



First Congregational Church of Lebanon

United Church of Christ – Open and Affirming

Children's Sunday • Trinity Sunday

June 12, 2022

“When the Church baptizes a child, that action concerns me,
for that child is thereby connected to... that body of which I am a member.”

–John Donne

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

Prelude *Elegy* William Walton

Call to Worship Psalm 8

Leader: O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.

People: **Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.**

Leader: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established;

People: **What are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?**

Leader: Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor.

People: **You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet,**

Leader: All sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

People: **O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

Hymn 70 (p. 5) *God Is Here!* Abbot's Leigh

Prayer of Invocation

God, you join us all, whether young or old, near or far, in and through your Spirit. Lift up our worship, inspire our prayers, and infuse all we do and offer with your grace, your love, and your power. We pray all these things in the name of your Son. 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

Anthem

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

arr. Virgil Thomson

Children's Moment

This Sunday we not only recognize the children in our community and the adults who look after them, but we celebrate the baptisms of Jack and Mac Callahan, two members of our Children's Community Corner. We give thanks for the gift of Baptism, the gift of the Church that promises to nurture and care for all in its midst, and the wondrous gifts of God's gracious love.

Reaffirmation of Our Baptismal Vows (*Unison*)

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit, you have bestowed upon your servants the forgiveness of sin and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain us, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give us inquiring and discerning hearts, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works.

Celebration and Recognition of Children's Community Corner

Hymn 481 (pp. 6-7) *I Sing a Song of the Saints of God*

Grand Isle

Scripture Lessons

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31. Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice? ²On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; ³beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out: ⁴"To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live. [...]"

²²The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago.

²³Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. ²⁴When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water.

²⁵Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth—²⁶when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil. ²⁷When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, ²⁸when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, ²⁹when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, ³⁰then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, ³¹rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.

John 16:12-15. ¹²"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.

¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things

that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

Story Time

The Children’s Community Corner

Hymn 327 (p. 7) *Jesus Loves Me* (v. 1 children; v. 2-3 all)

Jesus Loves Me

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 pray for the people—especially the youth—of Ukraine, that they may know peace.

God of all people, today we celebrate the gift of children, especially those whom you have entrusted to our care, those who bring joy to our fellowship, those in whom the future of the church rests. We give thanks that we are able to nurture and sustain them, as you care for us through Jesus and the Holy Spirit. We repent for the times in which we have lost our tempers, grown short, or not appreciated what you have given to us. Let us always remember that these girls and boys are a treasure, and we are blessed to know them.

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

Andante

John Stanley

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 Heaven and of Earth: You have fashioned the Earth and all in it and seen fit to entrust your Creation to our care. Help us to faithfully execute this duty, this obligation, giving us the will and strength to pass on this gift to future generations, who are represented by the children among us. Accept our thanks for all you have done and will do for each and for all of us and accept this morning's offering as a pledge to help our brothers and sisters. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Hymn 251 (p. 8) *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*

Nicaea

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 *Jesu Leiden, Pein und Tod*

Johann Gottfried Walther

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Leading Worship This Week

The Rev. Stephen R. Silver, Pastor • Lester Gibbs, Guest Organist • The FCC Choir
Members and Volunteers of the Children's Community Corner

The flowers on the altar this morning are given to the glory of God and in loving honor and celebration of Marcia Corkins, by the children of the church.

All are invited to gather outside for fellowship after worship—and please consider a donation to the children's UPSTANDERS FOR UKRAINE project!



Music
at the
Meetinghouse

Upcoming Concerts

Masks, distanced seating, and proof of vaccination required.

Oak Hill Music Festival—Wednesday, July 13, and Saturday, July 16, both at 7:30

Hanover-born bassoonist Leah Kohn, back in the Upper Valley after establishing an impressive performance career in Los Angeles, inaugurates an annual festival of professional musicians and exciting repertoire. Their programs here are entitled "From the New Hampshire Woods" and "Breath." Complete details, musician information, and ticket options at www.oakhillmusicfestival.com.

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/.

God Is Here! As We Your People Meet

Fred Pratt Green, 1978; alt.

1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer praise and prayer,
 2 Here are sym-bols to re - mind us of our life - long need of grace;
 3 Here our chil-dren find a wel-come in the Shep - herd's flock and fold;
 4 Sov - ereign God, of earth and heav-en, in an age of change and doubt

May we find in full - er mea-sure what it is in Christ we share.
 Here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit, here the cross has cen - tral place.
 Here as bread and wine are tak - en, Christ sus - tains us as of old.
 Keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel, help us work your pur - pose out.

