



# First Congregational Church of Lebanon

*United Church of Christ – Open and Affirming*

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**PENTECOST SUNDAY**

June 5, 2022

“[A]ll who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.”

—Paul the Apostle, *Romans 8:14*

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

**Prelude** *Komm, Gott Schöpfer, heiliger Geist, BWV 667* Johann Sebastian Bach

**Call to Worship** Adapted from Psalm 104

Leader: O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

**People: When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground.**

Leader: May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works.

**People: I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.**

Leader: May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the LORD.

**People: Bless the LORD, O my soul. Praise the LORD!**

**Hymn 263** (pp. 56) *O Spirit of the Living God*

St. Matthew

**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**

*Great Lord of Lords*

Orlando Gibbons

**Children's Moment**

We in “mainline” churches can talk about God with ease, and we know about Jesus. But the Holy Ghost is tricky, even though it’s also vitally important. I recently came across this book called *The Holy Ghost: A Spirited Comic*, by John Hendrix. As you can see, it is a series of cartoons—insightful, engaging cartoons. We will have a copy in our Children’s Library, and I hope you will read it. I hope you will be open to the Holy Spirit, this day and every day. He’s our friend, He’s sent by our God, He’s way cool.

## Scripture Lessons

**Genesis 11:1-9.** Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. <sup>2</sup>And as they migrated from the east, they came upon a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. <sup>3</sup>And they said to one another, “Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly.” And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. <sup>4</sup>Then they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves; otherwise we shall be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.” <sup>5</sup>The Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which mortals had built. <sup>6</sup>And the Lord said, “Look, they are one people, and they have all one language; and this is only the beginning of what they will do; nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. <sup>7</sup>Come, let us go down, and confuse their language there, so that they will not understand one another’s speech.” <sup>8</sup>So the Lord scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. <sup>9</sup>Therefore it was called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth; and from there the Lord scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

**Acts 2:1-21.** When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” <sup>12</sup>All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” <sup>13</sup>But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

<sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

<sup>15</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning.

<sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: <sup>17</sup>“In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. <sup>18</sup>Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. <sup>19</sup>And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. <sup>20</sup>The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. <sup>21</sup>Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

**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, Juanita, Terry, Dan, and Ethan.

We remember Carolin Bassett, who died last week, and pray for her family and friends.

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.

We pray, too, for the Church, here in Lebanon and around the world, asking that it might be a faithful witness, serving you, Holy God, with joy and devotion. Help us to set aside our petty fights, our misguided agendas, and give us the wisdom and courage to follow the Way of Jesus. Fill us with the Holy Spirit, and let it inspire each of us and all of us, so that your Church might live and thrive, sharing your Good News with people everywhere.

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**

*Farewell, no. 11 from Twelve Canticles*

Randall Thompson

**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)**

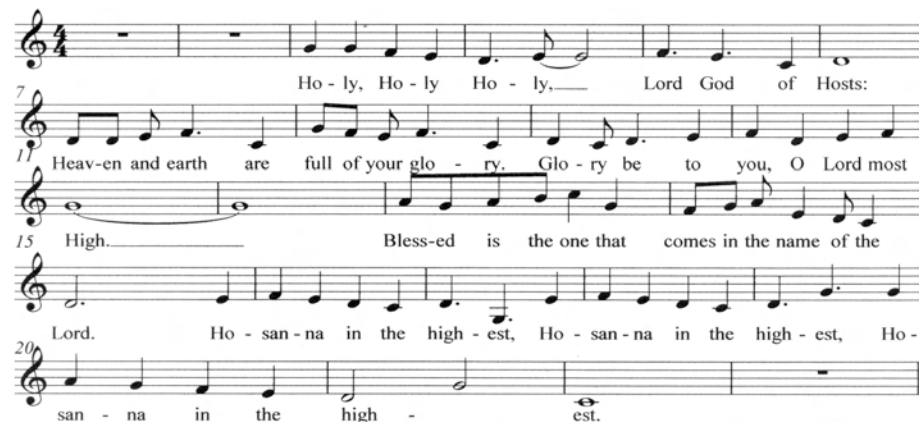
On this Sunday we come before you, God, hoping that we may share the wondrous joy, boundless curiosity, and open hearts of our children, as we do the work of your Church. Accept these gifts now, we pray, as a sign of all our hopes and desires. In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

## The Sacrament of Holy Communion

*For communion, you are invited to have some bread and juice on hand. We will share in the bread and cup at the appointed time. If you would like to receive a blessing, please let the officiant know.*

### Invitation and Communion Prayer

#### Sanctus



### Sharing of the Bread and Cup

#### Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving (*Unison*)

Because the broken bread has meant our healing, because the outpoured cup has meant our life, because our common sharing has meant the communion of our souls, and because we have here been graced by your presence, God, we give you thanks and pray that our lives may be renewed in the life and the love of Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Hymn 232** (p. 8)      *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*

