



Ascension of the Lord (*Observed*) • Seventh Sunday of Easter • Mother's Day
May 12, 2024

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

Prelude Grave/Allemanda, *Sonata in D Minor*, op. 5, no. 1 Michele Mascitti

Call to Worship

Psalm 93

One: The LORD is king, he is robed in majesty; the LORD is robed, he is girded with strength.

All: He has established the world; it shall never be moved.

One: Your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting.

All: The floods have lifted up, O LORD, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their roaring.

One: More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters, more majestic than the waves of the sea, majestic on high is the LORD!

All: Your decrees are very sure; holiness befits your house, O LORD, forevermore.

Hymn 195 (p. 5) *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* Coronation

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 *Tune Thy Music to Thy Heart* Alec Rowley

Children's Moment

In today's lesson from the very beginning of Acts, we learn of a "first book." What is the author talking about? Well, the Book of Acts is a sequel—it follows on directly from the Gospel of Luke, and it could be called "Luke II."

Yeah, it's not. And that's a good thing. There's no snap, no sizzle with "Luke II." There's also nothing about Luke in it, really. Instead, it's about the early church and its deeds, about the faithful and their actions. So, Acts is the title. Not "Luke II: Acts." Not "Son of Luke." Just plain old Acts. And that tells us a lot: the church is about actions, about doing and serving. The church ideally is inspired by the example of Jesus to act, in his name, for his people.

Hymn 266 (p. 6) *Joy to the World*

Richmond

Scripture Lessons

Acts 1:1-11. In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning ²until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Luke 24:44-53. ⁴⁴Then [Jesus] 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. ⁴⁹And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them.

⁵¹While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven.

⁵²And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; ⁵³and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

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 our 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, Steve, and Denzil.

We also offer the following prayer by the Rev. Canon Michael Boyd, from his devotional book *Are You Running With Me Jesus?*:

You said there is perfect freedom in your service, Jesus:

Well, I don't feel perfectly free. I don't feel free at all. I'm a captive to myself.

I do what I want. I have it all my own way. There is no freedom at all for me in this, Jesus. Today I feel like a slave bound in chains and branded by a hot iron, because I'm a captive to my own will and don't give an honest damn about you or your will.

You're over there where I'm keeping you, outside my real life. How can I go on being such a lousy hypocrite? Come over here, where I don't want you to come. Let me quit playing this blasphemous game of religion with you. Help me to let you be yourself in my life—so I can be myself.

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

Un Poco Andante, Sonata in D Minor, op. 5, no. 1

M. Mascitti

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 God, who fashioned the cosmos yet humbly came to us in love,
Sovereign God, who exercised dominion through service,
Gracious God, who died on a cross that we might know new life,
We ask that you accept these gifts as a sign of our gratitude for all you have done, are doing, and will do for us and for all your creation. In the name of the One who reigns forever we pray. Amen.

Hymn 199 (p. 8) *Crown Him With Many Crowns*

Diademata

Benediction

Postlude *Allegro, Sonata in D Minor, op. 5, no. 1*

M. Mascitti

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Leading Worship This Week

The Rev. Stephen R. Silver, Pastor

Ernie Drown, Organist • Beth Hilgartner, Recorder • The FCC Choir
Barb Jones, Liturgist • Linda and Ike Jacobs, Ushers • Bob Ross, 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.

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 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!

Celebrate the Children's Community Corner—Children's Sunday, June 2

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 Rachel Silver (rachelsilver@live.com) or the church office.

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

First Tune

Edward Perronet, 1726-1792
 Alt. by John Rippon, 1751-1836

CORONATION C.M.
 Oliver Holden, 1765-1844

1 All hail the power of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
 2 Crown him, ye mar - tyrs of our God, Who from his al - tar call;
 3 Ye seed of Is - ra - el's chosen race, Ye ran - somed of the fall,
 4 Let ev - ery kin - dred, ev - ery tribe, On this ter - res - trial ball,
 5 O that, with yon - der sa - cred throng, We at his feet may fall;

Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, And crown him Lord of all.
 Ex - tol the stem of Jes - se's rod, And crown him Lord of all.
 Hail him who saves you by his grace, And crown him Lord of all.
 To him all maj - es - ty as - crite, And crown him Lord of all.
 We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song, And crown him Lord of all.

