



## The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

Faith is never identical with piety.

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

Chorale Prelude on "Rockingham"

## Psalm 99

## Words of Welcome; Our Ministry and Mission

## Children’s Moment

When we pray, what do we ask for? Sometimes, we might want help or reassurance. But sometimes, our prayers may be mean, like asking God to hurt someone we don’t like. Now, I can’t speak for God, but I’m pretty sure that God doesn’t want us to be angry with others. Sure, we can be disappointed. And it’s okay to talk with God about that. But to ask God to strike out at them? Really? If that’s okay, then what’s to stop someone from praying for us to be hurt? Jesus didn’t pray for vengeance. Jesus didn’t pray for harm to come to those who hurt him. Instead, he prayed for forgiveness and healing. That may not be easy, but it’s meaningful, and when we do that, we are following the way of Jesus.

Hymn 246 (p. 6) *Come, Thou Almighty King*

Italian Hymn

## Scripture Lessons

*Exodus 33:12-23.* <sup>12</sup>Moses said to the Lord, “See, you have said to me, ‘Bring up this people’; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, ‘I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.’ <sup>13</sup>Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people.” <sup>14</sup>He said, “My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.” <sup>15</sup>And he said to him, “If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. <sup>16</sup>For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth.”

<sup>17</sup>The Lord said to Moses, “I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name.” <sup>18</sup>Moses said, “Show me your glory, I pray.” <sup>19</sup>And he said, “I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, ‘The Lord’; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. <sup>20</sup>But,” he said, “you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live.” <sup>21</sup>And the Lord continued, “See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; <sup>22</sup>and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; <sup>23</sup>then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen.”

*Matthew 22:15-22.* <sup>15</sup>Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. <sup>16</sup>So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. <sup>17</sup>Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” <sup>18</sup>But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? <sup>19</sup>Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. <sup>20</sup>Then he said to them,

“Whose head is this, and whose title?” <sup>21</sup>They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” <sup>22</sup>When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

**Sermon**

“Show Yourself”

Stephen R. Silver

**Hymn 251** (p. 7)

*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*

Nicaea

### **Sharing of Joys and Concerns; Pastoral Prayer**

*As we hold community members in prayer, please exercise care and discretion when sharing. Help keep our prayer list current by contacting Rev. Silver or the church office to add or remove names.*

Today we offer ongoing prayers for Pete, Arlene, Evelyn, Barbara, Gordon, Greg, Jan, Edith, Eileen, Waneta, Terry, Juanita, Dan, Ethan, Travis, Garrett, Sue, Rick, Edward, Duane, Priscilla, Ron, Lauren, and Brian.

O God, who made yourself known to Moses, who made yourself known to the prophets, who made yourself known to us in Jesus, we seek signs of your presence on this day. We seek to know of your caring, loving nature, of your grace in all parts of our lives. Help us, we pray, to set aside that which distracts us from you, from evidence of the truth of your being. Give us strength to have faith, to trust in you, that we may know new life. We pray this, and all the joys and concerns we hold in our hearts, in the name of Jesus Christ. 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**

*Jesu, Dulcis Memoria*

Tomás Luis de Victoria

*The sweet memory of Jesus gives true joy to the heart. His presence is sweeter even than honey, and greater than all things.*

### **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*)

Holy, Generous God, all we have is ultimately a gift from you: our money, our skills, our very lives are all given to us by you. Let us now return a portion of this gift to serve your people. In gratitude we present this morning's offering to you. Amen.

Hymn 366 (p. 8)      *God of Grace and God of Glory*      Cwm Rhondda

## Benediction

Postlude      *Chorale Prelude on "Croft's 136th"*      C.H.H. Parry

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## *Leading Worship This Week*

The Rev. Stephen R. Silver, Pastor

Ernie Drown, Organ • Laurel Stavis, Mezzo-Soprano • The FCC Choir

Phil Hammond, Liturgist • Linda Gerlach and Linda Oronte, Ushers • Bob Gerlach, Zoom

*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.*

## **Do Your Part to Fill the Cart!—LISTEN Visiting November 5**

Greater Lebanon continues to struggle with poverty and food insecurity, and we are resuming the collection of items in our shopping cart in the Parish Hall, to support a variety of beneficiaries.

