

First Congregational Church of Lebanon

United Church of Christ - Open and Affirming

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost October 9, 2022

"Everyone must come out of his Exile in his own way."

-Martin Buber

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

Prelude Prelude in C Minor/C Major

Thomas Attwood Walmisley

Call to Worship

Adapted from Psalm 66

One: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; sing the glory of God's name; give to God glorious praise.

All: Come and see what God has done: God is awesome in his deeds among mortals.

One: God turned the sea into dry land; they passed through the river on foot.

All: There we rejoiced in God, who rules mightily forever, whose eyes keep watch on the nations. Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of God's praise be heard!

Hymn 796 (p. 5) We Come to You for Healing, Lord

Land of Rest

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 Magnificat in D Minor

Thomas Attwood Walmisley

Children's Moment

Have you heard of Francis of Assisi? He's a very famous Christian—he lived in Italy, went to war looking for fame and glory, returned home and ultimately renounced his legacy, choosing instead to share his family's wealth with the poor. Francis dedicated his life to serving Jesus, to caring for all of God's creation. He's now known as one of the first Christian environmentalists, and he sets a good example for all of us, through his service, his dedication, and his love of the world and all in it.

Scripture Lessons

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7. These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon. [...] Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

Luke 17:11-19. ¹¹On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" ¹⁴When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? ¹⁸Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

Sermon

"Faith in Surprising Places"

Stephen R. Silver

Hymn 234 (p. 7)

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Trentham

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, Juanita, Terry, Dan, Ethan, and Travis.

We also offer the prayer attributed to St. Francis of Assisi:

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

Where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope;

Where there is darkness, light;

Where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master,

grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console;

to be understood, as to understand;

to be loved, as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive.

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

and it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life.

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

Nunc Dimittis in D Minor

Thomas Attwood Walmisley

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)

With grateful hearts, O God, we bring these gifts to you, thankful that you have chosen us to be your disciples. We embrace this call to serve our brothers and sisters here and around the world, with joy, with dedication, with faith. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Hymn 772 (p. 8)

Live into Hope

Truro

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

Concluding Voluntary

Thomas Attwood Walmisley

Leading Worship This Week

The Rev. Stephen R. Silver, Pastor Ernie Drown, Organist • The FCC Choir • Brian Clancy, Liturgist Ron Bailey and Barb Jones, Ushers • Rachel Silver, 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@fccleb.org or speak with Rev. Silver directly.

† Memorial Service for Larry Doyle (1950-2022)—Saturday, October 15, at 10:00 †

The 2022 Lebanon CROP Walk—Today! October 9

Every year thousands across the country join the **CROP Hunger Walk**, organized by Church World Service to fight hunger, food insecurity, and poverty worldwide. First held in Bismarck, ND, in October 1969, the walk has become a community event in over 2000 towns, as local organizations advocate for hunger relief and share fellowship on a crisp fall afternoon.

This year's walk will happen in-person, and all contributions should be made online (not through FCC). We'll offer light food and refreshments to all participants on the front lawn, renewing our long tradition of post-walk fellowship and hospitality. Here's what you can do:

Walk!—Register online at events.crophungerwalk.org/2022/event/lebanonnh/, whether on your own or as a group of family and friends. Then, invite sponsors to donate in your name.

Serve!-Contribute food and/or help with post-walk fellowship; contact the church office.

Donate!—Give directly online at events.crophungerwalk.org/2022/event/lebanonnh.

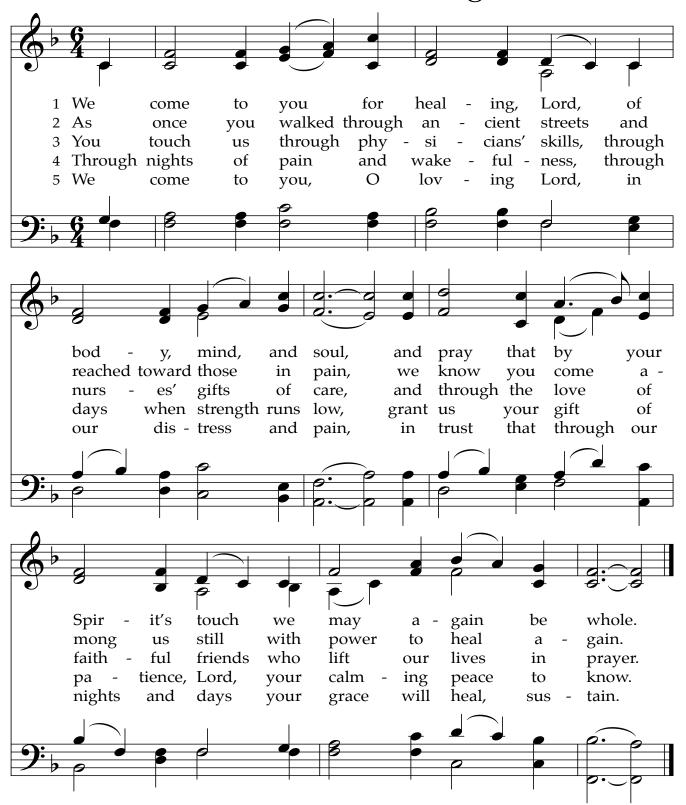
Fall Foliage with the FCC Outing Club—Pine Park, Hanover

