



## The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

“Everybody worships. The only choice we get is what we worship.”

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

O Gott, *du frommer* Gott, op. 122, no. 7

## Call to Worship

Leader: In you, O LORD, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.

People: In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me.

Leader: Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

**People:** Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.

Leader: For you, O LORD, are my hope, my trust, O LORD, from my youth.

**People:** Upon you I have leaned from my birth; it was you who took me from my mother's womb. My praise is continually of you.

*Lord, When I Came into This Life*

## Prayer of Invocation

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.

## 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

*If Ye Love Me*

Thomas Tallis

## Children's Moment

Everybody gets a reputation. Sometimes it's good; sometimes it's bad. Sometimes it's deserved. This is true about people here today, and it is also true about people from the past. Paul the Apostle has a pretty strong reputation that strikes me as being somewhat unearned. Paul is known as being dour, not having a sense of humor, and being a hothead. Now, I'll concede the last point, but I think there may be some projection going on, with people applying their own shortcomings to Paul. Indeed, if we look at today's Epistle reading, we see Paul talking about love and how many good qualities it has. One of these verses has been misattributed to "anonymous" over the years. That is a sign of carelessness and also a reflection of how some people cannot match up their impressions of Paul with reality. Yes, Paul was faithful, and he was determined. But he knew that following the way of Jesus involved love. I hope you will remember this, and that you won't be one of those people who makes snap judgments and evaluates others without all the information.

Hymn 456 (p. 6)      *All Beautiful the March of Days*

Forest Green

## Scripture Lessons

**Jeremiah 1:4-10.** <sup>4</sup>Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, <sup>5</sup>"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." <sup>6</sup>Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." <sup>7</sup>But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you, <sup>8</sup>Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord." <sup>9</sup>Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. <sup>10</sup>See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

**Luke 4:21-30.** [...] <sup>21</sup>Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." <sup>22</sup>All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" <sup>23</sup>He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" <sup>24</sup>And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. <sup>25</sup>But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; <sup>26</sup>yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. <sup>27</sup>There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." <sup>28</sup>When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. <sup>29</sup>They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. <sup>30</sup>But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

**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, Edith, Jan, Eileen, Jimmy, Jean, Michelle, Stephanie, and Paulette.

Loving God, we give thanks today for the affection you have shown humanity, the love you show us. The relationship you have established with us—each of us and all of us—is grounded in love and marked by grace, and we acknowledge that you wish us to love others as you have loved us. We know this may not always be easy, but before we find fault with others, let us remember how hard it can be for you to love and embrace us despite our warts and our shortcomings. You love us without reservation, and we ask that you give us the strength to love others in this way.

And now, with all the joys and concerns we hold in our hearts, we pray in the name of your Son, our Savior:

**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***Day by Day*

Martin How

**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)**

Bountiful God, you have blessed us, as individuals and as a community, with so many wonderful gifts. We present this offering as a sign of our desire to use what you have given us to serve your people in faith, love, and hope. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

**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**

“A Flight of Angels,” *Tunes for Clay’s Musical Clock*

G. F. Handel

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***Leading Worship This Week***

The Rev. Stephen R. Silver, Pastor • Ernie Drown, Organ/Piano • The FCC Choir  
Betsy Bowse, Liturgist • Alyson Danyew-Ellison, Zoom Greeter

*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@fcclb.org](mailto:prayer@fcclb.org) or speak with Rev. Silver directly.*

**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!!*

**NOTICE of ANNUAL MEETING – Sunday, February 13, 11:30 am (on Zoom)**

The Annual Meeting of First Congregational Church of Lebanon, NH, will be held online in Zoom format on **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2022, AT 11:30 AM**, after that morning’s worship service, for the following purposes:

1. To hear the reports of all officers, committees, and organizations, as required under the CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS of the church.
2. The election of all officers provided for under the CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS of the church.
3. To consider and act upon any other matters relating to the general church welfare that may properly come before this meeting.