Here, as in the world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
 Here in hon - es - ty of preach-ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
 Here the ser - vants of the Ser - vant seek in wor-ship to ex - plore
 Here, in this day's ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;

wait the com-ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 here, in new-ness and re - new-al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 we, who can - not live with-out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

Though he retired in 1969, this distinguished British poet has continued to write hymns. In addition to administering several circuits and local congregations, Fred Pratt Green published plays, translations, and poems. Emory University in Atlanta awarded him an honorary doctorate.

Tune: ABBOT'S LEIGH 8.7.8.7.D.
 Cyril V. Taylor, 1941

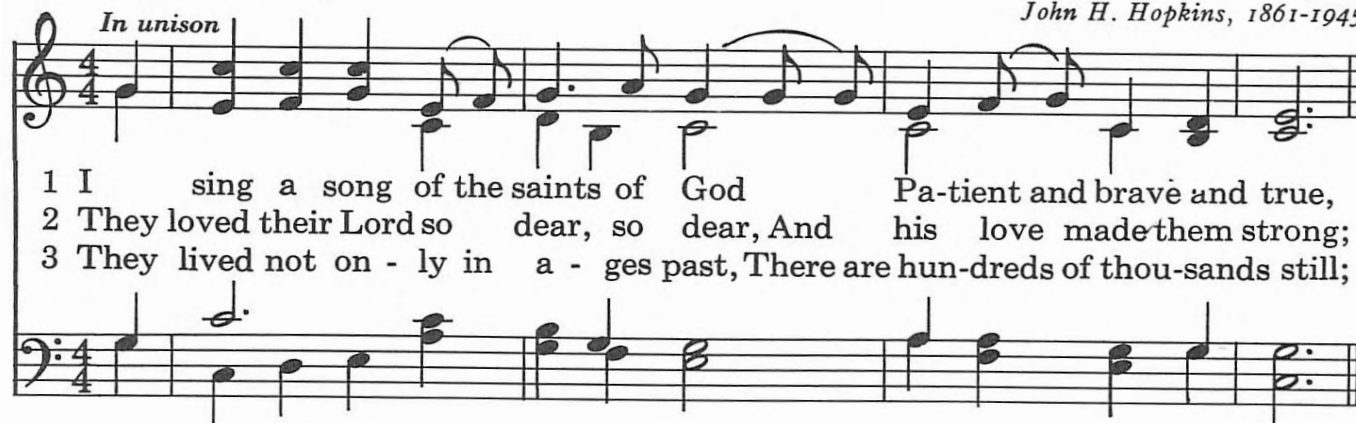
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I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

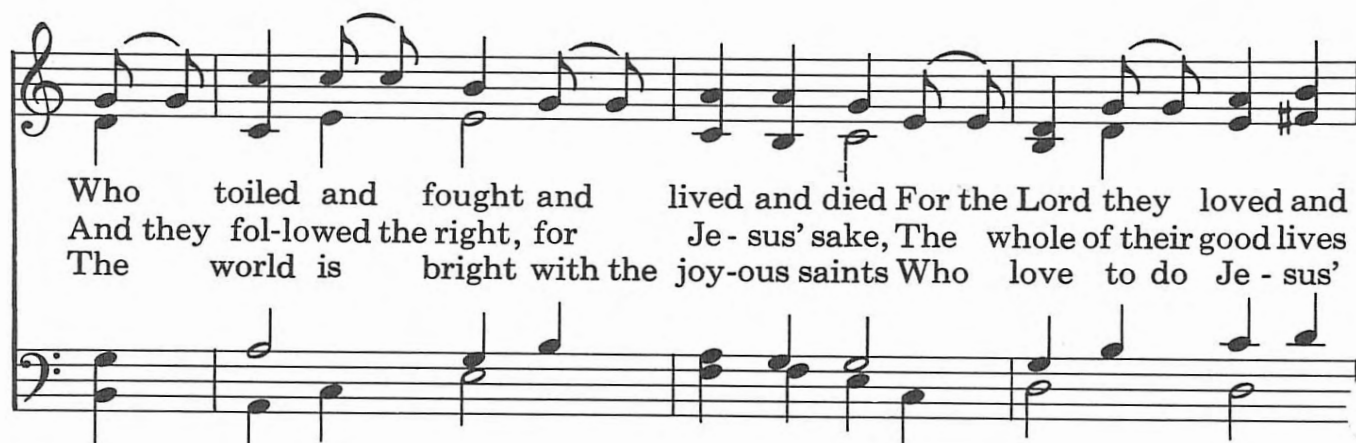
Lesbia Scott, 1898- , alt.

