

Children's Moment

Did you see the eclipse last Monday? It was pretty neat, huh? Eclipses happen with some regularity but are not everyday occurrences. In the long-ago past, they were seen as signs from above of God's intentions. Now, you and I know that is kind of ridiculous. God doesn't need to work with shadows to communicate with us. Nope. God sent Jesus, who talked with us, who lived with us, who healed us. Jesus could be seen by people just like us, without special eye gear. But people still didn't understand what he was doing or what he taught. And he needed to open their eyes—he needed to help them understand. We, too, can use this kind of help. Let us pray that God will open our eyes to his truth, his good works, and his love.

Hymn 150 (p. 6) *O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High* Deus Tuorum Militum

Scripture Lessons

Acts 3:12-19. [...] ¹²When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? ¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

¹⁷“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

Luke 24:36b-48. ³⁶[...] Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things....”

Sermon

“Open and Shut”

Stephen R. Silver

Hymn 201 (p. 7)

The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns

St. Stephen

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, Greg, Jan, Edith, Eileen, Waneta, Terry, Juanita, Dan, Travis, Garrett, Sue, Rick, Edward, Duane, Priscilla, Ron, Lauren, Brian, Micah, Al, and Steve.

O Holy God, we approach you with hope and trepidation on this Third Sunday of Easter. Hope, grounded in the promise of the resurrection; trepidation because what we know to be true seems unreal.

We want to believe that you have conquered death, but around us there is so much suffering and dying.

We want to believe that you have vanquished evil, but there is so much wrong in the world.

We want to believe that hope has overcome despair, but it is so easy to succumb to feelings of powerlessness. And so we ask, what are we to do?

In our jadedness, we confess that a sign would be too easy to dismiss, a miracle would be easy to explain away. And so we pray that you will renew in us an ability to wonder, to feel awe at what you have done, and are doing, in and through the risen Jesus, in whose name we pray, 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

Blest Are the Pure in Heart

H. Walford Davies

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 the Resurrection, in Jesus we received the most wonderful gift. Accept our offering this morning as a sign of our gratitude to you and our commitment to follow the path you have shown us. In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

Hymn 204 (p. 8) *Rejoice, the Lord Is King* Darwall's 148th

Benediction

Postlude *Postlude-Cantique* Théodore Dubois

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Leading Worship This Week

The Rev. Stephen R. Silver, Pastor

Ernie Drown, Organist • The FCC Choir • Bob Ross, Liturgist

Bob Gerlach and Phil Hammond, Ushers • Dawn Troutman, 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.



Music
at the
Meetinghouse

Spring Concerts

All in the FCC Sanctuary

Revels North Spring Sing: Music of the Green and White Mt States—Sat., April 13, 7:00 pm

Celebrate the return of Revels North's Spring Sing, with music of VT and NH and some sing-along favorites. Following a day of workshops, the concert will feature Artistic Director Alex Cumming and some special guests. *Tickets (concert only) \$15-35; more details at revelsnorth.org.*

The Anonymous Coffeehouse—Fridays, April 19, 26, and May 10, all at 7:30 pm

Our comfy community venue for live folk music is thriving in its fourth season! Come and go as you please; food and drink available. *Free admission. For performers and more, visit anoncoffee.org.*

Classicopia: The Folk Cello—Sunday, April 21, at 2:00 pm

South African cellist Jacques-Pierre Malan joins Dan Weiser to explore folk influences in music for cello and piano by Edvard Grieg, Astor Piazzolla, and a suite based on Georgian tunes by Sulkhian Tsintsadze. *Adults \$20, FCC members \$15, children free; more at classicopia.org/concert/the-folk-cello/.*

Bel Canto Chamber Singers: Your Soul Is Song—Sat., May 4, at 7:30 / Sun., May 5, at 4:00

Register Now for Classicopia's Music Camp at FCC/UVMC!—August 5-10, 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/.*

All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine

F. Bland Tucker, 1895-

ENGELBERG 10.10.10. with Alleluia
Charles V. Stanford, 1852-1924

1 All praise to thee, for thou, O King di - vine, Didst yield the
 2 Thou cam'st to us in low - li - ness of thought; By thee the
 3 Let this mind be in us which was in thee, Who wast a
 4 Let ev - ery tongue con - fess with one ac - cord In heaven and

glo - ry that of right was thine, That in our dark-ened hearts thy
 out - cast and the poor were sought, And by thy death was God's sal -
 serv - ant that we might be free, Hum-bling thy - self to death on
 earth that Je - sus Christ is Lord; And God the Fa - ther be by

grace might shine.
 va - tion wrought. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Cal - va - ry.
 all a - dored.