Morecambe

#### 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

*Kyrie, Gott heiliger Geist, BWV 671*

Johann Sebastian Bach

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### *Leading Worship This Week*

The Rev. Stephen R. Silver, Pastor

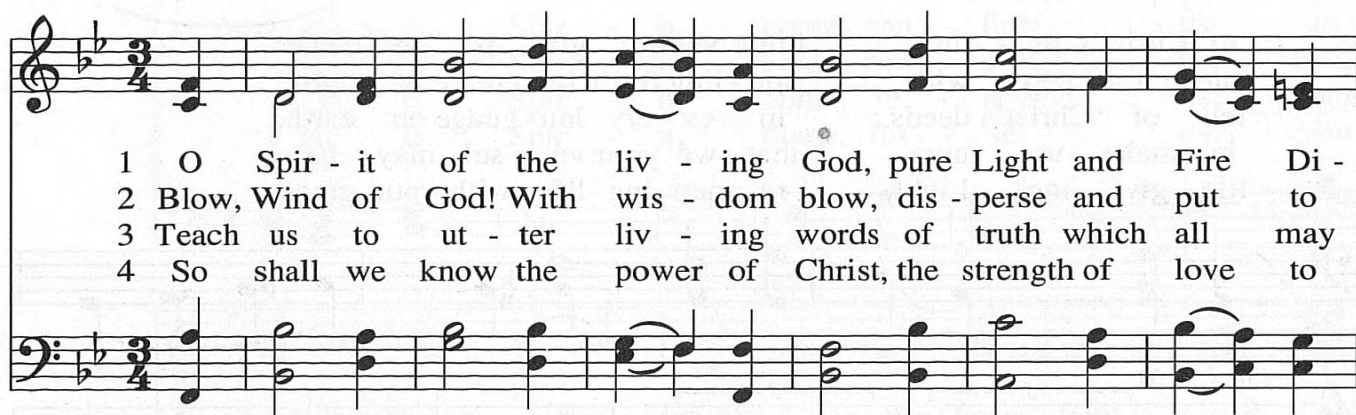
Ernie Drown, Organ/Piano • The FCC Choir • Chris Chase, Liturgist

Betsy Alexander and Laurel Stavis, Altos • John Gilliatt, Bass

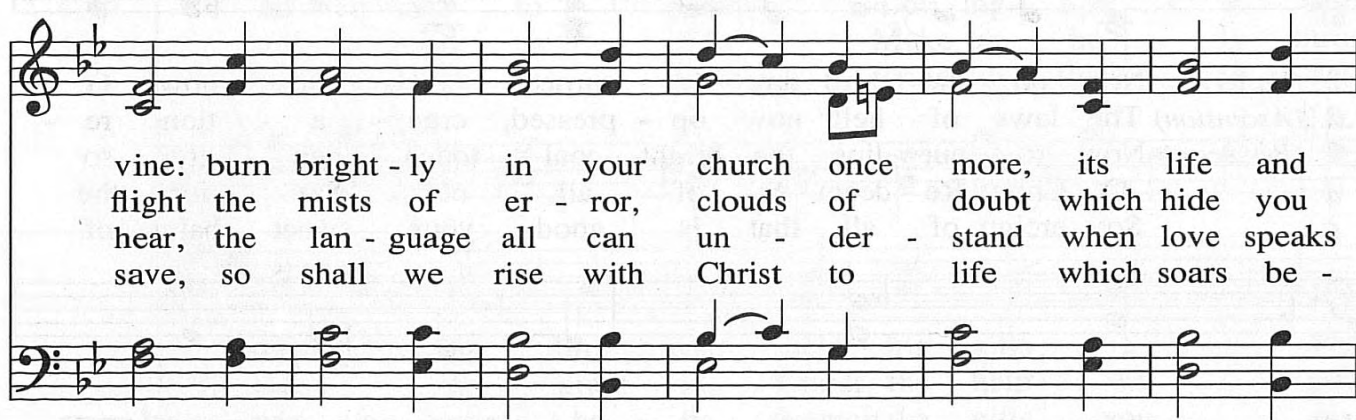
*If you wish to have a joy, concern, or prayer request lifted up in the service, or if you know of someone who may need special prayers, a card or phone call, or some other form of pastoral care, please email [prayer@fccleb.org](mailto:prayer@fccleb.org) or speak with Rev. Silver directly.*

