



The Sixth Sunday of Easter

“The purpose of life is not to be happy. It is to be useful, to be honorable, to be compassionate, to have it make some difference that you have lived, and lived well.”

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

Prelude *Dearest Jesus, We Are Here*, BWV 731 Johann Sebastian Bach

Call to Worship

Adapted from Psalm 67

Leader: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,

People: That God's way may be known upon earth, God's saving power among all nations.

Leader: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

People: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

Leader: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

People: The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.

All: May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.

Hymn 313 (p. 5) *Like a Tree beside the Waters* Silver Creek

Prayer of Invocation

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

Anthem *For the Beauty of the Earth* John Rutter

Children's Moment

In today's lesson from Acts we read about people helping others: Paul helps some people in Macedonia, which was far from where he was. But rather than offer reasons he was unable to assist, he made the trip. Once there, he met people, including a woman named Lydia, a merchant. She listened closely to what Paul preached, and then she

chose to be baptized. Afterwards, she extended hospitality to Paul. You kids are helpers, too. On June 12, you'll have a fundraiser to benefit children in Ukraine. What you are doing is pleasing to God. For that, we give thanks, and we ask that we all be motivated to be helpers in the work of God.

Hymn 23 (p. 6)

Ye Holy Angels Bright

Darwall's 148th

Scripture Lessons

Acts 16:9-15. ⁹During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

¹¹We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹²and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

John 14:23-29. ²³Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

²⁵"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.[...]"

Sermon

"People Helping Out"

Stephen R. Silver

Hymn 733 (p. 7)

We All Are One in Mission

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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, Michelle, Stephanie, Paulette, Carolin, Juanita, Terry, and Ethan. We pray for the people of Ukraine, that they may know peace. We pray, too, for the Russian leadership, that their hearts may be renewed and turned to you, and for the Russian people, that they may be freed from tyranny and corruption.

O Holy God, we know that you have spoken to your people in many ways: through the stories of Scripture and your prophets, through the miracles you and your Son have performed, and most clearly through Jesus, whose words inspire us to this day. Help us to be your instruments of grace and peace, and impel us to share your Good News through our actions, our service, and our fellowship.

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

How Shall I Sing That Majesty?

Charles Beaudrot

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)

Lord of Love, God of Grace, we are blessed:
Blessed by the Church.
Blessed by your Spirit.
Blessed to be Jesus' people.

In recognition and thanksgiving, we present to you these gifts, these fruits of our blessings, confident that they will be used to do your work. In the name of the Risen Christ: 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

Rigaudon

André Campra

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Leading Worship This Week

The Rev. Stephen R. Silver, Pastor

Ernie Drown, Organ/Piano • The FCC Choir • Laurel Stavis, Liturgist
Stacey Steele and Ike Jacobs, Ushers • 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.

Celebrate the Children's Community Corner—Children's Sunday, June 12

After another "remote" year, the Children's Community Corner is excited to lead worship and mark the end of the school year. Please join us for this special moment in our communal life!

If you and/or your children are interested in participating or have questions, please contact Nan Parsons (nlp3721@yahoo.com/603-863-8354) or the church office.

* * * Upstanders for the Children of Ukraine—A 3C's Fundraiser! * * *

Concerned about the children caught in the tragedies of war in Ukraine, FCC's kids want to help! They're making Ukrainian-style eggs, cross necklaces, and baked goods to offer for a donation on Children's Sunday. (*Delivery can be arranged for those who'd like something but can't attend that day.*) **All donations will be sent to a reputable charity providing resources for Ukraine's children. For questions or delivery requests, please contact Nan Parsons.**