### **CURRENT BENEFICIARY—LISTEN COMMUNITY SERVICES**

A representative from LISTEN will visit us during worship on November 5 to tell us more about the organization's current needs and local programs. Please consider a donation of non-perishable food or personal-care items, at anytime before that date.

*Direct financial contributions to any Upper Valley service organization are always needed and much appreciated. Thanks for fighting local poverty and hunger!*

## **Neighbors in Need: Behold!—Special UCC Offering This Fall**

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**, a voice for Native Americans in the UCC, sustaining a proud denominational tradition of support. **This year, NIN focuses on environmental justice, addressing the egregious inequities and ecological harm of waste-disposal practices worldwide.**

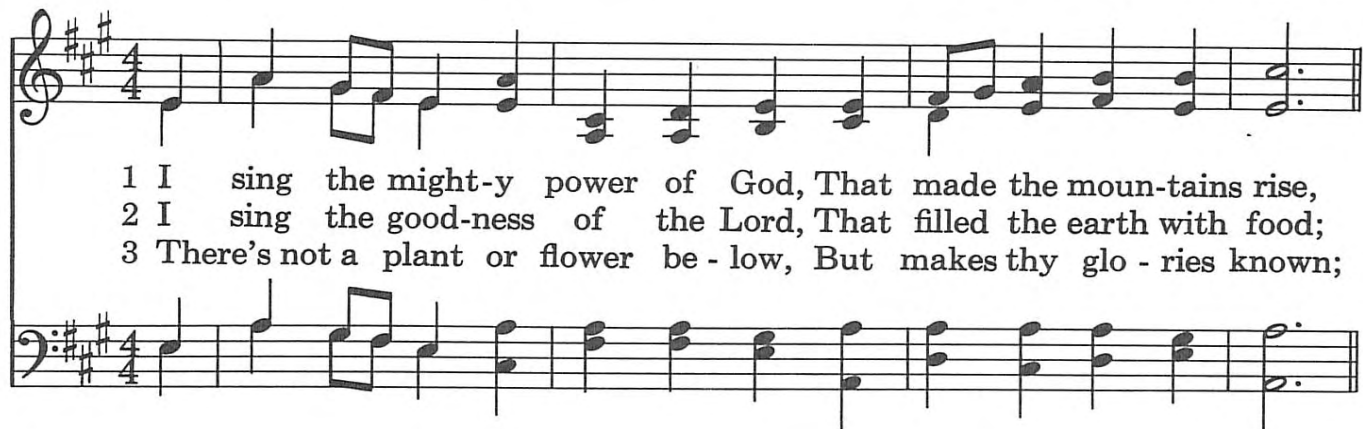
*Please contribute as you're able to this vital mission program, by cash or check (payable to FCC, memo "Neighbors in Need") or online at [www.ucc.org/nin](http://www.ucc.org/nin). Thank you!*

# I Sing the Mighty Power of God

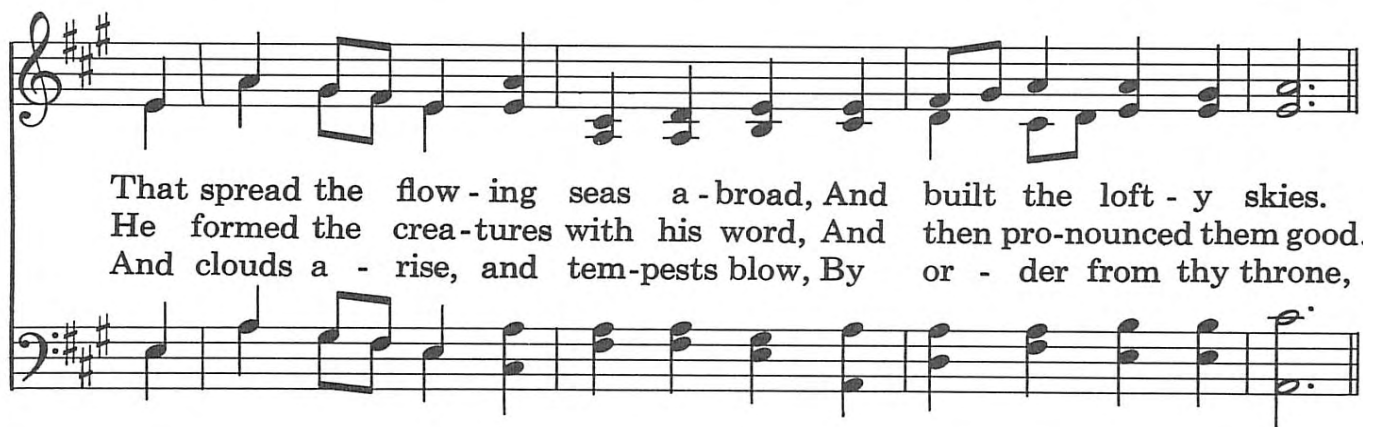
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Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, *all.*