Acts 2:1-4, 17-21

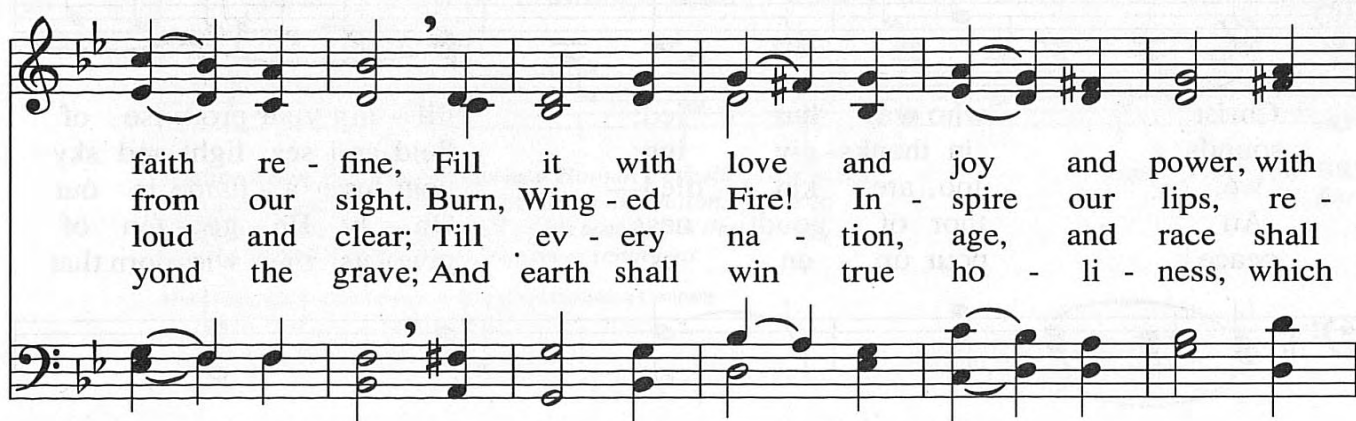
Henry Hallam Tweedy, 1933; alt.



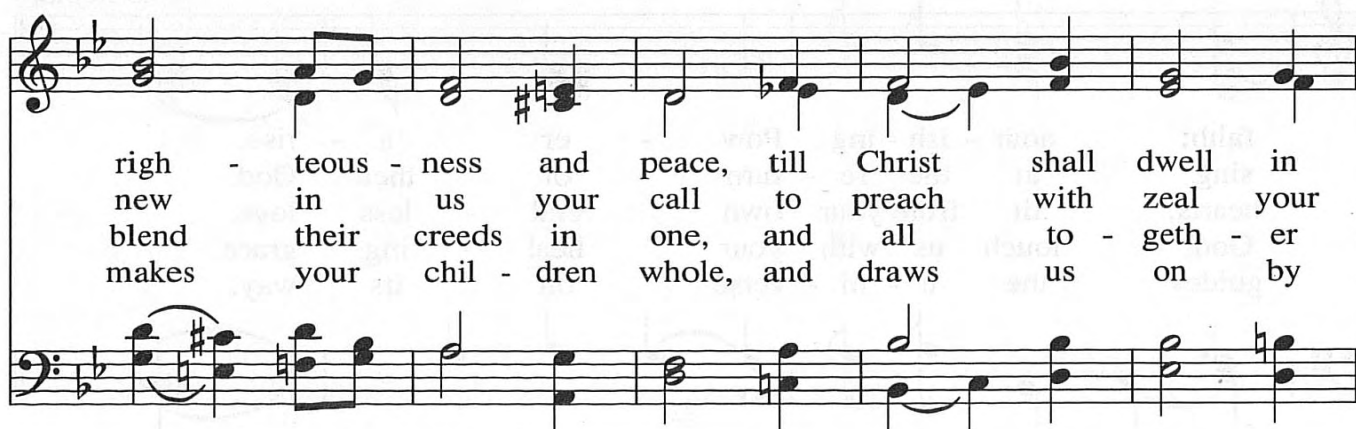
1 O Spir - it of the liv - ing God, pure Light and Fire Di -  
 2 Blow, Wind of God! With wis - dom blow, dis - perse and put to  
 3 Teach us to ut - ter liv - ing words of truth which all may  
 4 So shall we know the power of Christ, the strength of love to



vine: burn bright - ly in your church once more, its life and  
 flight the mists of er - ror, clouds of doubt which hide you  
 hear, the lan - guage all can un - der - stand when love speaks  
 save, so shall we rise with Christ to life which soars be -



faith re - fine, Fill it with love and joy and power, with  
 from our sight. Burn, Wing - ed Fire! In - spire our lips, re -  
 loud and clear; Till ev - ery na - tion, age, and race shall  
 yond the grave; And earth shall win true ho - li - ness, which



right - teous - ness and peace, till Christ shall dwell in  
 new in us your call to preach with zeal your  
 blend their creeds in one, and all to - geth - er  
 makes your chil - dren whole, and draws us on by



Henry Hallam Tweedy served Congregational churches in New York and Connecticut from 1898 to 1909 before joining the faculty of Yale University Divinity School.