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“Garlic Mustard Ministry” Outdoor Volunteer Opportunity (*RSVP*)

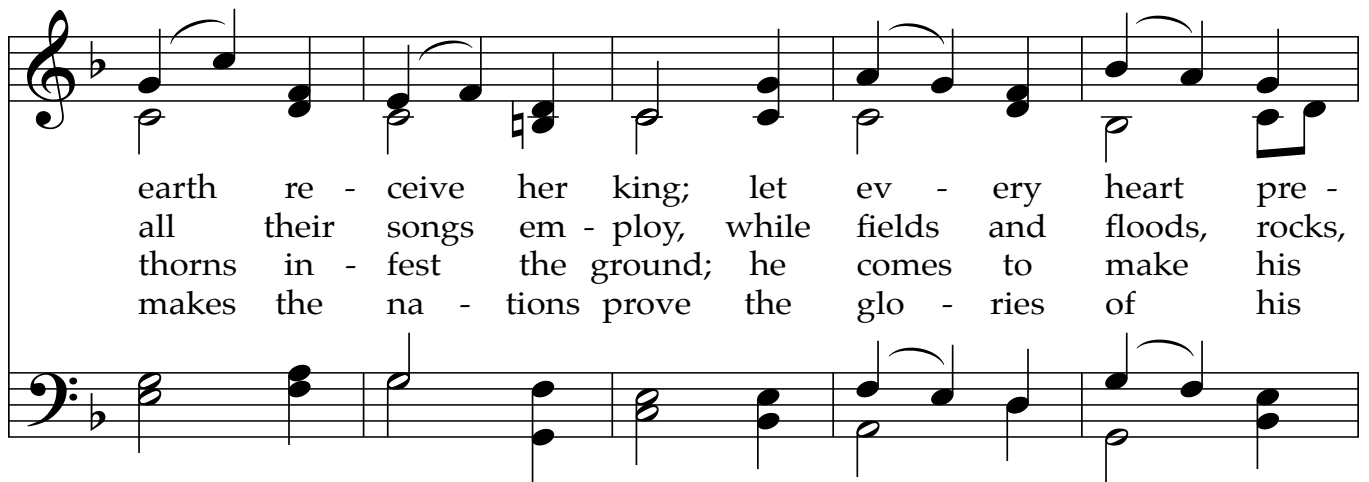
May is garlic mustard month, a chance to pull these invasive plants before they grow taller and are overrun by other vegetation. Lebanon's Conservation Commission invites us to help with this important task on **Monday, May 13, at 4:00**. If you'd like to help, **RSVP to the church office**.

Joy to the World


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1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let
 3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and



earth re - ceive her king; let ev - ery heart pre -
 all their songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks,
 thorns in - fest the ground; he comes to make his
 makes the na - tions prove the glo - ries of his



pare him room, and heaven and na - ture sing.
 hills, and plains re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 bless - ings flow far as the curse is found.
 righ - teous - ness and won - ders of his love.

While Isaac Watts did not write this text strictly for Christmas use, he did purposely cast his paraphrase of Psalm 98:4-9 in Christian terms, titling it "The Messiah's coming and kingdom." So "the Lord" here is Jesus Christ, rather than the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

TEXT: Isaac Watts, 1719, alt.

MUSIC: Thomas Haweis, c. 1792; adapt. Samuel Webbe Jr., 1808

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(alternate tune: ANTIOCH, 134)

Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

DARWALL'S 148th 6.6.6.6.8.8.

John Darwall, 1731-1789

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

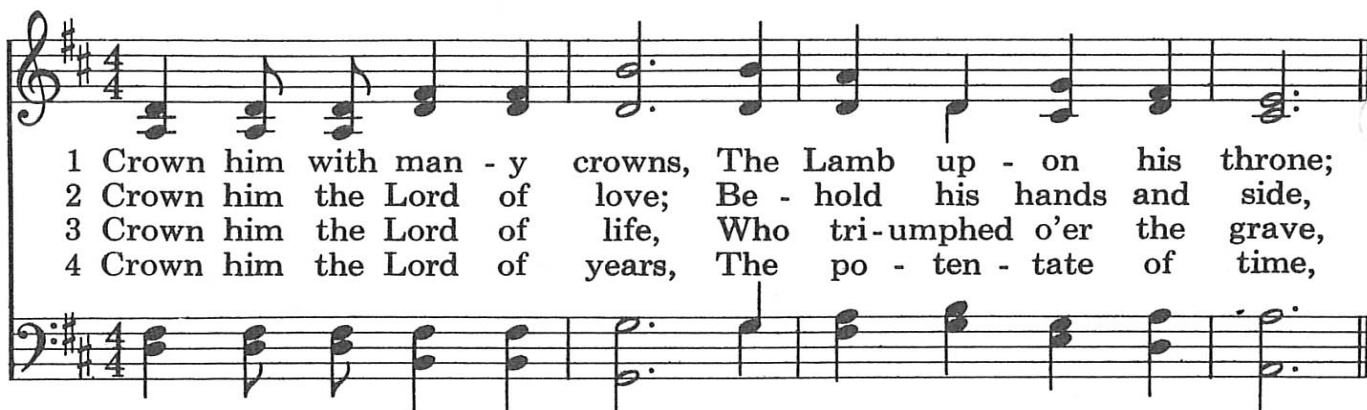
more:
 above: Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Re -
 given:

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

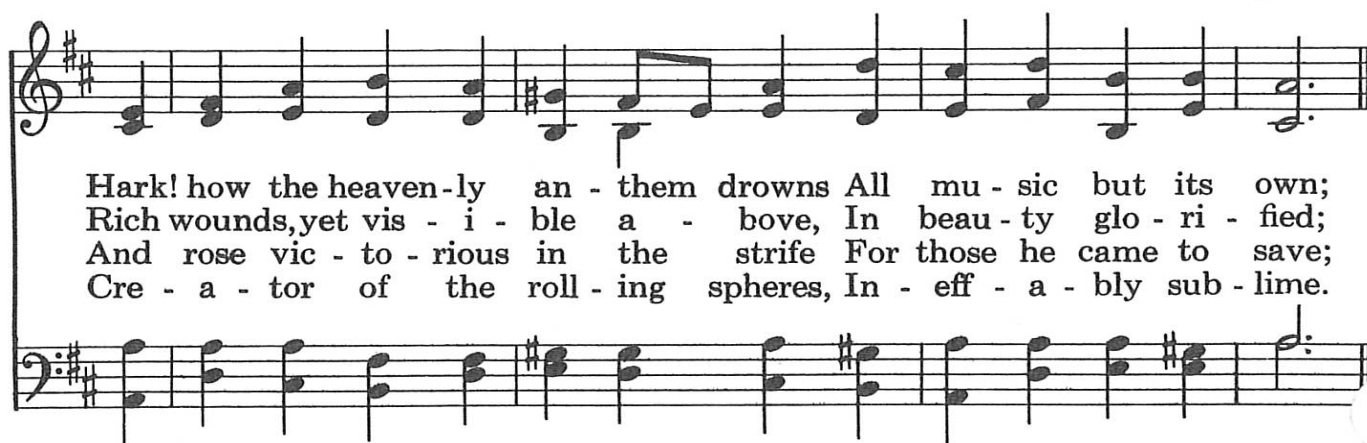
Crown Him With Many Crowns

Matthew Bridges, 1800-1894
 Godfrey Thring, 1823-1903, St. 3

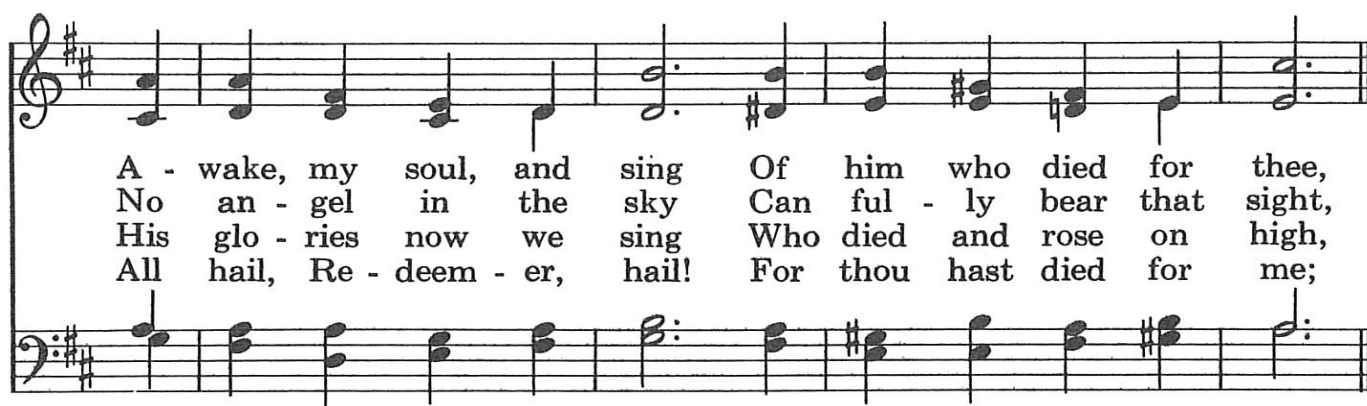
DIADEMATA S.M.D.
 George J. Elvey, 1816-1893



