



## Children's Moment

Hymn 327 (p. 6)      *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

Bradbury

## Scripture Lessons

*Acts 4:5-12.* <sup>5</sup>The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup>with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup>When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" <sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup>if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup>let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. <sup>11</sup>This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' <sup>12</sup>There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

*John 10:11-18.* <sup>11</sup>[Jesus said,] "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

Sermon      *"Who Wants to Be a Sheep?"*

Stephen R. Silver

Hymn 803 (p. 7)      *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

Resignation

## 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.

God, who cares for us as a shepherd would his flock: we are grateful that we are not alone, that as we make our way through life, you are with us, guiding us along the way

to the still waters. Help us to be alert to your direction, to listen to you when you beckon us to turn away from danger or deliver us from the valley of the shadow of death. Help us to have the confidence to know that we are all in need of a shepherd. Stop us from straying, and lead us back to you.

We pray this, and all the joys and concerns we hold in our hearts, in the name of your Son, 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**                      *Brother James' Air*    Trad., arr. Gordon Jacob

### **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*)

Shepherd God,  
Whether we are confident, whether we are lost,  
    You care for us, you guide us, you love us.  
In times of joy, in times of sorrow,  
    You care for us, you guide us, you love us.  
In all the seasons of our lives,  
    You care for us, you guide us, you love us.  
With faith, with gladness, with hope, we offer these gifts, a sign of our gratitude. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

**Hymn 6** (*p. 8*)                      *O Worship the King, All Glorious Above*    Lyons

### **Benediction**

**Postlude**                      *Fugue in G Minor, BWV 587*    Johann Sebastian Bach

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## Leading Worship This Week

The Rev. Stephen R. Silver, Pastor

Ernie Drown, Organist • The FCC Choir • Phil Hammond, Baritone

Deb Scott, Liturgist • Sue Pratt and Stacey Steele, Ushers • Dominic Watson, 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.*



Music  
at the  
Meetinghouse

## Spring Concerts

All in the FCC Sanctuary

### *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](http://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 Sulkhan Tsintsadze. *Adults \$20, FCC members \$15, children free; more at [classicopia.org/concert/the-folk-cello/](http://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*

Director Jane Woods and Bel Canto celebrate the hope and renewal of spring in a program for choir, piano, and strings, featuring music of J. S. Bach, Felix Mendelssohn, Eric Whitacre, Joan Szymko, Ola Gjeilo, and more. *Adults \$15, students \$10, under 13 free; for more, visit [belcantosingers.org](http://belcantosingers.org).*

### *Harmony Night A Cappella—Saturday, May 11, at 7:00 pm*

Harmony Night, the Upper Valley's multi-generational *a cappella* chorus directed by Mark Nelson, offers a spring program of music from a variety of eras and cultures. *Free-will donation.*

### *Cameo Baroque Benefit Concert: The French Baroque—Sunday, May 12, at 2:00 pm*

This superb ensemble (Ernie Drown, Beth Hilgartner, Leslie Stroud, and Laurie Rabut) shares a selection of music by François Couperin, Marin Marais, Jean-Baptiste Quentin, and Jacques de Bournonville. *Free-will donation, beneficiary TBD; more at [www.cameoarts.org](http://www.cameoarts.org).*

### *Upper Valley Music Center Sing & Play Festival—Saturday, May 18 (various times)*

### *Classicopia: Fabulous Females—Sunday, May 19, at 2:00 pm*

*Brooks Hubbard: A Benefit for Good Neighbor Health Clinics—Sunday, May 19, at 7:00 pm*

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

## 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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## Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Attr. to Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1779-1847

BRADBURY 8.7.8.7.D.  
William B. Bradbury, 1816-1868

1 Sav - ior, like a shep-herd lead us, Much we need thy ten-der care;  
2 We are thine; do thou be - friend us; Be the guard-ian of our way;  
3 Ear - ly let us seek thy fa - vor; Ear - ly let us do thy will;

In thy pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, For our use thy folds pre-pare.  
Keep thy flock; from sin de - fend us; Seek us when we go a - stray.  
Bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, With thy love our bos-oms fill.

Bless - ed Je - sus, Bless - ed Je - sus, Thou hast bought us, thine we are;  
Bless - ed Je - sus, Bless - ed Je - sus, Hear thy chil-dren when they pray;  
Bless - ed Je - sus, Bless - ed Je - sus, Thou hast loved us, love us still;

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Bless - ed Je - sus, Bless - ed Je - sus, Hear thy chil-dren when they pray.  
Bless - ed Je - sus, Bless - ed Je - sus, Thou hast loved us, love us still. A-men.

# My Shepherd Will Supply My Need 803

(Psalm 23)

1 My shep-herd will sup - ply my need; Je - ho - vah is his name.  
2 When I walk through the shades of death your pres-ence is my stay;  
3 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me all my days;

In pas - tures fresh he makes me feed, be - side the liv - ing stream.  
one word of your sup - port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.  
O may your house be my a - bode, and all my work be praise.

He brings my wan - dering spir - it back when I for - sake his ways,  
Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my ta - ble spread;  
There would I find a set - tled rest, while oth - ers go and come;

and leads me, for his mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.  
my cup with bless - ings o - ver - flows; your oil a - noints my head.  
no more a strang - er, or a guest, but like a child at home.

The musical score is written in 3/4 time, featuring a treble and bass clef. The melody is characterized by a flowing, shape-note style. The lyrics are arranged in three systems, each with a corresponding musical staff. The first system includes three numbered lines of text. The second system includes three lines of text. The third system includes three lines of text. The fourth system includes three lines of text. The fifth system includes three lines of text. The sixth system includes three lines of text. The score concludes with a final double bar line.

The effectiveness of this beloved paraphrase of Psalm 23 owes much to the flowing shape note melody that serves as a "living stream" to carry the text, which in turn has been given a remarkable clarity and lightness through the poet's masterful use of single-syllable words.

TEXT: Isaac Watts, 1719, alt.

MUSIC: U.S.A. folk melody; Lewis's *Beauties of Harmony*, 1828; harm. Dale Grotenhuis, 1986

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RESIGNATION

CMD

(alternate harmonization, 74)

# O Worship the King, All Glorious Above

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Based on Psalm 104  
Robert Grant, 1779-1838, alt.

LYONS 10.10.11.11.  
Arr. from J. Michael Haydn ?, 1737-1806

1 O wor - ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove,  
2 O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,  
3 The earth with its store of won - ders un - told,  
4 Thy boun - ti - ful care, what tongue can re - cite?  
5 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,

O grate - ful - ly sing his power and his love;  
Whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space;  
Al - might - y, thy power hath found - ed of old,  
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;  
In thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;

Our Shield and De - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,  
His char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form,  
Hath stab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,  
It streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,  
Thy mer - cies how ten - der, how firm to the end,

Pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor, and gird - ed with praise.  
And dark is his path on the wings of the storm.  
And round it hath cast, like a man - tle, the sea.  
And sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.  
Our Ma - ker, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend! A - men.





# 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 9 to be included in the bulletin for MOTHER'S DAY, MAY 12.**

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

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

Please send a card (include address on back)

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

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

## 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/](http://uppervalleyhaven.org/current-wish-lists/) or see the list that is 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!*



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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**

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