FATHER'S DAY IS SHELTER SUNDAY

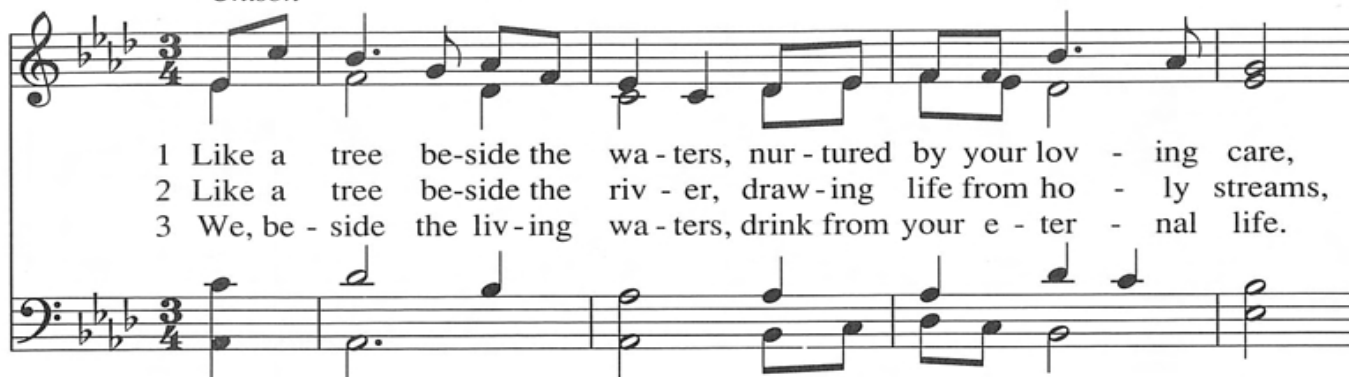
If you'd like to honor the father(s) in your life with a contribution to Shelter Sunday, please complete the bulletin insert and place it in the offering plate. Any amount is welcome, and directly supports building projects. Thanks! (*Payable to FCC, memo "Shelter Sunday."*)

All dedications must be received (on paper or by email) by noon on THURSDAY, JUNE 16, to be listed in the bulletin on FATHER'S DAY, JUNE 19. (*Contributions accepted beyond that date.*)