Next Sunday, October 16-Meet at Parking Lot on Rope Ferry Rd at 12:30 pm

All are welcome—regardless of ability!—to enjoy this low-impact hike with FCC's Outing Club, led as always by ranger-extraordinaire Ron Bailey. We'll follow wooded trails along Girl Brook to Bailey Point (yup, named for him), then along the Connecticut River, on mostly-level ground with two short, easy grades. Recent upgrades make Pine Park quite a pleasant spot—come find out for yourself! Meet at the main entrance and lot at the end of Rope Ferry Rd, by Dartmouth's Outing Club and former golf clubhouse; bring water, lunch or snacks, bug/tick repellent, and appropriate clothing.

Bring your friends, family, and/or dogs, and share this experience of God's creation!

We Come to You for Healing, Lord 796



Unlike many hymns on the theme of healing, this text appropriately includes the ministry of medical personnel as instruments of God's healing activity. It also acknowledges that illness is not limited to physical symptoms, but involves mental, emotional, and spiritual dimensions.

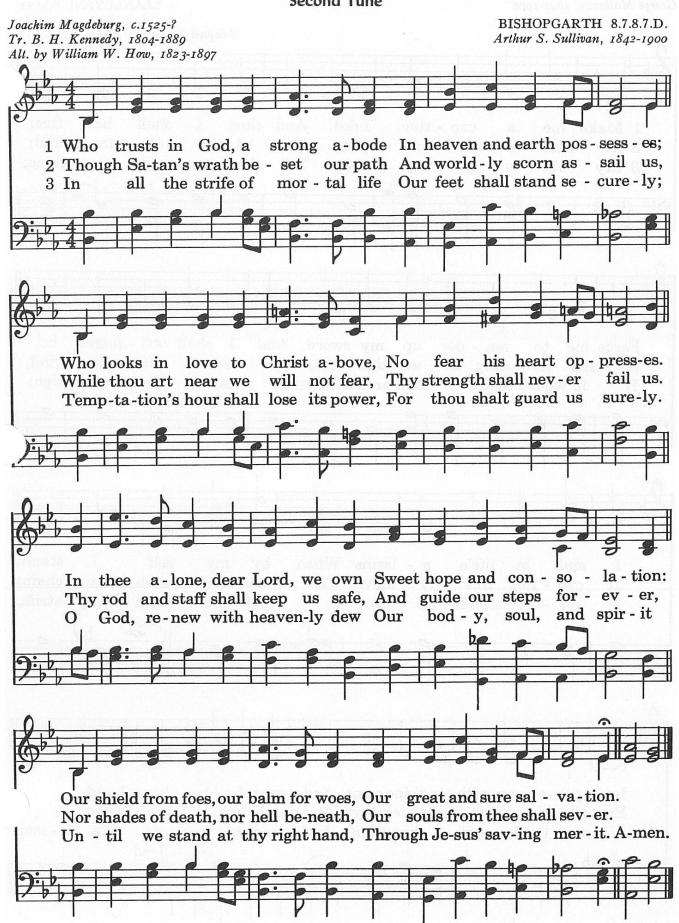
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LAND OF REST

