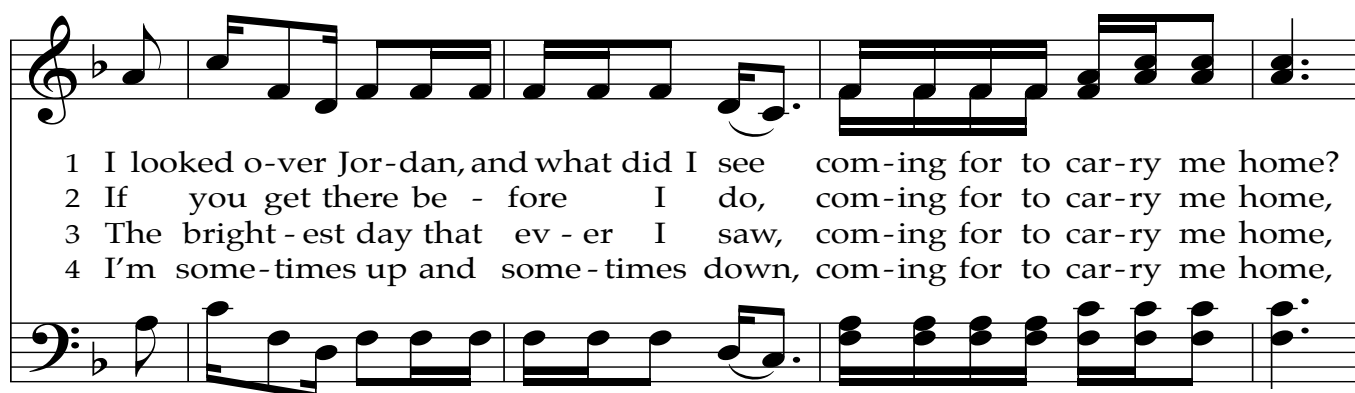
Refrain



Swing low, sweet char - i - ot, com-ing for to car-ry me home.



Swing low, sweet char - i - ot, com-ing for to car-ry me home. *Fine*



1 I looked o-ver Jor-dan, and what did I see com-ing for to car-ry me home?
 2 If you get there be - fore I do, com-ing for to car-ry me home,
 3 The bright - est day that ev - er I saw, com-ing for to car-ry me home,
 4 I'm some-times up and some-times down, com-ing for to car-ry me home,



to Refrain
 A band of an-gels com-ing af-ter me, com-ing for to car-ry me home. O,
 tell all my friends I'm com - ing too, com-ing for to car-ry me home. O,
 when Je - sus washed my sins a - way, com-ing for to car-ry me home. O,
 but still my soul feels heaven-ly bound, com-ing for to car-ry me home. O,

While ostensibly based on Elijah's ascent into heaven (2 Kings 2:11), this African American spiritual also communicates the enslaved people's hope that they might find deliverance across a river (i.e. in the free states beyond the Ohio). Call-and-response singing enhances this piece.

TEXT: African American spiritual

MUSIC: African American spiritual; arr. Robert Nathaniel Dett, 1936

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SWING LOW

Irregular

Lift Every Voice and Sing

James Weldon Johnson, 1921; alt.

1 Lift ev-ery voice and sing, till earth and heav - en ring, ring with the
 2 Ston-y the road we trod, bit-ter the chas-tening rod, felt in the
 3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears, God who has

har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty; Let our re - joic - ing
 days when hope un - born had died; Yet with a stead - y
 brought us thus far on the way; God, who by your

rise, high as the lis - tening skies, let it re - sound loud as the
 beat, have not our wea - ry feet, come to the place for which our
 might, led us in - to the light, keep us for - ev - er in the

roll - ing sea. Sing a song full of the
 peo - ple sighed? We have come o - ver a
 path, we pray. Lest our feet stray from the

Poet James Weldon Johnson was the first African-American to pass the bar examination in the state of Florida, and served as U.S. consul in Venezuela and Nicaragua. He collaborated with his composer brother, John Rosamond Johnson, to write Broadway operettas and edit song collections. John appeared in vaudeville, directed London musicals, and headed the Music School Settlement in New York.

Tune: LIFT EVERY VOICE Irr.
 J. Rosamond Johnson, 1921

faith that the harsh past has taught us, Sing a song full of the
 way that with tears has been wa - tered, We have come, tread - ing our
 plac - es, our God, where we met you, Lest our hearts, drunk with the

hope that the pres - ent has brought us; Fac - ing the
 path through the blood of the slaugh - tered, Out from the
 wine of the world, for - get you; Shad - owed be -

ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun, let us march
 gloom - y past, till now we stand at last where the white
 neath your hand, may we for - ev - er stand, true to our

on till vic - to - ry is won.
 gleam of our bright star is cast.
 God, true to our na - tive land.

THE SOUPER BOWL IS BACK!

A longer season, two more playoff teams, and the latest championship game ever—all that means we have more time to set a new SOUPER BOWL record! We're tackling local hunger again with a collection of soup and other non-perishable items, to be split among our neighbors at Headrest, the Upper Valley Haven, and Listen Community Services.

Donations may be left in the boxes in the Parish Hall until February 13. You may also bring them directly to any of the three beneficiaries (please let us know if you do so). THANK YOU!!



Music
at the
Meetinghouse

Upcoming Concerts

Masks, distanced seating, and proof of vaccination required.

Relax Your Ears: Tristan Bellerive and Ben Kulp—Sunday, January 23, at 3:00

Guitarist Tristan Bellerive and cellist Ben Kulp, two of the superb faculty teaching next door at UVMC, offer a reflective afternoon program of duets composed by acclaimed folk and film composer Joel Styzens. *Adults \$20, 18-and-under free; more at uvmusic.org/event/relax-your-ears.*

The Anonymous Coffeehouse—Fridays, February 11 and 25, March 11 and 25, all 7:30

This highly popular venue for established and emerging musicians features several acoustic acts, and patrons may come and go as they please; baked goods and non-alcoholic drinks are available. And it's all free of charge, so please come and enjoy! *For more details, visit anoncoffee.org.*

UCC Opportunities for Supporting Tornado Relief Efforts

The devastating tornadoes that hit Kentucky and other states in December require a massive recovery effort. The NH Conference of the UCC has suggested two ways to support this effort:

Give directly to the Indiana-Kentucky Conference and its Disaster Preparedness and Ministry Response Team, with an online debit- or credit-card donation at ikcucc.org/connect/donate.

Give through the NH Conference either by mailing a check to the NHC office in Pembroke (memo "Kentucky Tornado Recovery") or online at nhcucc.org/donate-now.

Giving From the Heart *Stewardship 2022*

Many thanks for the 30 pledges we have already received for 2022! As you prayerfully consider a commitment to FCC's mission and ministry in the coming year, we will gratefully continue to accept pledges anytime in the coming weeks. Thank you for your support of our church!

Please either place your pledge form in the offering plate or return it to the church office by mail. If you'd like to use envelopes for 2022, you may pick up your boxed set (#1-25) in the Parish Hall.

FCC's 2022 Annual Meeting will be Sunday, February 13 (on Zoom)



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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.

First Congregational Church of Lebanon

The Rev. Stephen R. Silver, Pastor

Ernie Drown, Organist and Choir Director • Nancy Parsons, Children's Community Corner
Barbara Teeter, Chair of Deacons • Linda Jacobs, Chair of Church Council • Barbara Jones, Moderator
Brian Clancy, Church Administrator

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