GRAND ISLE Irregular
John H. Hopkins, 1861-1945

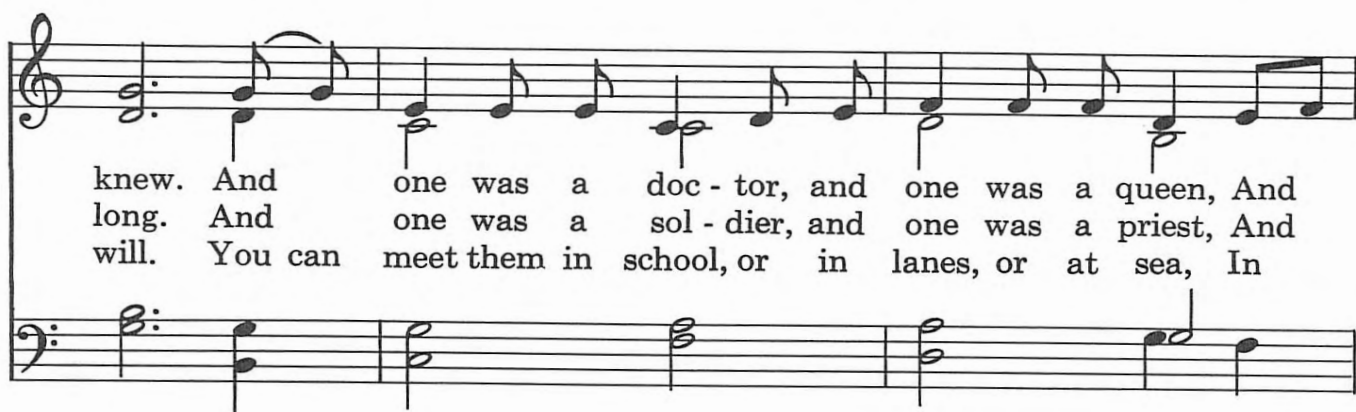
In unison



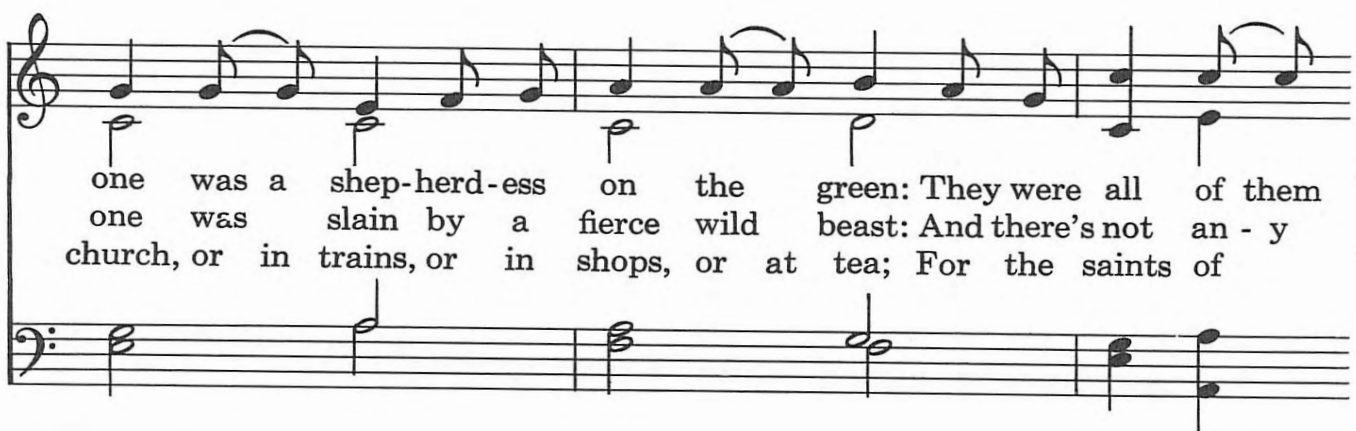
1 I sing a song of the saints of God Pa-tient and brave and true,
 2 They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, And his love made them strong;
 3 They lived not on - ly in a - ges past, There are hun-dreds of thou-sands still;



Who toiled and fought and lived and died For the Lord they loved and
 And they fol-lowed the right, for Je - sus' sake, The whole of their good lives
 The world is bright with the joy-ous saints Who love to do Je - sus'



knew. And one was a doc - tor, and one was a queen, And
 long. And one was a sol - dier, and one was a priest, And
 will. You can meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea, In



one was a shep-herd-ess on the green: They were all of them
 one was slain by a fierce wild beast: And there's not an - y
 church, or in trains, or in shops, or at tea; For the saints of