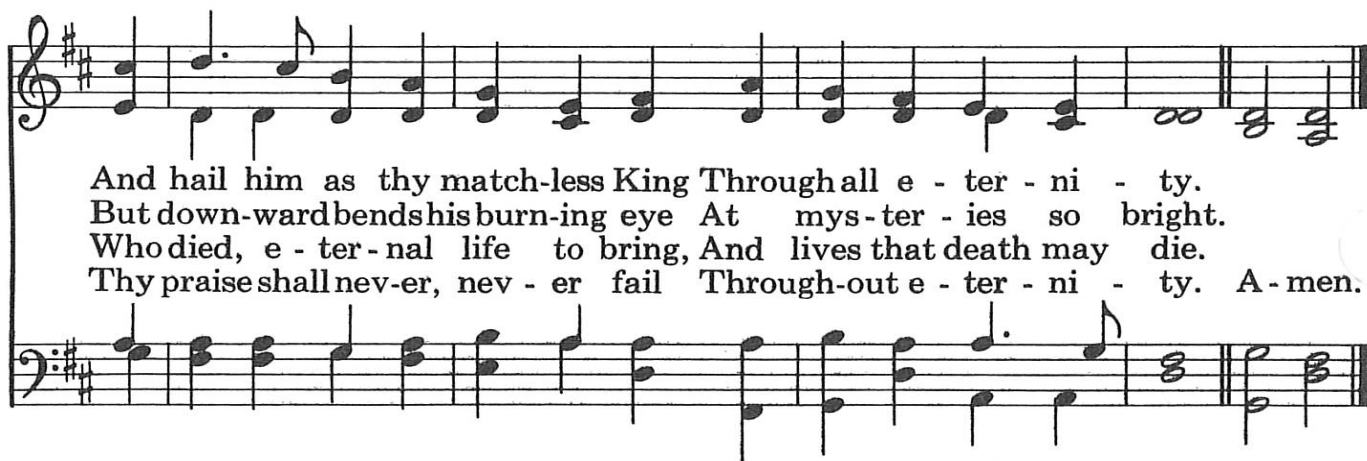
1 Crown him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on his throne;
 2 Crown him the Lord of love; Be - hold his hands and side,
 3 Crown him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the grave,
 4 Crown him the Lord of years, The po - ten - tate of time,



Hark! how the heaven-ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own;
 Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri - fied;
 And rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those he came to save;
 Cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, In - eff - a - bly sub - lime.



A - wake, my soul, and sing Of him who died for thee,
 No an - gel in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight,
 His glo - ries now we sing Who died and rose on high,
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;



And hail him as thy match-less King Through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 But down-ward bends his burn-ing eye At mys - ter - ies so bright.
 Who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, And lives that death may die.
 Thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail Through-out e - ter - ni - ty. A - men.



The Anonymous Coffeehouse: Season Finale!—Friday, May 10, at 7:30 pm

Our community venue for live folk music wraps up its fourth season before taking the summer off. Come and go as you please; food and drink available. *Free admission; more at anoncoffee.org.*

Harmony Night: An A Cappella Celebration—Saturday, May 11, at 7:00 pm

Harmony Night, the Upper Valley's multi-generational *a cappella* community chorus directed by Mark Nelson, offers a spring program drawn from a variety of eras, cultures, and genres. Music of Estonia, Georgia, Ireland, and India—along with a few surprises! *Free-will donation.*

Cameo Baroque Benefit: Sonatas, Suites, and Psalms—Sunday, May 12, at 2:00 pm

This superb ensemble (Ernie Drown, Beth Hilgartner, Leslie Stroud, and Laurie Rabut) shares some “unusual” French music by François Couperin, Marin Marais, Jean-Baptiste Quentin, and Jacques de Bournonville. *Free-will donation to benefit WISE; more at wiseuv.org and cameoarts.org.*

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

A celebration of music-making by each other, for each other! Recitals and class performances will happen at FCC and elsewhere around town. *Free to all; full details at uvmusic.org/events.*

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

Siblings Emmanuel and Frances Borowsky (violin and cello), soprano Laura Compton, and pianist Daniel Weiser celebrate women composers, including Rebecca Clarke, Mel Bonis, and NH's own Amy Beach. *Adults \$20, FCC members \$15, children free; more at classicopia.org.*

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

Now a nationally recognized artist, singer-songwriter Brooks Hubbard developed his particular folk-rock sound as a kid in Enfield, NH. He'll perform for the benefit of Good Neighbor Health Clinic, a vital community health resource. *Adults \$25; more at goodneighborhealthclinic.org.*

Cantabile Women's Chorus: Early Voices—Saturday, June 1, at 4:00 pm

This outstanding ensemble shares a captivating program of music from the Baroque and earlier. They'll sing G. F. Handel, Thomas Tallis, Claudio Monteverdi, and Antonio Vivaldi, the last with string quartet. *Admission by donation (\$15 suggested, or pay-as-you-can); more at www.cantabilewomen.org.*

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/.*



Happy Mother's Day!

