



## The Fifth Sunday of Easter

“We are silent at the beginning of the day because God should have the first word, and we are silent before going to sleep because the last word also belongs to God.”

*Kindly silence cell phones and other devices during worship. All hymns are included on pages 5-7.*

Call to Worship Psalm 35:1-5, 15-16

**All:** Let your face shine upon your servants; save us in your steadfast love.

## 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**                      Largo, from *Concerto in D*, BWV 1043                      Johann Sebastian Bach

## Children's Moment

Today we welcome a guest, the Rev. Gordon Rankin. What does it mean to welcome someone? Do we say something? Do we do something?

I'd like to think that at FCC we *do* something, that in addition to saying "Welcome!" to a newcomer or visitor, we will back that up with actions. Maybe inviting them to stay for coffee or, if we're down in the 3Cs, inviting them into our circle and including them in our games or activities. Sometimes, this will be easy to do; sometimes, it will be difficult. But we should never stop trying to include people. Jesus, after all, welcomes us, you and me. And Jesus is a pretty good teacher!

**Hymn 796** (p. 6)      *We Come to You for Healing, Lord*

Land of Rest

### Scripture Lesson

*Luke 7:11-17.* <sup>11</sup>Soon afterwards [Jesus] went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went with him. <sup>12</sup>As he approached the gate of the town, a man who had died was being carried out. He was his mother's only son, and she was a widow; and with her was a large crowd from the town. <sup>13</sup>When the Lord saw her, he had compassion for her and said to her, "Do not weep." <sup>14</sup>Then he came forward and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, rise!" <sup>15</sup>The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. <sup>16</sup>Fear seized all of them; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen among us!" and "God has looked favorably on his people!" <sup>17</sup>This word about him spread throughout Judea and all the surrounding country.

### Sermon

*"Resurrection—It Ain't Just for Easter Anymore"*

Gordon M. Rankin

### 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 ongoing prayers for Pete, Arlene, Evelyn, Barbara, Gordon, Greg, Edith, Jan, Eileen, Waneta, Terry, Juanita, Dan, Ethan, Travis, Garrett, Sue, Rick, and Duane.

Holy, living God: we come before you this day with gratitude for all you have done and are doing. We give thanks for the gift of the resurrection, for the new life that is on offer for us and for our community. Help us to live into this promise, to be renewed and inspired by you. We thank you also for the connections that bind us together, as families, as a church, as members of our denomination, and as part of the worldwide Christian community. Help us remember, always, that we are never alone, that you walk with us through our lives, that you are by our sides as we face the joys and challenges of life.

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

*Ave Verum Corpus*

Camille Saint-Saëns

## 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*)

In Scripture we are told that we are a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people. We are called to this role so that Jesus might proclaim the wondrous acts of the One who called him out of darkness to lead us into his marvelous light. In gratitude, we ask that our worship, our actions, and this offering serve to make known the power and Good News of God. In the name of our Risen Lord 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

Ho - ly, Ho - ly Ho - ly, Lord God of Hosts:  
Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Glo - ry be to you, O Lord most  
High. Bless-ed is the one that comes in the name of the  
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est, Ho -  
san - na in the high - est.

## 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 576 (p. 7)

*For the Healing of the Nations*

Westminster Abbey

## Benediction

## Postlude

*Trumpet Tune in D*

David Johnson

## Leading Worship This Week

The Rev. Gordon M. Rankin, Guest Preacher • The Rev. Stephen R. Silver, Pastor  
Ernie Drown, Organ/Piano • The FCC Choir • Alicia Casey and Ben Van Vliet, Violins  
Deb and Jon Scott, Ushers • Linda Jacobs, 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](mailto:prayer@fccleb.org) or speak with Rev. Silver directly.*

## Spring Clean-Up This Saturday, May 13, at 1:00 pm

Please join in our seasonal effort to tidy up the church yard! We'll rake, trim hedges, and generally pick up around the grounds. Bring gloves, rakes, gardening tools, and anything else that might be useful (such as a truck!). **Thanks for helping with this important work!**

## Celebrate the Children's Community Corner—Children's Sunday, June 11

The Children's Community Corner is excited to lead worship and mark the end of the school year. Please join us for one of the annual highlights of our communal church 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.*



*Mother's Day  
is  
Blanket Sunday*

We are pleased to participate once again in Church World Service's **CWS BLANKETS** program, a special mission project that provides blankets and essential supplies to people in crisis worldwide. (For more, please visit [www.cwsblankets.org](http://www.cwsblankets.org).)