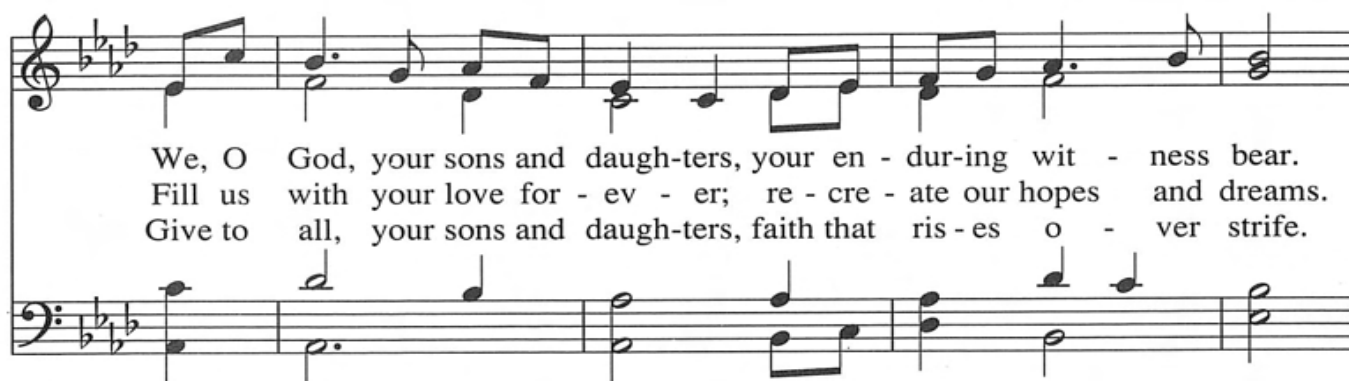
Jer. 17:7-8

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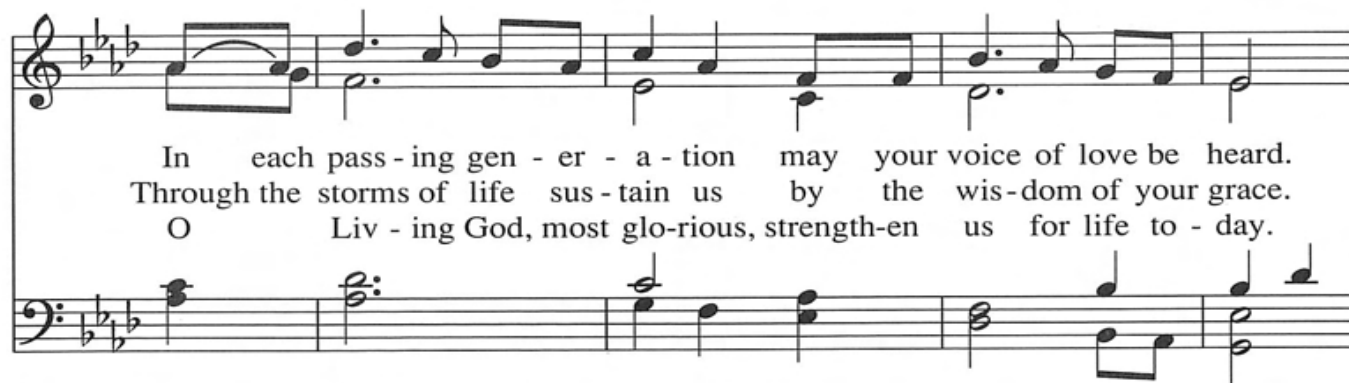
James F. D. Martin, 1992



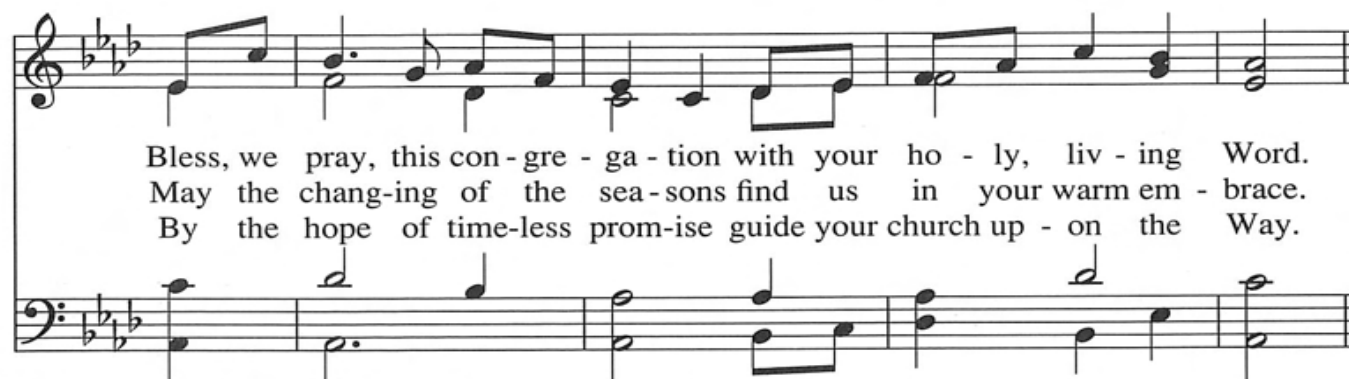
1 Like a tree be-side the wa-ters, nur-tured by your lov-ing care,
 2 Like a tree be-side the riv-er, draw-ing life from ho-ly streams,
 3 We, be-side the liv-ing wa-ters, drink from your e-ter-nal life.



We, O God, your sons and daugh-ters, your en-dur-ing wit-ness bear.
 Fill us with your love for-ev-er; re-cre-ate our hopes and dreams.
 Give to all, your sons and daugh-ters, faith that ris-es o-ver strife.



In each pass-ing gen-er-a-tion may your voice of love be heard.
 Through the storms of life sus-tain us by the wis-dom of your grace.
 O Liv-ing God, most glo-rious, strength-en us for life to-day.