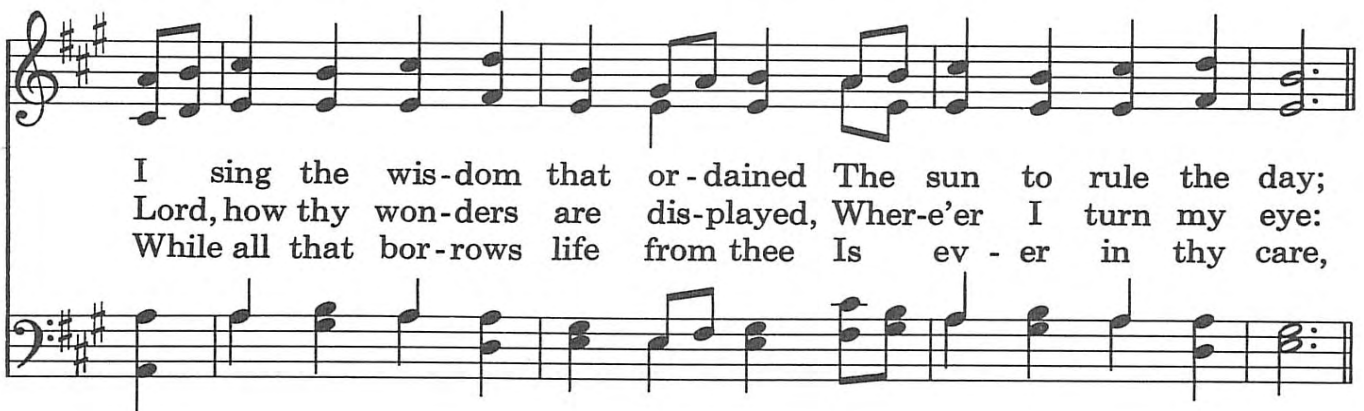
ELLACOMBE C.M.D.  
"Gesangbuch," Wirtemberg, 1784



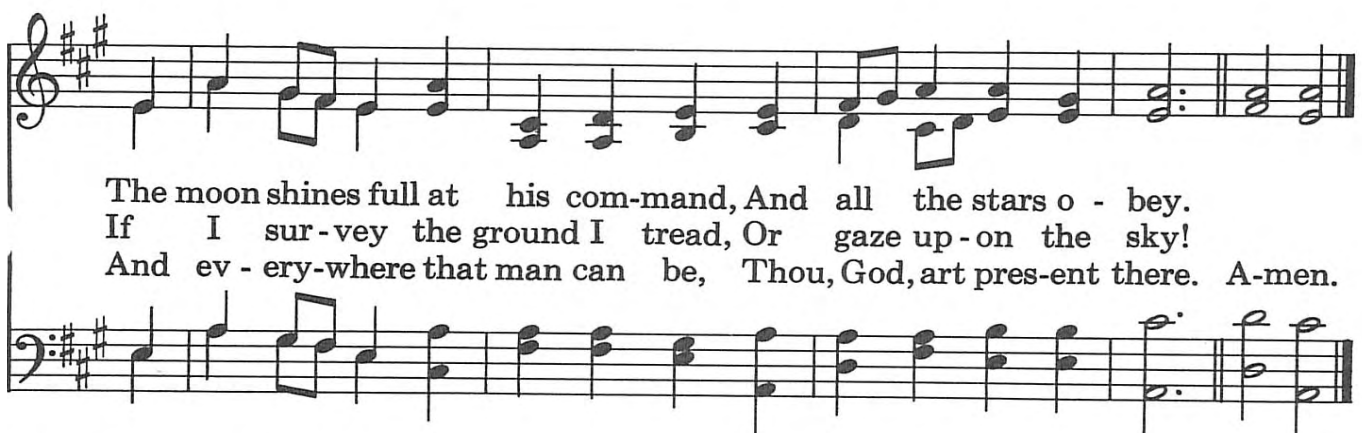
1 I sing the might-y power of God, That made the moun-tains rise,  
2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord, That filled the earth with food;  
3 There's not a plant or flower be - low, But makes thy glo - ries known;