Tune: ST. MATTHEW C.M.D.  
William Croft, 1708

## FCC Outing Club—Lower Shaker Trails, Enfield

**Today, 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!)*



Music  
at the  
Meetinghouse

## Upcoming Concerts

*Masks, distanced seating, and proof of vaccination required.*

### UVMC Sing & Play Festival!—This Saturday, June 4 (various times)

Now a beloved annual event, this year’s Sing & Play Festival spans three days in downtown Lebanon, June 3-5. All Sing & Play events are free and open to the public; full schedule at [uvmusic.org](http://uvmusic.org).

### Cantabile Women’s Chorus: Gloria!—This 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](http://www.cantabilewomen.org).*

### Rolf Schulte, Violin, and James Winn, Piano—Saturday, June 11, at 3:00 (Master Class 5:30)

UVMC presents two talented musicians for a full afternoon of performance and instruction, with music of W. A. Mozart, Johannes Brahms, and Robert Schumann and a violin master class open to observers. *Adults \$20 concert, \$10 class observation, or \$25 for both; under 18 free. More at [uvmusic.org](http://uvmusic.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/](http://counterpointchorus.org/upcoming/).*



Thomas T. Lynch, 1818-1871

REDHEAD NO. 76 7.7.7.7.7.

Richard Redhead, 1820-1901

1 Gra - cious Spir - it, dwell with me, I my - self would  
 2 Truth - ful Spir - it, dwell with me, I my - self would  
 3 Might - y Spir - it, dwell with me, I my - self would  
 4 Ho - ly Spir - it, dwell with me, I my - self would

gra - cious be; And with words that help and heal  
 truth - ful be; And with wis - dom kind and clear  
 might - y be; Might - y so as to pre - vail  
 ho - ly be; Sep - a - rate from sin, I would

Would thy life in mine re - veal, And with ac - tions  
 Let thy life in mine ap - pear, And with ac - tions  
 Where un - aid - ed man must fail; Ev - er by a  
 Choose and cher - ish all things good, And what - ev - er

bold and meek Would for Christ my Sav - ior speak.  
 broth - er - ly Speak my Lord's sin - cer - i - ty.  
 might - y hope, Press - ing on and bear - ing up.  
 I can be Give to him who gave me thee! A - men.

# Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

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Attr. to George Croy, 1780-1860

MORECAMBE 10.10.10.10.  
Frederick C. Atkinson, 1841-1897

1 Spir - it of God, de-scend up - on my heart; Wean it from earth, through  
 2 I ask no dream, no proph-et ec - sta - sies, No sud-den rend - ing  
 3 Hast thou not bid us love thee, God and King? All, all thine own: soul,  
 4 Teach me to feel that thou art al - ways nigh; Teach me the strug - gles  
 5 Teach me to love thee as thine an - gels love, One ho - ly pas - sion

all its puls - es move; Stoop to my weak - ness, might-y as thou art,  
 of the veil of clay, No an - gel vis - it - ant, no o - pening skies,  
 heart, and strength, and mind; I see thy cross—there teach my heart to cling;  
 of the soul to bear: To check the ris - ing doubt, the reb - el sigh;  
 fill - ing all my frame; The bap-tism of the heaven-de-scend-ed Dove.

And make me love thee as I ought to love.  
 But take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.  
 O let me seek thee, and O let me find!  
 Teach me the pa - tience of un - an - swered prayer.  
 My heart an al - tar, and thy love the flame. A - men.

## 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](mailto: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.



## 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")

Sponsored by the Mission & Social Action Committee

## Remember Bike & Build? They're Coming Back!—June 14-16

For almost 20 years, this program has raised funds, participated in construction projects, and advocated for affordable housing in a series of cross-country biking trips. FCC has hosted B&B's Northern Route since 2008, and after two years off we will once again open our building to these enterprising, dedicated young adults for two nights, en route from Portsmouth to Bellingham, WA. While in town, they'll work on projects with UV Habitat and COVER Home Repair.

*Look for an email this week to volunteer food contributions, but if you are interested in helping out or attending dinner either Tuesday or Wednesday, please contact the church office. For more about this incredible program and its cross-country routes, visit [bikeandbuild.org/routes/](http://bikeandbuild.org/routes/).*

### \* \* \* FATHER'S DAY IS SHELTER SUNDAY \* \* \*

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. If you'd like to honor the father(s) in your life with a Shelter Sunday contribution to UV Habitat, please complete and return the form below. Any amount is welcome and directly supports building projects. **THANKS!**

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.)



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**Weekly Worship Resources Enclosed!**

*DATED MATERIAL—Please Deliver Promptly*

***Do you use email? Contact [church@fcclb.org](mailto:church@fcclb.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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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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