If you'd like to honor or remember the mother(s) in your life with a contribution to **CWS BLANKETS**, please complete this form and either put it in the offering plate or mail it to the church (PO Box 230, Lebanon, NH 03766). The suggested minimum donation is \$10, but any amount is welcome!

**Dedications must be received by noon on THURSDAY, MAY 11 to be included in the bulletin for MOTHER'S DAY, MAY 14.**

*Given by* \_\_\_\_\_

*In honor of* \_\_\_\_\_

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*In memory of* \_\_\_\_\_

*Contribution:* \_\_\_\_\_ (payable to FCC, memo "Blanket Sunday")

*Matt. 23:37-39; Luke 13:34-35**Bradford Gray Webster, 1954; alt.*

1 O Je-sus Christ, may grate-ful hymns be ris-ing, in ev-ery  
 2 Grant us new cour-age, nev-er proud, but hum-ble, strong in your  
 3 Show us your Spir-it, brood-ing o'er each cit-y, as you once

cit-y for your love and care; In-spire our wor-ship, grant the  
 strength to ven-ture and to dare; To lift the fall-en, guide the  
 wept a-bove Je-ru-sa-lem, Seek-ing to gath-er all in

glad sur-pris-ing that your blessed Spir-it rous-es ev-ery-where.  
 ones who stum-ble, seek out the lone-ly and God's mer-cy share.  
 love and pit-y, and heal-ing those who touch your gar-ment's hem.

*This text, written for a Convocation of Urban Life in America, was chosen by The Hymn Society for publication in Five New Hymns on the City. Bradford Webster, a Methodist minister, served churches in his native New York state for forty years.*

Tune: CHARTERHOUSE 11.10.11.10.  
*David Evans, 1927*

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# We Come to You for Healing, Lord 796

1 We come to you for heal - ing, Lord, of  
 2 As once you walked through an - cient streets and  
 3 You touch us through phy - si - cians' skills, through  
 4 Through nights of pain and wake - ful - ness, through  
 5 We come to you, O lov - ing Lord, in

bod - y, mind, and soul, and pray that by your  
 reached toward those in pain, we know you come a -  
 nurs - es' gifts of care, and through the love of  
 days when strength runs low, grant us your gift of  
 our dis - tress and pain, in trust that through our

Spir - it's touch we may a - gain be whole.  
 mong us still with power to heal a - gain.  
 faith - ful friends who lift our lives in prayer.  
 pa - tience, Lord, your calm - ing peace to know.  
 nights and days your grace will heal, sus - tain.

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.

TEXT: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 2002

MUSIC: American folk melody; arr. Annabel Morris Buchanan, 1938

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LAND OF REST

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(alternate harmonization, 691)

## For the Healing of the Nations

Fred Kaan, 1965

1 For the heal - ing of the na - tions, God, we pray with  
 2 Lead us for - ward in - to free - dom; from de - spair your  
 3 All that kills a - bun - dant liv - ing, let it from the  
 4 You, Cre - a - tor God, have writ - ten your great name on

one ac - cord; for a just and e - qual shar - ing  
 world re - lease, that, re - deemed from war and ha - tred,  
 earth be banned; pride of sta - tus, race, or school - ing,  
 hu - man - kind; for our grow - ing in your like - ness

of the things that earth af - fords; to a life of  
 all may come and go in peace. Show us how through  
 dog - mas that ob - scure your plan. In our com - mon  
 bring the life of Christ to mind, that by our re -

love in ac - tion help us rise and pledge our word.  
 care and good - ness fear will die and hope in - crease.  
 quest for jus - tice may we hal - low life's brief span.  
 sponse and ser - vice earth its des - ti - ny may find.