# Lord, When I Came into This Life 691

1 Lord, when I came in - to this life you  
 2 With - in the cir - cle of the faith, as  
 3 In all the ten - sions of my life, be -  
 4 So help me in my un - be - lief and

called me by my name; to - day I come, com -  
 mem - ber of your cast, I take my place with  
 tween my faith and doubt, let your great Spir - it  
 let my life be true: feet firm - ly plant - ed

mit my - self, re - spond - ing to your claim.  
 all the saints of fu - ture, pres - ent, past.  
 give me hope, sus - tain me, lead me out.  
 on the earth, my sights set high on you.

Written for the confirmation of the author's son, this text of self-dedication also voices our recurring individual need to recommit ourselves in less formal ways. The familiar shape note tune enhances a sense of finding our place among God's people from all times and places.

TEXT: Fred Kaan, 1976

LAND OF REST

MUSIC: American folk melody; harm. Charles H. Webb, 1988

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(alternate harmonization, 545)

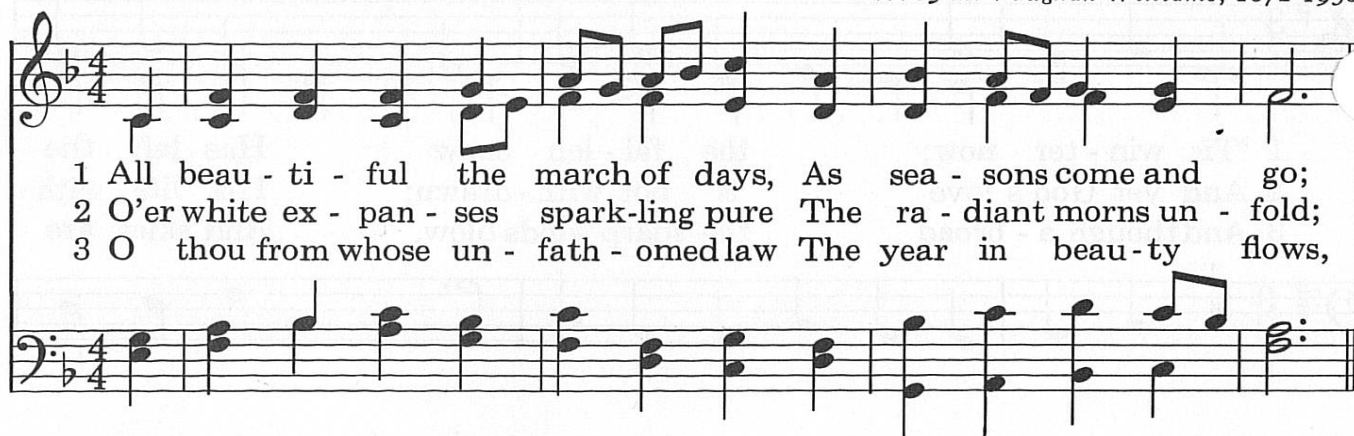
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Frances W. Wile, 1878-1939

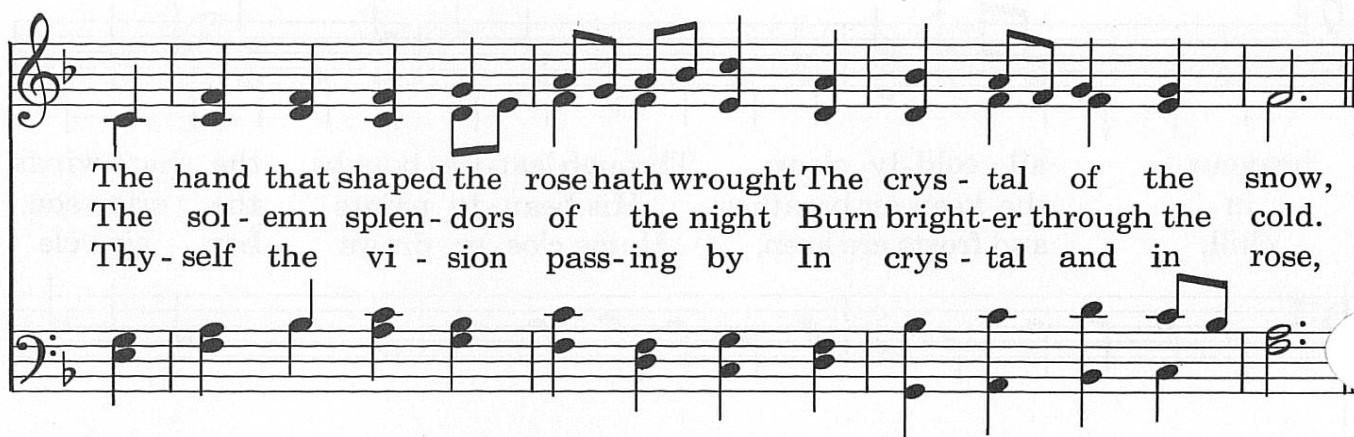
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Traditional English Melody