Thanks to all who contributed to **CWS BLANKETS** this year!
With your generous contributions, to the glory of God and in loving
honor or memory of those listed below, Church World Service will...
blanket the world with love!

IN HONOR OF...

The brave mothers of Gaza who seek safety, shelter, and food for their children—*Ron Bailey*

Our daughters-in-law, Kristalyn and Nicole—*Kathy and Warren Belding*

Kathy Belding—*Warren Belding*

DeAnn Clancy and Amy Driscoll—*Grace, Katie, and Brian*

All of the mothers in our families—*Marcia Corkins and Pete Mason*

Ike's mom, Betty Adams; Ike's aunt, Terri Reese; daughter Heidi Preston; and granddaughters
Kristin Houdegbe, Stacey MacAskill, and Meagan Henry—*Linda and Ike Jacobs*

Linda, my wife for many wonderful and glorious years—*Isaac*

Marcia Corkins, a very special partner—*Pete Mason*

My mother, Beverly Moriearty—*Denise Moriearty*

Louise Parsons, Genevieve Kirkpatrick, Shawna Osmer, Tami Kirkpatrick, and Marcia Corkins—
Nan Parsons and Kailyn Rappaport

Des and Hannah; our moms, Kathy and Phyllis; and Aunt Emily—*Deb and Jon Scott*

Deserai, Grandma Debbie, Ama, Nanai, Nanny, Grammie Kimball, Great Grandma Kathy,
and Great Grandma Phyllis—*Walter, Xavian, and Emory Scott*

Frances Webber—*Rachel, Steve, and Chip*

All the special ladies at FCC who have been part of our lives, especially Linda Jacobs,
Lynn Anderson, Laura Place, and Betty Howard—*Rachel Smith-Jones and Travis Jones*

Juliet, mother and grandmother dearest; and Dominic's bonus grandmas at FCC—*Stacey and Dominic*

My mom, Lanny Natcher—*Dawn Troutman*

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IN MEMORY OF...

My mother and grandmothers—*Ron Bailey*

Our mothers, Glenda Perkins and Eleanor Belding—*Kathy and Warren Belding*

Sandy Driscoll, and many aunts and grandmothers—*Amy, Grace, Katie, and Brian*

Our mothers, Priscilla Avery and Charlotte Mason—*Marcia Corkins and Pete Mason*

Laura W. Place—*Sue and Ken Gould and Family*

Emily Maloon Pike, Evelyn Ruth Miles Hammond, and Gloria Pike Hammond—*Philip Hammond*

Linda's mom, Barbara Sumner; Linda's Gram, Ruby Sumner; Linda's aunt, Betty Sumner King; Linda's cousin, Donna King Castle; and dear friends Betty Howard, Laura Place, and Helen Smith—
Linda and Ike Jacobs

Marilyn Mason, my wife of 65 years—*Pete Mason*

Beatrice Parsons, Estella Shaw, and Joyce Smith—*Nan Parsons and Kailyn Rappaport*

My mother, Helen Walling—*Susan Pratt*

Grandmas Aya, Florence, Lona, and Naomi; and Aunt Jeanie—*Deb and Jon Scott*

My mother, Helen K. Smith—*Dr. Kenneth W. Smith*

JoAnn Smith and Ruth Silver—*Rachel, Steve, and Chip*

Our mothers, Isabelle Fitzpatrick Smith and Mary Beth Travis Jones; and our grandmothers, Helen Kelley Smith, Isabelle Saalwaechter Fitzpatrick, Beatrice Fuson Travis Greer, and Martha Ann Jones—*Rachel Smith-Jones and Travis Jones (and sons Thaddeus and Elias Jones)*

(Great)Grandma Gladys; and Aunts Dor, Sonia, Heather, and Dulcey—*Stacey and Dominic*

Sibby Linden, a beloved part of my mom tribe—*Dawn Troutman*



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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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