Bless, we pray, this con-gre-ga-tion with your ho-ly, liv-ing Word.
 May the chang-ing of the sea-sons find us in your warm em-brace.
 By the hope of time-less prom-ise guide your church up-on the Way.

James Martin wrote this text at the invitation of Campbellsport (Wisconsin) United Church of Christ for the celebration of its 125th anniversary year in 1993. Ordained to the United Church of Christ in 1980, Martin has served as pastor to churches in Wisconsin.

Tune: SILVER CREEK 8.7.8.7.D.
 Roy Hopp, 1989
 Alternate tune: HYFRYDOL

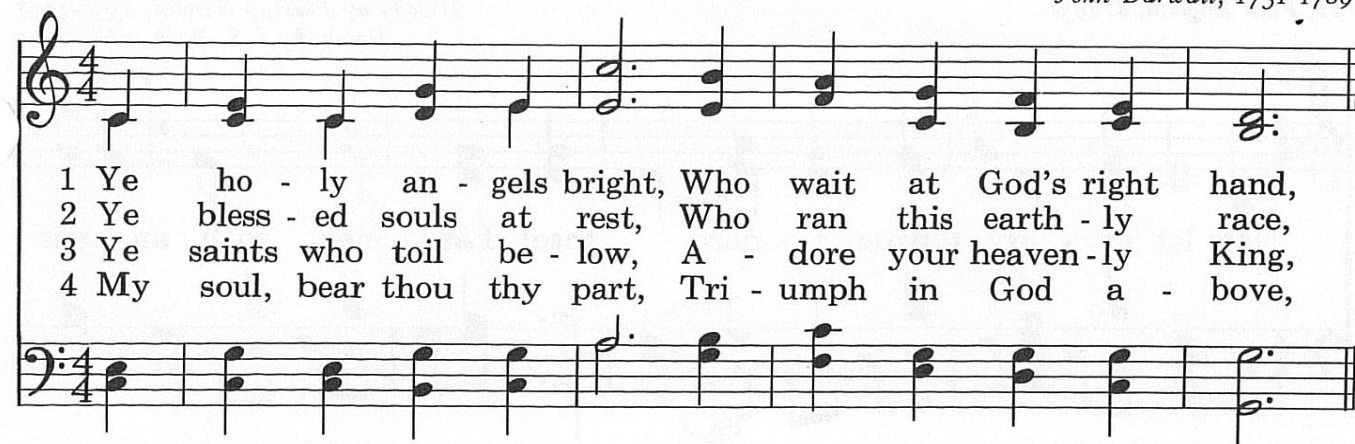
Ye Holy Angels Bright

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Richard Baxter, 1615-1691, and others

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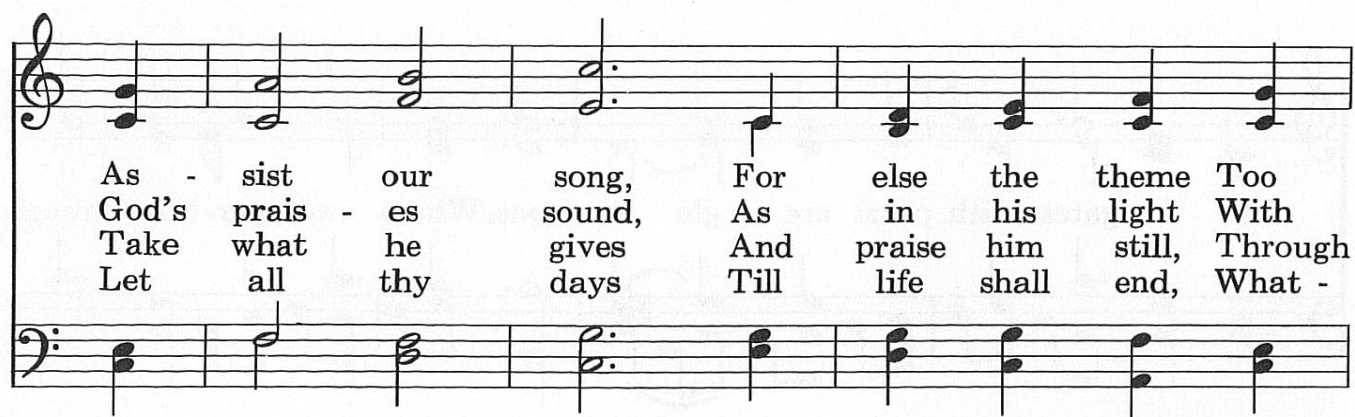
John Darwall, 1731-1789