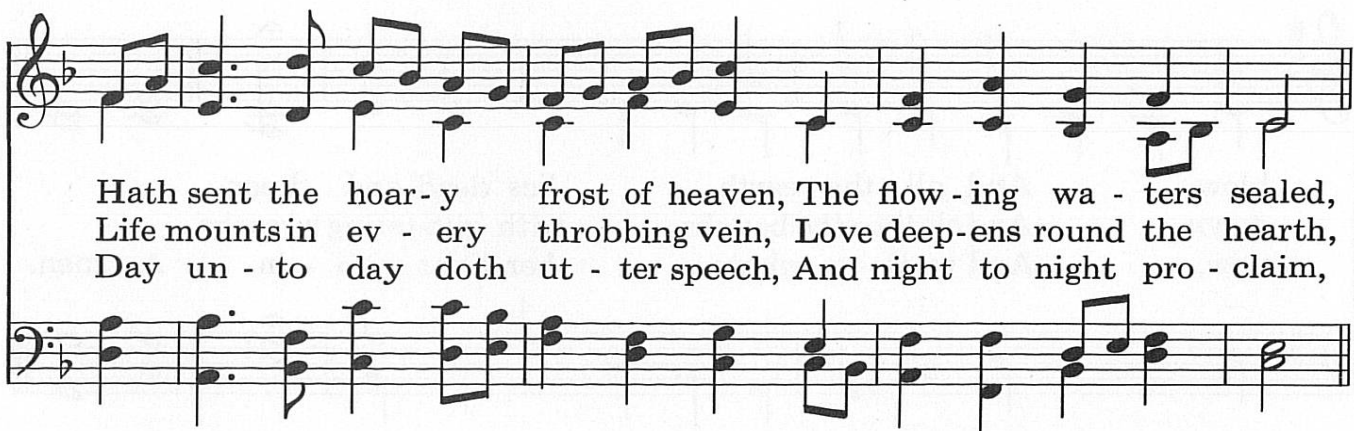
Arr. by R. Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958