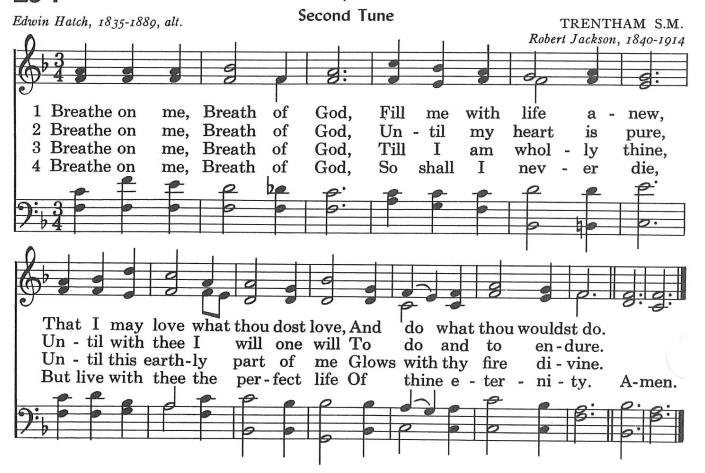
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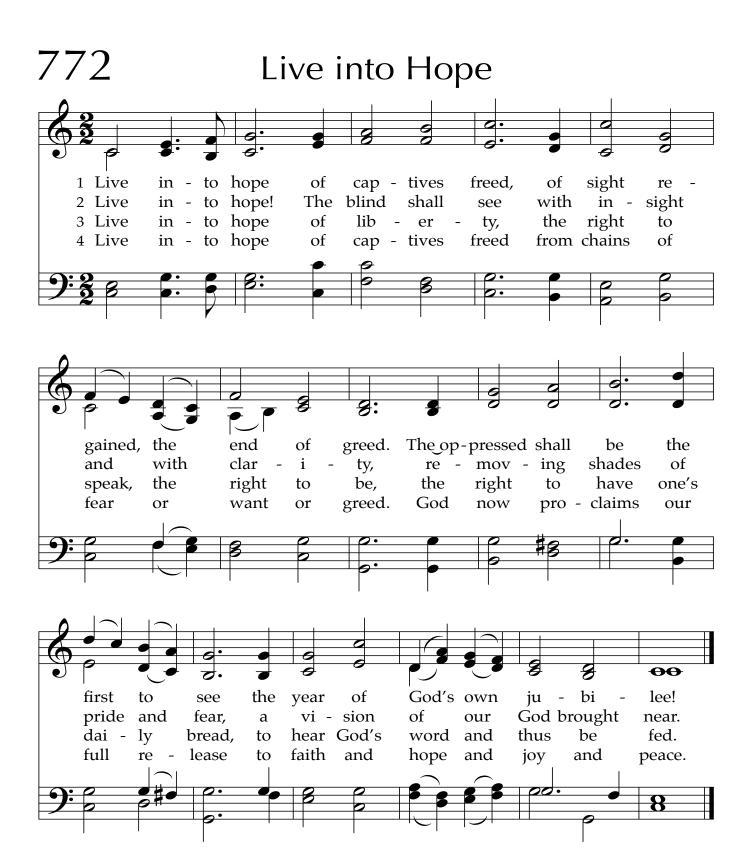
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(alternate harmonization, 691)



Breathe on Me, Breath of God





This text on Luke 4:16–20, the author's first, was written for the United Presbyterian Women's National Meeting in July 1976 because the team planning worship could not find a suitable hymn on that passage. She wrote the words with this vigorous 18th-century tune in mind.

TEXT: Jane Parker Huber, 1976 MUSIC: *Musica Sacra*, c. 1778 TRURO



Fall Concerts!

Masks, distanced seating, and proof of vaccination required.

The Anonymous Coffeehouse—Fridays, Oct. 14, 28; Nov. 11, 25; Dec. 2, all 7:30 pm The popular community venue for live local music returns! An informal "listening room" for emerging musicians, each show features several acoustic acts. Patrons come and go as they please; food and drink available. Free admission. For performer info and more, visit anoncoffee.org.

Alicia Casey, Violin, and Annemieke McLane, Piano—Saturday, October 15, at 4:00 pm These two excellent musicians, both on the UVMC faculty, offer personal favorites by Edward Elgar, Johannes Brahms, Frédéric Chopin, Sergei Rachmaninoff, Scott Joplin, and Florence Price. Sponsored by Vermont Violins. Admission \$20 (suggested); for more, please visit uvmusic.org.

Camerata New England: Piano Trios—Saturday, October 22, at 7:00 pm Classicopia: Lyrical Ladies (Viola and Piano)—Sunday, October 23, at 2:00 pm Rachel Clemente, Harp—Saturday, October 29, at 5:30 pm Leslie Stroud, Flute, and Matthew Odell, Piano—Sunday, November 6, at 3:00 pm The Balourdet Quartet—Saturday, November 12, at 4:00 pm Classicopia: Latin Cello—Sunday, November 13, at 2:00 pm

Neighbors in Need: Behold!—Special UCC Offering This Month

The UCC's Neighbors in Need program supports ministries of justice and compassion across the country. Two-thirds of the collection funds the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries in local and national initiatives, advocacy efforts, and the fight against systemic injustice. The rest goes to the Council for American Indian Ministry, the voice for Native Americans in the UCC, sustaining a proud denominational tradition of support. This year, NIN is focused on economic justice, amidst severe inflation and other challenges facing households nationwide.

Please contribute as you're able to this vital program through October 30, by cash or check (payable to FCC, memo "Neighbors in Need") or at www.ucc.org/nin. Thank you!

Support the United Church of Christ's 2022 Hurricane Fund

Following the staggering destruction in Puerto Rico, Florida, and elsewhere, the UCC appeals for help addressing the immediate needs of families and communities affected by Hurricanes Fiona and Ian. The UCC Hurricane Fund serves both urgent relief and long-term recovery.

Donating online is the fastest and most effective way to contribute: support.ucc.org/donate-hurricanes-2022. You may also mail a check, payable to United Church of Christ (memo "Hurricanes 2022 Fund"), PO Box 71957, Cleveland, OH 44194.



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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.

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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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