1 Ye ho - ly an - gels bright, Who wait at God's right hand,
 2 Ye bless - ed souls at rest, Who ran this earth - ly race,
 3 Ye saints who toil be - low, A - dore your heaven - ly King,
 4 My soul, bear thou thy part, Tri - umph in God a - bove,



Or through the realms of light Fly at your Lord's com - mand,
 And now, from sin re - leased, Be - hold the Sav - ior's face,
 And on - ward as ye go Some joy - ful an - them sing;
 And with a well-tuned heart Sing thou the songs of love.



As - sist our song, For else the theme Too
 God's prais - es sound, As in his light With
 Take what he gives And praise him still, Through
 Let all thy days Till life shall end, What -



high doth seem For mor - tal tongue.
 sweet de - light Ye do a - bound.
 good and ill, Who ev - er lives.
 e'er he send, Be filled with praise. A - men.

733 We All Are One in Mission

1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,
 2 We all are called for ser - vice to wit - ness in God's name.
 3 Now let us be u - nit - ed and let our song be heard.

our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
 Our min - is - tries are dif - ferent; our pur - pose is the same:
 Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing word.

A sin - gle, great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
 to touch the lives of oth - ers by God's sur - pris - ing grace,
 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,

to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
 so ev - ery folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.
 our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

A Lutheran pastor wrote this text in response to a bishop's letter that said, "Our mission is to touch the lives of others with Christ's love." This theme is made stronger by recognizing that shared purposes do not require the denial of diversity but are enriched by it.

TEXT: Rusty Edwards, 1985, alt.
 MUSIC: Memmingen ms., 17th cent.; harm. George Ratcliffe Woodward, 1904
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Go to the World!

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1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.
 2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - ery place.
 3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;
 4 Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,

Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,
 Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.
 the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.
 for I am with you till the age shall end,

bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.
 Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.
 As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.
 when all the hosts of glo - ry cry "A - men!"

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Based on Christ's great commission (Matthew 28:19-20), this text was written for a Convocation of Emmanuel College in Toronto, the largest theological school of the United Church of Canada, a denomination formed by the union of Methodists, Congregationalists, and Presbyterians.

TEXT: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1985
 MUSIC: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906
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Remember Bike & Build? They're Coming Back!—June 14-16

For almost 20 years, this inspiring program has raised funds, participated in construction projects, and advocated for affordable housing in a series of national and regional biking trips. FCC has hosted B&B's Northern Route since 2008, but all routes were canceled in 2020-21 because of the pandemic. In June we will once again open our building to these enterprising, dedicated young adults for two nights, on their journey from Portsmouth to Bellingham, WA. While in town, they'll work on projects with UV Habitat and Cover Home Repair.

Our plans for serving the Biker-Builders during their stay are still evolving, but if you are willing to volunteer in some way, please contact the church office. For more about this incredible program and its cross-country routes, visit bikeandbuild.org/routes/.



The Anonymous Coffeehouse—Friday, May 20, at 7:30 (Season Finale!)