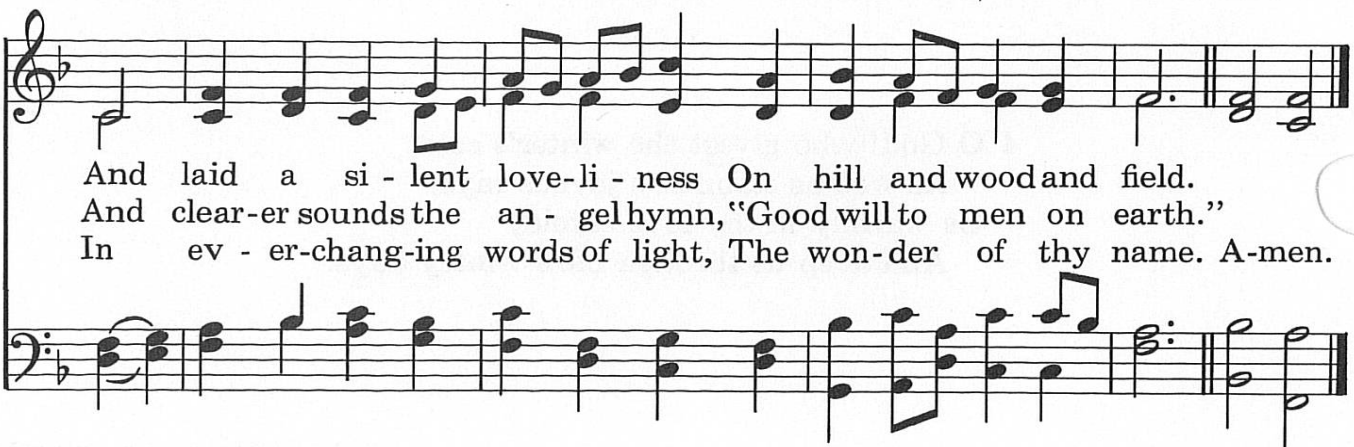
1 All beau - ti - ful the march of days, As sea - sons come and go;  
 2 O'er white ex - pan - ses spark - ling pure The ra - diant morns un - fold;  
 3 O thou from whose un - fath - omed law The year in beau - ty flows,



The hand that shaped the rose hath wrought The crys - tal of the snow,  
 The sol - emn splen - dors of the night Burn bright - er through the cold.  
 Thy - self the vi - sion pass - ing by In crys - tal and in rose,



Hath sent the hoar - y frost of heaven, The flow - ing wa - ters sealed,  
 Life mounts in ev - ery throbbing vein, Love deep - ens round the hearth,  
 Day un - to day doth ut - ter speech, And night to night pro - claim,



And laid a si - lent love - li - ness On hill and wood and field.  
 And clear - er sounds the an - gel hymn, "Good will to men on earth."  
 In ev - er - chang - ing words of light, The won - der of thy name. A - men.

# Take My Life and Let It Be

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Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879

VIENNA 7.7.7.7.

Melody by Justin H. Knecht, 1752-1817

1 Take my life, and let it be Con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;  
2 Take my hands, and let them move At the im - pulse of thy love;  
3 Take my will, and make it thine; It shall be no long - er mine;  
4 Take my love: my Lord I pour At thy feet its treas - ure store;

Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them flow in cease - less praise.  
Take my feet, and let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
Take my heart, it is thine own; It shall be thy roy - al throne.  
Take my - self, and I will be Ev - er, on - ly, all for thee. A - men.

## Giving From the Heart *Stewardship 2022*

“Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.” (Mark 12:43-44)

Many thanks for the 31 pledges we have received for 2022! As you prayerfully consider your 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, at 11:30 am (on Zoom)***

# Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

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CANONBURY L.M.

Arr. from Robert A. Schumann, 1810-1856



1 Lord, speak to me, that I may speak In  
 2 O strength - en me, that while I stand Firm  
 3 O teach me, Lord, that I may teach The  
 4 O fill me with thy full - ness, Lord, Un -

liv - ing ech - oes of thy tone; As thou hast sought, so  
 on the rock, and strong in thee, I may stretch out a  
 pre - cious things thou dost im - part; And wing my words, that  
 til my ver - y heart o'er - flow In kin - dling thought and

let me seek Thy err - ing chil - dren lost and lone.  
 lov - ing hand To wres - tlers with the trou - bled sea!  
 they may reach The hid - den depths of man - y a heart!  
 glow - ing word, Thy love to tell, thy praise to show! A - men.



Music  
at the  
Meetinghouse

## Upcoming Concerts

Masks, distanced seating, and proof of vaccination required.

**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](http://anoncoffee.org).

**Classicopia: Elizabeth Borowsky and Cecylia Barczyk**—Sunday, March 20, at 2:00

Our friend Elizabeth Borowsky brings back her mother, famed cellist Cecylia Barczyk, for a lovely concert of duets for piano and cello. Program details TBA. Adults \$20, FCC members \$15, children free.





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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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