



**Anthem**                      “He Watching Over Israel” (*Elijah*)                      Felix Mendelssohn

## Children’s Moment

**Hymn 430** (p. 5)              *Rejoice, O Land, in God Thy Might*                      Wareham

## Scripture Lessons

*Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16.* <sup>1</sup>You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, <sup>2</sup>will say to the Lord, “My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.” [...]

<sup>9</sup>Because you have made the Lord your refuge, the Most High your dwelling place, <sup>10</sup>no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent.

<sup>11</sup>For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. <sup>12</sup>On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.

<sup>13</sup>You will tread on the lion and the adder, the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.

<sup>14</sup>Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name. <sup>15</sup>When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them. <sup>16</sup>With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

*Luke 4:1-13.* Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, <sup>2</sup>where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. <sup>3</sup>The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” <sup>4</sup>Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’”

<sup>5</sup>Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world.

<sup>6</sup>And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. <sup>7</sup>If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” <sup>8</sup>Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’”

<sup>9</sup>Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, <sup>10</sup>for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,’ <sup>11</sup>and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’” <sup>12</sup>Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” <sup>13</sup>When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

**Sermon**                      “Welcome to Lent”                      Gail T. Dimick

**Hymn 418** (p. 6)              *O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee*                      Maryton

## 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.*

We offer our ongoing prayers for Pete, Marcia, Arlene, Evelyn, Greg, Jan, Edith, Eileen, Waneta, Terry, Juanita, Dan, Travis, Garrett, Sue, Rick, Edward, Priscilla, Ron, Lauren, Brian, Micah, Al, Steve, Denzil, Jacobe, Reg, Chris, Pam, Ellen, Tricia, Deserai, Jon, Elizabeth, Dominic, and Steve.

We offer these prayers, with all the joys and concerns we hold in our hearts, in the name of your Son, 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**                    “He That Shall Endure to the End” (*Elijah*)                    Felix Mendelssohn

### **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*)

Faithful God, who journeys with us through the wilderness of our lives, as we offer these gifts, we remember your sustaining presence. In this period of spiritual renewal, strengthen us to resist temptation and guide us to live in community with love and grace. May these offerings be signs of hope and acts of compassion that reflect the love you have shown us in Christ. Empower us to rise together, supporting one another on this journey of faith and transformation. In the name of Jesus, our Redeemer, we pray. Amen.

**Hymn 165** (p. 7)            *The Glory of These Forty Days*                    Erhalt uns, Herr

### **Benediction**

**Postlude**                    *Fugue in G Major, op. 37, no. 2*                    Felix Mendelssohn

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### *Leading Worship This Week*

The Rev. Gail Temperley Dimick, Guest Pastor  
Ernie Drown, Organ/Piano • The FCC Choir • Brian Clancy, Liturgist  
Corrine Erskine and Ike Jacobs, Ushers • Linda Jacobs, Zoom Greeter

# Forty Days and Forty Nights

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George H. Smytlan, 1822-1870

Alt. by Francis Pott, 1832-1909, and others

HEINLEIN 7.7.7.7.

Attr. to Martin Herbst, 1654-1681

1 For - ty days and for - ty nights Thou wast fast - ing in the wild;  
2 Shall not we thy sor - row share, And from earth - ly joys ab - stain,  
3 And if Sa - tan, vex - ing sore, Flesh or spir - it should as - sail,  
4 Keep, O keep us, Sav - ior dear, Ev - er con - stant by thy side;

For - ty days and for - ty nights Temp - ted, and yet un - de - filed.  
Fast - ing with un - ceas - ing prayer, Glad with thee to suf - fer pain?  
Thou, his van - quish - er be - fore, Grant we may not faint nor fail.  
That with thee we may ap - pear At the e - ter - nal East - er - tide. A - men.

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.

If you would like to receive daily devotional reflections from Rev. Steve Silver during Lent, please contact the church office or email him directly at [silver@fccleb.org](mailto:silver@fccleb.org).

\* \* \* HOLY WEEK IS APRIL 13-20, 2025 \* \* \*

# Rejoice, O Land, in God Thy Might

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Robert S. Bridges, 1844-1930

WAREHAM L.M.

William Knapp, 1698?-1768

1 Re - joice, O land, in God thy might;  
2 Glad shalt thou be, with bless - ing crowned;  
3 He shall for - give thy sins un - told;

His will o - bey, him serve a - right;  
With joy and peace thou shalt a - bound;  
Re - mem - ber thou his love of old;

For thee the saints up - lift their voice:  
Yea, love with thee shall make his home  
Walk in his way, his word a - dore,

Fear not, O land: in God re - joice.  
Un - til thou see God's king - dom come.  
And keep his truth for ev - er - more. A - men.