That spread the flow - ing seas a - broad, And built the loft - y skies.  
He formed the crea-tures with his word, And then pro-nounced them good.  
And clouds a - rise, and tem-pests blow, By or - der from thy throne,



I sing the wis-dom that or-dained The sun to rule the day;  
Lord, how thy won-ders are dis-played, Wher-e'er I turn my eye:  
While all that bor-rows life from thee Is ev - er in thy care,



The moon shines full at his com-mand, And all the stars o - bey.  
If I sur-vey the ground I tread, Or gaze up-on the sky!  
And ev - ery-where that man can be, Thou, God, art pres-ent there. A-men.

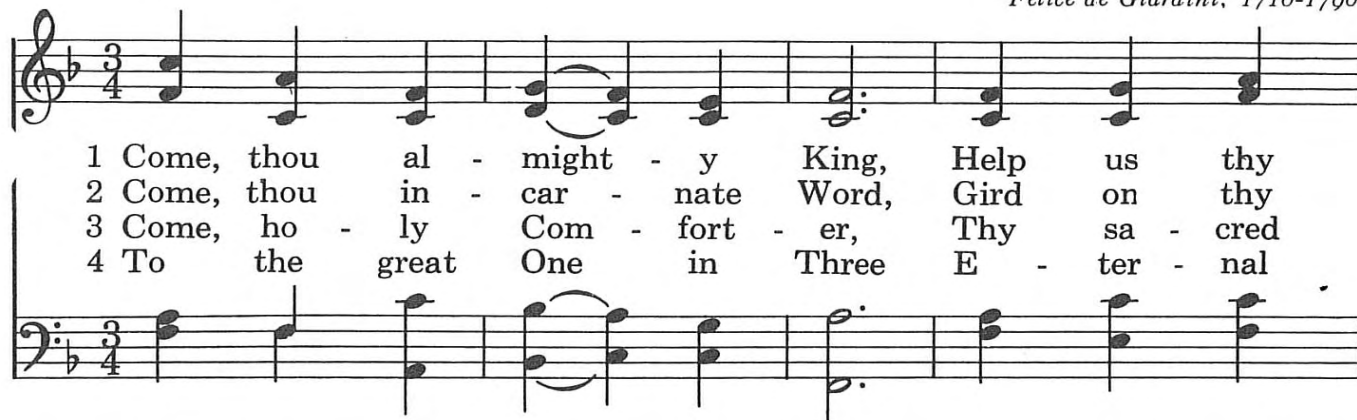
# Come, Thou Almighty King

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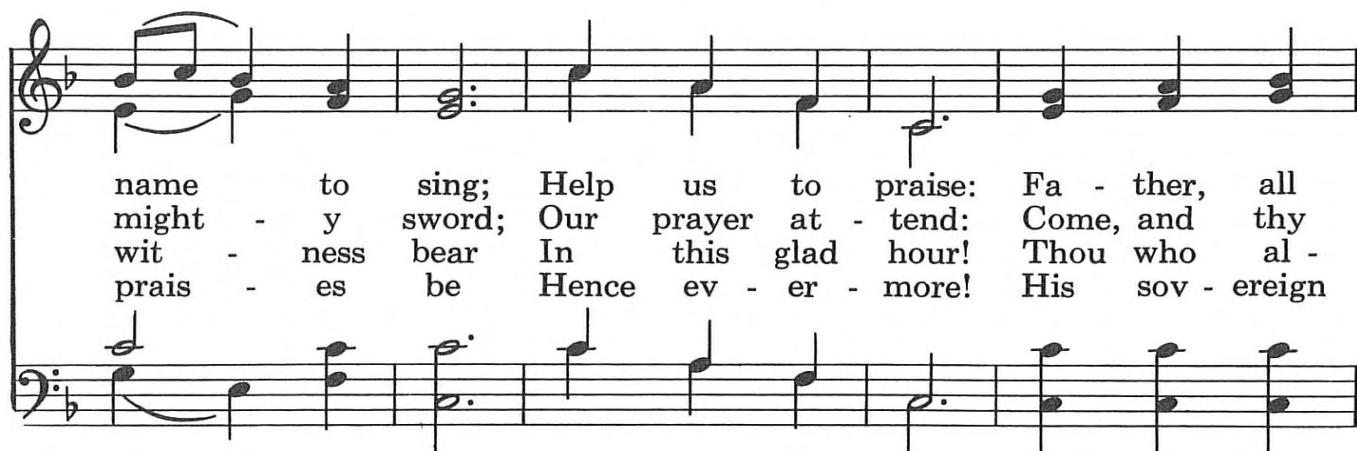
Anonymous, c. 1757

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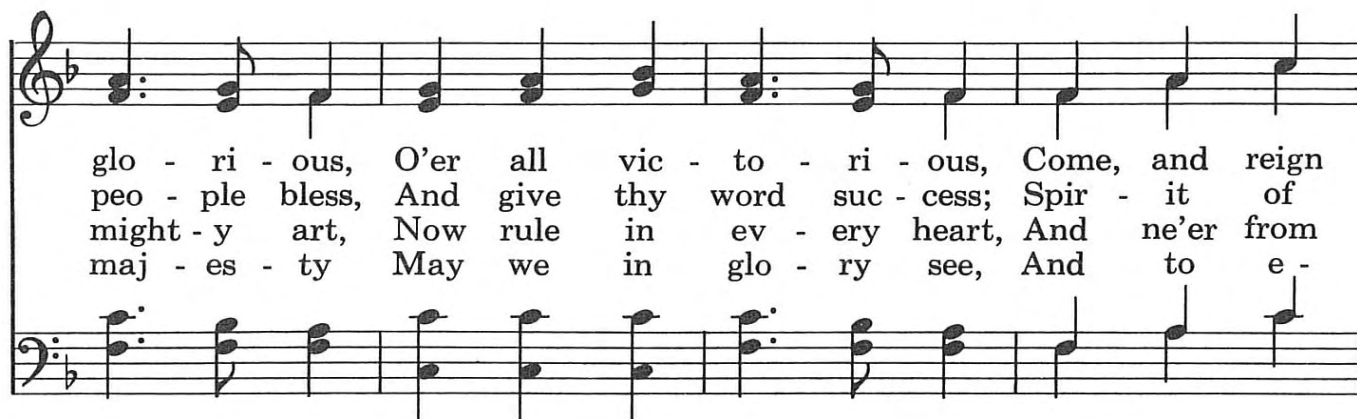
Felice de Giardini, 1716-1796



1 Come, thou al - might - y King, Help us thy  
2 Come, thou in - car - nate Word, Gird on thy  
3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, Thy sa - cred  
4 To the great One in Three E - ter - nal



name to sing; Help us to praise: Fa - ther, all  
might - y sword; Our prayer at - tend: Come, and thy  
wit - ness bear In this glad hour! Thou who al -  
prais - es be Hence ev - er - more! His sov - ereign



glo - ri - ous, O'er all vic - to - ri - ous, Come, and reign  
peo - ple bless, And give thy word suc - cess; Spir - it of  
might - y art, Now rule in ev - ery heart, And ne'er from  
maj - es - ty May we in glo - ry see, And to e -



o - ver us, An - cient of Days.  
ho - li - ness, On us de - scend.  
us de - part, Spir - it of power.  
ter - ni - ty Love and a - dore. A - men.

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.

# God of Grace and God of Glory

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Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1878-

CWM RHONDDA 8.7.8.7.8.7.7.