Come enjoy this popular community venue for live local music, before it breaks for the summer! Baked goods and non-alcoholic drinks available, all free of charge. *For more, visit anoncoffee.org.*

Cameo Baroque: Music of Johann Sebastian Bach—Saturday, May 21, at 7:00

Our own Ernie Drown brings back his superb ensemble for an evening celebrating the master of Baroque music. *Free-will donation (\$20 suggested) to benefit the work of Doctors Without Borders in Ukraine; more at www.cameoarts.org and www.doctorswithoutborders.org.*

Roseminna Watson, Violin, and Melody Fader, Piano—Sunday, May 22, at 2:00

After a wonderful concert here last fall, these friends return with a new program ranging from W. A. Mozart and Frédéric Chopin to Claude Debussy, George Gershwin, and more. *Adults \$20, students/artists \$15, children \$5; tickets and more at www.eventbrite.com (search “Roseminna” in Lebanon, NH).*

Cantabile Women’s Chorus: Gloria!—Sunday, June 5, at 4:00

We are delighted to welcome back Cantabile for a concert originally planned for January but canceled due to COVID. The program includes music of Antonio Vivaldi, Johannes Brahms, and a new commission from Philip Silvey to commemorate Cantabile’s 20th anniversary last year. *Adults \$15, students/seniors \$10, under 13 free; more at www.cantabilewomen.org.*

Counterpoint: The Woods and the Waters—Friday, July 15, at 7:30

Director Nathaniel Lew brings VT’s professional choral ensemble back to Lebanon for the first time in four years to celebrate landscapes near and far, with guest pianist Alison Cerutti. Music by Jude Navari, Benjamin Britten, and NH’s own Amy Beach, along with the premiere of a piece by composer Travis Ramsey and poet Jim Schley—who both live in the Upper Valley. *Adults \$20, seniors \$15, students and limited means \$5; more at counterpointchorus.org/upcoming/.*

Register Now for Classicopia’s Summer Music Camp!—Two Sessions: August 8-13 and 15-20

This immersive program offers instrumental and vocal instruction to students aged 8-18, with outstanding faculty and guest artists. *More details and registration at classicopia.org/summer-camp/.*

FCC Outing Club in June—Lower Shaker Trails, Enfield

Sunday, June 5—Meet at Trailhead off Route 4A at 1:00 pm (Rain Date June 12)

Ron Bailey leads a spring foray of our Outing Club—a chance for our congregation and friends to explore the beauty of God’s creation together. We’ll enjoy a network of trails in Enfield rich with Shaker history, which was once used to manage an impressive canal system and dam.

Meet at trailhead lot off Route 4A, just beyond the Shaker Museum (opposite Landing Rd). Bring water, sunscreen, bug/tick spray, and snack if desired. (Optional ice cream at the Baited Hook!)



Helping People in Need in the Upper Valley

Upper Valley Habitat for Humanity is the local affiliate of an international, ecumenical ministry providing decent, affordable home ownership for deserving families who could not otherwise afford to buy a home. This is one of the most valuable steps a family can take to gain a firm footing and thrive on their own.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Houses are built by community volunteers, with local vendors providing free or deeply discounted materials and services. Each selected family contributes at least 500 hours of "sweat equity," participating directly in the construction of their own house.

A Hand Up, Not a Hand-out

Homes are sold to families at the actual cost of the house, at no profit, with a zero-interest mortgage. The family repays the loan, providing Habitat with funds for more homebuilding activities.

SHELTER SUNDAY – How FCC Helps Habitat

On June 20, you can help fulfill the dreams of local families with a contribution in honor or memory of the fathers in your life. Any amount is welcome and goes directly toward the purchase of building materials.

Please fill out the form on the reverse and return it to the church office **no later than 12:00 pm on Thursday, June 16**; you may also simply email or call the office with your information. All dedications will be printed in the worship bulletin on June 19.

If you choose, a card recognizing your gift will be sent to those you wish to honor (please include a mailing address), or you can pick up the card at church and send it yourself.

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 16, will be listed in the bulletin on FATHER'S DAY, JUNE 19.

Given by _____

In honor of _____

☐ Please send a card (include addresses)

In memory of _____

Contribution: _____ (payable to FCC, memo "Shelter Sunday")
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Weekly Worship Resources Enclosed!

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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
Jon Scott, Chair of Church Council • Linda Gerlach, Chair of Deacons • Barbara Jones, Moderator
Brian Clancy, Church Administrator

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