The musical score is written in treble and bass clefs, 3/4 time, with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). It consists of five systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

# O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee

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Washington Gladden, 1836-1918

MARYTON L.M.

H. Percy Smith, 1825-1898

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with thee In low - ly  
2 Help me the slow of heart to move By some clear,  
3 Teach me thy pa - tience; still with thee In clos - er,  
4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray Far down the

paths of serv - ice free; Tell me thy se - cret, help me  
win - ning word of love; Teach me the way - ward feet to  
dear - er com - pa - ny, In work that keeps faith sweet and  
fu - ture's broad - ening way, In peace that on - ly thou canst

bear The strain of toil, the fret of care.  
stay, And guide them in the home - ward way.  
strong, In trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong.  
give, With thee, O Mas - ter, let me live. A - men.

# 165 The Glory of These Forty Days

1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we  
 2 A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the  
 3 So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, de -  
 4 Then grant that we like them be true, con -

cel - e - brate with songs of praise; for Christ, by whom all  
 lov - ing God who gave the law; and to E - li - jah,  
 liv - ered from the li - ons' might; and John, the Bride-groom's  
 sumed in fast and prayer with you; our spir - its strength-en

things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.  
 fast - ing, came the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.  
 friend, be - came the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.  
 with your grace, and give us joy to see your face.

Appropriate for singing at any time during Lent, this stately text connects Jesus' wilderness fast with the solitary testing of other prophetic souls: Moses, Elijah, Daniel, and John the Baptist. This sturdy 16th-century chorale melody formed the basis of Bach's *Cantata 126*.

TEXT: Gregory the Great, 6th cent.; trans. Maurice F. Bell, 1906, alt.  
 MUSIC: Klug's *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543; harm. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1725

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*The Anonymous Coffeehouse—Fridays, Mar. 14 and 28, Apr. 11 and 25, May 9, all 7:30 pm*

Our comfy community venue for live folk music continues its fifth season! Come and go as you please; food and drink available. *Free admission. For performers and more, visit [anoncoffee.org](http://anoncoffee.org).*

*Classicopia: Blowin' in the Winds—Friday, April 4, at 7:30 pm*

In an uncommon but expressive combination, pianist Dan Weiser joins oboist Margaret Herlehy and bassoonist Janet Polk for a selection of trios. Dan will also remember his Classicopia co-founder Marcia Colligan (1931-2025). *Adults \$20, FCC members \$15, children free; more at [classicopia.org](http://classicopia.org).*

*The Apple Hill String Quartet—Saturday, April 5, at 4:00 pm*

The Apple Hill Center for Chamber Music in Nelson, NH, is one of our state's musical treasures. Its renowned resident quartet offers eclectic programs, ranging from canonical works to new compositions and globally inspired pieces. *Adults \$25, under-18 free; more at [uwmusic.org](http://uwmusic.org).*

*Revels North Spring Sing with Andy Davis—Sunday, April 6, at 7:00 pm*

Celebrate the arrival of spring with the Revels Spring Chorale and special guest Andy Davis of Nowell Sing We Clear. Their program will offer a magical blend of traditional and modern folk songs—with plenty of audience participation! *Sliding-scale donation; tickets and more at [revelsnorth.org](http://revelsnorth.org).*

*Franz Joseph Haydn: The Seven Last Words of Christ—Palm Sunday, April 13, at 4:00 pm*

FCC welcomes a performance that has been a Holy Week tradition across Vermont for over three decades. Four singers (Martha Peck, Cara Hill, Brian Clancy, Jose Schmidt) join a string quartet (Susan Janes, Jane Tulloh, Jody Racht, Melissa Perley) for Haydn's bracingly dramatic, sublimely poignant portrayal of Christ's final hours on the cross. *Free-will donation; beneficiary TBD.*

### **It's Almost Time for the Lenten Lunch Bag Offering**

The arrival of Lent brings the **Children's Community Corner** Lunch Bag Offering! We ask for your participation in this annual collection of savings from a regular sacrifice during Lent. The total collection on Palm Sunday (April 13) will be split between **WISE of the Upper Valley** and **Epilogos Charities**. *(Decorated paper bags will be available, but not required to participate.)*

*The Children's Community Corner thanks you for supporting this stewardship project!*

### **Be the Light: One Great Hour of Sharing UCC Mission Offering**

This annual, nationwide UCC offering funds mission initiatives around the world. It supports healthcare, education, agriculture, refugee assistance, and disaster relief in over 130 countries. OGHs funds are leveraged with local, national, and global partners to maximize their impact.

*Please consider a contribution as you are able, and thank you for SHARING!*

*(Payable to FCC, with "OGHS" in the memo line. Contributions gratefully accepted until Easter.)*







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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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**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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