*Fred Kaan's most widely published text was first sung at Pilgrim Church in Plymouth, England, at a service of worship marking Human Rights Day in 1965. It has been used for many subsequent occasions, including the twenty-fifth anniversary of the United Nations.*

Tune: WESTMINSTER ABBEY 8.7.8.7.8.7.  
 Henry Purcell, c. 1680  
 Arr. Ernest Hawkins, 1842

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### *Take Pause, Take Courage: A Viola Recital—Saturday, May 6, at 1:30 pm*

UVMC's Jennifer Turbes and pianist Will Ögmundson share a thoughtful selection of music by Reena Esmail, Jessie Montgomery, Harry Burleigh, and more. *More at [uvmusic.org/events](http://uvmusic.org/events).*

### *Bel Canto Chamber Singers: Journeys—Sat., May 6, at 7:30 pm / Sun., May 7, at 4:00 pm*

Jane Woods directs Bel Canto in a musical survey of journeys in their many forms, from physical travel to imaginative and spiritual exploration, from past memories to future hopes. The program features a variety of genres in music for choir, piano, and the handbells of the Church of Christ at Dartmouth. *Adults \$15, students \$10, under 13 free; for more, visit [www.belcantosingers.org](http://www.belcantosingers.org).*

### *The Anonymous Coffeehouse: Season Finale!—Friday, May 12, at 7:30 pm*

Last chance to enjoy our popular community venue for live folk music before it takes the summer off! Baked goods and beverages available. *Free admission. For performer info and more, visit [anoncoffee.org](http://anoncoffee.org).*

### *UVMC Sing & Play Festival—Saturday, May 20 (various times and locations)*

A celebration of music making by each other, for each other! Various studio recitals and class performances will happen in our Sanctuary and Parish Hall. *Free to all; more at [uvmusic.org/events](http://uvmusic.org/events).*

### *Classicopia: Musical Mothers—Sunday, May 28, at 2:00 pm*

Dan Weiser and Borowsky siblings Emmanuel (violin) and Frances (cello) belatedly celebrate Mother's Day with a program of women composers, from Americans Amy Beach and Undine Smith Moore to Dutch composer Heleen Verleur and early-20th-century Croatian Dora Pejačević.

*Adults \$20, FCC members \$15, children free; more at [classicopia.org/concert/musical-mothers-3](http://classicopia.org/concert/musical-mothers-3).*

### *Liz Simmons and Casey Murray: Folk, Roots, and Cello—Saturday, June 3, at 7:30 pm*

Celebrating the release of her solo recording *Poets*, Brattleboro singer-songwriter and guitarist Liz Simmons (of the band Low Lily) offers a program with the versatile, classically-trained cellist Casey Murray (of Corner House). They'll play both traditional and original songs, reflecting on the sea, adventure, love, loss, and more. *Suggested donation \$10-20; for more, visit [lizsimmons.net](http://lizsimmons.net).*

### *Cantabile Women's Chorus: We Sing Her Song—Sunday, June 4, at 4:00 pm*

This superb ensemble honors the lives and experiences of historical, biblical, and ordinary women in music of Johannes Brahms, Gwyneth Walker, Randall Thompson, Alice Parker, Rosephanye Powell, and more. *Adults \$15, seniors \$10, students \$5, under 13 free; more at [www.cantabilewomen.org](http://www.cantabilewomen.org).*

### *Cameo Baroque: Music of the French Baroque—Friday, June 9, at 7:00 pm*

Ernie Drown and friends share a delightful taste of French composers François Couperin, Jacques-Christophe Naudot, and others. *Free-will donation to benefit Willing Hands; more at [cameoarts.org](http://cameoarts.org).*

### *Mosaic Union String Ensemble (MUSE): Spring Concert—Sunday, June 11, at 4:30 pm*

Based in Hanover and led by the inimitable Glee Charlestream, MUSE features student musicians of diverse ages and backgrounds. *Free-will donation. More at [www.mosaicunionstringensemble.org](http://www.mosaicunionstringensemble.org).*

### **Register Now for Classicopia's Music Camp at FCC/UVMC!—August 14-19, 9a-3p Daily**

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/](http://classicopia.org/summer-camp/).*





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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**

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