John Hughes, 1873-1932

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, On thy pec - ple  
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us Scorn thy Christ, as -  
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; Bend our pride to  
 4 Set our feet on loft - y pla - ces; Gird our lives that  
 5 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion To the e - vils

pour thy power; Crown thine an - cient church's sto - ry; Bring her bud to  
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us, Free our hearts to  
 thy con - trol; Shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, Rich in things and  
 they may be Arm - ored with all Christ - like gra - ces In the fight to  
 we de - plore; Let the search for thy sal - va - tion Be our glo - ry

glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, Grant us cour - age,  
 faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, Grant us cour - age,  
 poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, Grant us cour - age,  
 set men free. Grant us wis - dom, Grant us cour - age,  
 ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, Grant us cour - age,

For the fac - ing of this hour, For the fac - ing of this hour.  
 For the liv - ing of these days, For the liv - ing of these days.  
 Lest we miss thy king - dom's goal, Lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.  
 That we fail not man nor thee, That we fail not man nor thee.  
 Serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, Serv - ing thee whom we a - dore. A - men.



### *The Anonymous Coffeehouse—Fridays, Oct. 27, Nov. 10 and 24, Dec. 1 and 15, all 7:30 pm*

Our comfy community venue for live folk music is thriving in its fourth season! An informal “listening room” for emerging musicians, each show features several acoustic acts. Come and go as you please; food and drink available. *Free admission. For performers and more, visit [anoncoffee.org](http://anoncoffee.org).*

### *UVMC Presents Ensemble Halcyon—Saturday, October 28, at 5:00 pm*

As part of a day-long workshop in early music, the Upper Valley Music Center offers this concert by Ensemble Halcyon—Chris Rua and Sarah Cantor on recorders, Jane Hershey on viola da gamba, and our own Ernie Drown on harpsichord. Reception to follow! *Adults \$20, more at [uvmusic.org](http://uvmusic.org).*

### *Classicopia: The Mendelssohns and the Schumanns—Sunday, October 29, at 2:00 pm*

Cellist Jacques-Pierre Malan joins pianist Dan Weiser to explore the connections between these two musical families in the early-Romantic period. While the men gained wider fame, Felix’s sister Fanny and Robert’s wife Clara also distinguished themselves from a young age as composers, performers, and musical advocates. *Adults \$20, FCC members \$15; more at [classicopia.org](http://classicopia.org).*

### *Classicopia: Four-Hand Holiday—Sunday, December 3, at 2:00 pm*

Pianists and longtime friends Daniel Weiser and Philip Liston-Kraft renew this seasonal tradition with a delightful selection of favorites in exciting, four-hand arrangements. *Adults \$20, FCC members \$15; more at [classicopia.org](http://classicopia.org).*

### *Bel Canto Chamber Singers—Saturday, Dec. 9, at 7:30 / Sunday, Dec. 10, at 4:00*

Director Jane Woods leads Bel Canto in its ever-popular holiday program. *Program details TBA. Adults \$15, students \$10, under 13 free; for more, visit [www.belcantosingers.org](http://www.belcantosingers.org).*

### *Upper Valley Music Center Messiah Sing!—Sunday, December 17, at 3:30 pm*

UVMC brings back its annual performance of G. F. Handel’s beloved oratorio, with student soloists and chamber orchestra. All welcome to join the chorus (scores available!) or just listen. *Fee \$15 choral/orchestral participants; suggested \$10 audience donation. More at [uvmusic.org](http://uvmusic.org).*

## New Covenant Members to be Received— Sunday, November 5

Have you found a welcoming community of people and a spiritually nourishing church home here? Would you like to get more involved in our programs and events? **If so, you are warmly invited to join our church as a covenant member.**

*If you are interested in this invitation or have questions about membership, please speak with the Rev. Steve Silver—or, actually, anyone else!—after the service at coffee hour.*



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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 • Brian Clancy, Church Administrator**

**Jon Scott, Chair of Church Council • Linda Gerlach, Chair of Deacons • Barbara Jones, Moderator**

*Church Office Hours: Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, 9:00-12:00 (or by appointment as needed)*

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