St. 1, 2, 3 St. 4 In harmony
 A-men.

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O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

First Tune

Latin: 15th century

Tr. Benjamin Webb, 1819-1885, alt.

DEUS TUORUM MILITUM L.M.

Grenoble Church Melody

In unison

1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, How pass - ing
 2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore His ho - ly
 3 For us he prayed, for us he taught, For us his
 4 For us to wick - ed men be - trayed, Scourged, mocked, in

thought and fan - ta - sy, That God, the Son of God, should
 fast, and hun - gered sore; For us temp - ta - tions sharp he
 dai - ly works he wrought, By words and signs and ac - tions,
 pur - ple robe ar - rayed, He bore the shame - ful cross and

take Our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.
 knew; For us the temp - ter o - ver - threw.
 thus Still seek - ing not him - self, but us.
 death; For us gave up his dy - ing breath. A - men.

5 For us he rose from death again,
 For us he went on high to reign;
 For us he sent his Spirit here
 To guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

6 All glory to our Lord and God
 For love so deep, so high, so broad;
 The Trinity whom we adore
 For ever and for evermore.

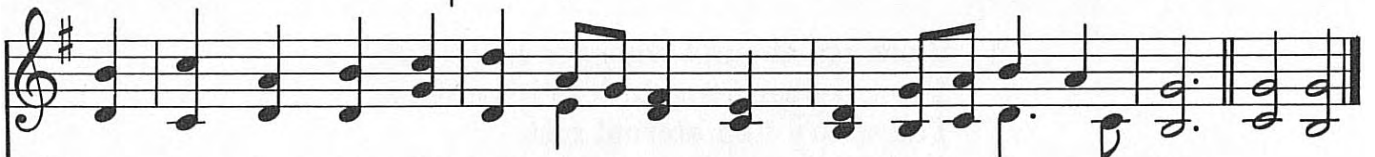
The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns 201

Text: anonymous
Lyrics: John Brownlie, 1857-1925

ST. STEPHEN C.M.
William Jones, 1726-1800



1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light tri - um-phant breaks,
2 Not as of old a lit - tle child To bear, and fight, and die,
3 O bright-er than the ris - ing morn When he, vic - to - rious, rose,
4 O bright-er than that glo - rious morn Shall this fair morn-ing be,
5 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns, And light and beau - ty brings;



When beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills And life to joy a - wakes.
But crowned with glo - ry like the sun That lights the morn-ing sky.
And left the lone - some place of death, De - spite the rage of foes.
When Christ, our King, in beau - ty comes, And we his face shall see!
Hail, Christ the Lord! thy peo - ple pray, Come quick-ly, King of kings! A-men.



Do Your Part to Fill the Cart!

Join the fight against poverty and food insecurity in the Upper Valley by leaving contributions in our shopping cart in the Parish Hall, benefiting a variety of local service organizations.

This month, we're collecting non-perishable food and personal-care items on behalf of:

THE UPPER VALLEY HAVEN

For a list of current and ongoing needs, please visit uppervalleyhaven.org/current-wish-lists/ or see the list attached to the shopping cart itself.

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

1 Re - joice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a - dore!
2 The Lord, our Sav - ior, reigns, The God of truth and love;
3 His king - dom can - not fail, He rules o'er earth and heaven;

Re - joice, give thanks, and sing, And tri - umph ev - er -
When he had purged our stains, He took his seat a -
The keys of death and hell Are to our Je - sus

more:
bove: Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Re -
given:

joice, a - gain I say, re - joice! A - men.



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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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