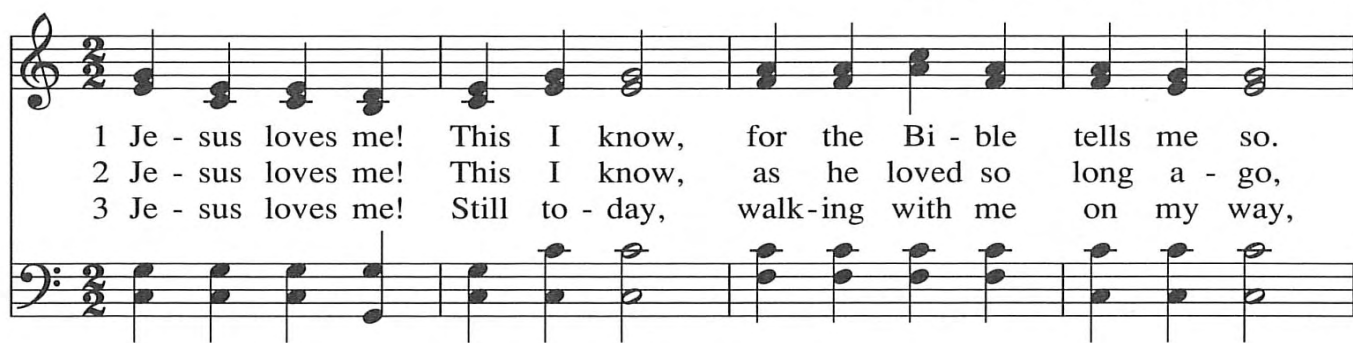
saints of God, and I mean, God help-ing, to be one too.
rea-son, no, not the least, Why I shouldn't be one too.
God are just folk like me, And I mean to be one too.

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Jesus Loves Me

St. 1, Anna B. Warner, 1860

St. 2-3, David Rutherford McGuire, 1971

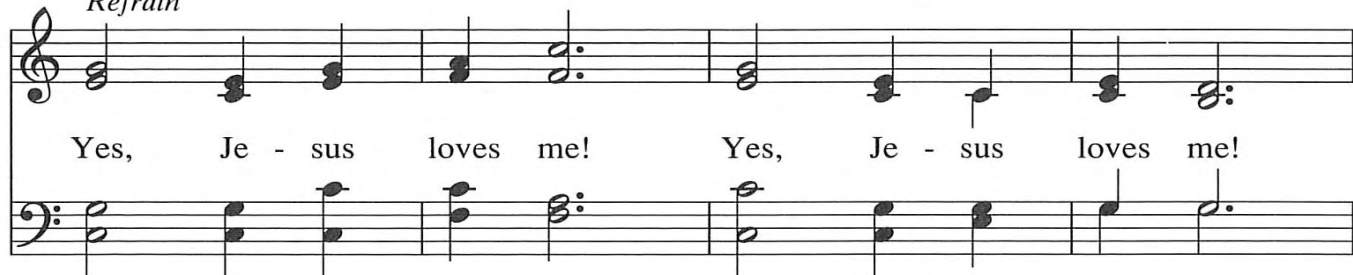


1 Je - sus loves me! This I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so.
2 Je - sus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long a - go,
3 Je - sus loves me! Still to - day, walk - ing with me on my way,

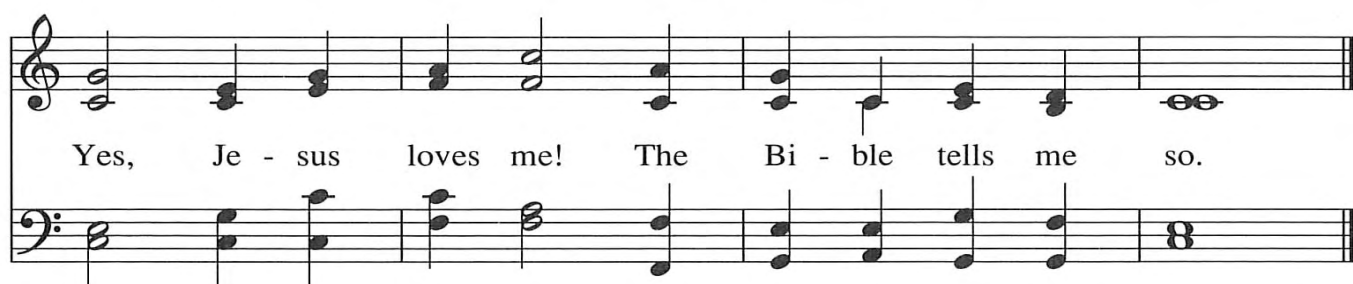


Lit - tle ones to him be - long; they are weak, but he is strong.
Tak - ing chil - dren on his knee, say - ing, "Let them come to me."
Want - ing as a friend to give light and love to all who live.

Refrain



Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!



Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

Reginald Heber, 1783-1826

NICAIA 11.12.12.10.
John B. Dykes, 1823-1876

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! all the saints a - dore thee,
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee;
 Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 Though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see;
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y;
 Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 On - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y;

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 Which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 Per - fect in power, in love, and pur - i - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty! A - men.

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

Bike & Build Returns to FCC This Week!—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.

All are welcome to volunteer food contributions and/or attend dinner either Tuesday or Wednesday; please contact the church office to do so. For more about this incredible program and its cross-country routes, visit 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!

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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
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