



First Congregational Church of Lebanon

United Church of Christ – Open and Affirming

TRINITY SUNDAY • Father's Day • Shelter Sunday

June 15, 2025

Science without religion is lame. Religion without science is blind.

–Albert Einstein

Kindly silence cell phones and other devices during worship. All hymns are included on pages 5-7.

Prelude *Prelude in E-flat, BWV 552* Johann Sebastian Bach

Call to Worship Psalm 8

One: O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.

All: Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.

One: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established;

All: What are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

One: Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor.

All: You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet,

One: All sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

All: O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Hymn 251 (p. 4) *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty* Nicaea

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

Musical Offering "If With All Your Hearts," from *Elijah*, op. 70 Felix Mendelssohn

Children's Moment

Scripture Lessons

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31. Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice? ²On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; ³beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out: ⁴“To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live. [...]

²²The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago.

²³Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. ²⁴When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water.

²⁵Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth—²⁶when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world’s first bits of soil. ²⁷When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, ²⁸when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, ²⁹when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, ³⁰then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, ³¹rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.

Romans 5:1-5. Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

John 16:12-15. ¹²“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

Sermon “*You Had to Be There*”

Robert Gerlach

Hymn 344 (p. 6) *Lead Us, Heavenly Father, Lead Us*

Dulce Carmen

Sharing of Joys and Concerns; Pastoral Prayer

As we hold community members in prayer, please exercise care and discretion when sharing.

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, Stacey, Juliet, Alicia, Terri, and Mike.

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

Sonata del Primo Tono

José Lidón

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*)

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation; through your goodness we have this money to offer, the fruit of our labor and of the skills you have given us. Take us and our possessions to do your work in the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Hymn 1 (p. 7)

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

St. Anne

Benediction

Postlude

Fugue in E-flat ("St. Anne"), BWV 552

Johann Sebastian Bach

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Leading Worship This Week

Robert Gerlach, Guest Preacher

Peter Beardsley, Guest Organist • Brian Clancy, Tenor • Bob Ross, Liturgist

Linda Gerlach and Phil Hammond, Ushers • Sue Pratt, 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@fccleeb.org or speak with the pastor directly.

Community Dinner Next Sunday, June 22—Food and Volunteers Needed

Many thanks to Dawn Troutman for leading another of our monthly dinners! Let's support her efforts with food donations and help with serving and cleanup. **Sign-ups coming soon.**

As always, all are welcome to come, eat, and enjoy fellowship—regardless of need or affiliation.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

Reginald Heber, 1783-1826

NICAEA 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.

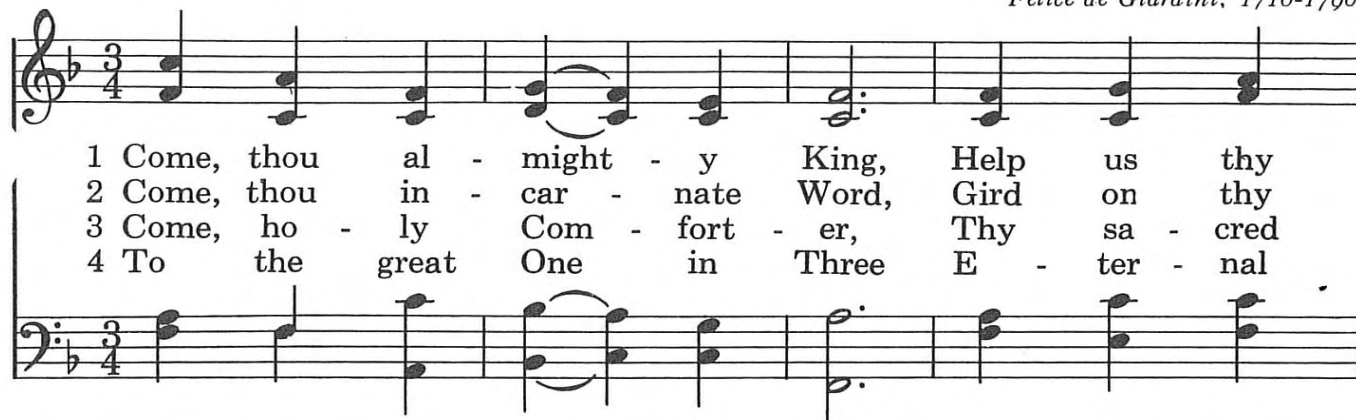
Come, Thou Almighty King

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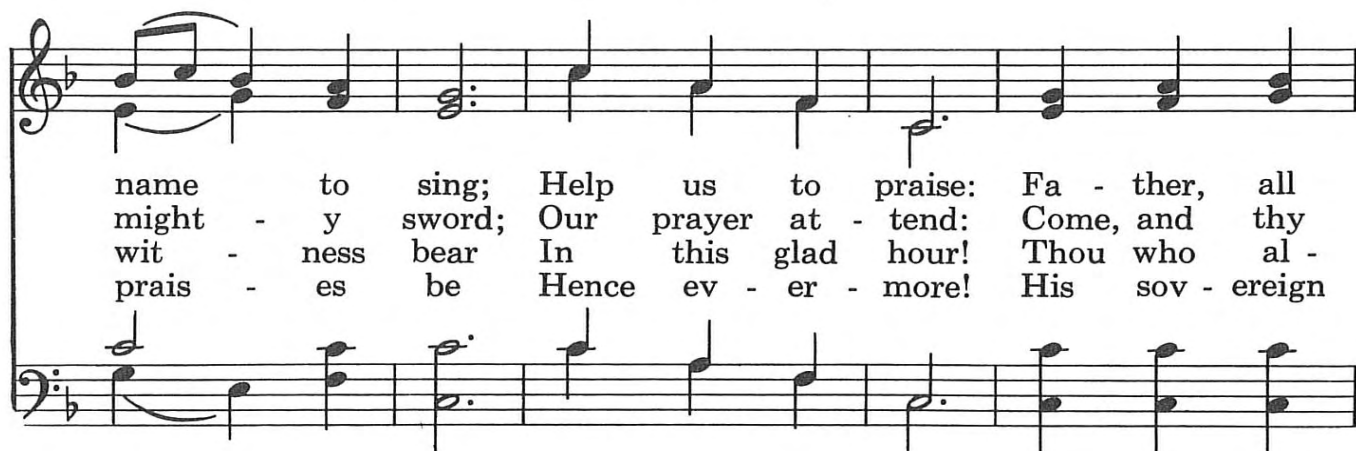
Anonymous, c. 1757

ITALIAN HYMN 6.6.4.6.6.4.

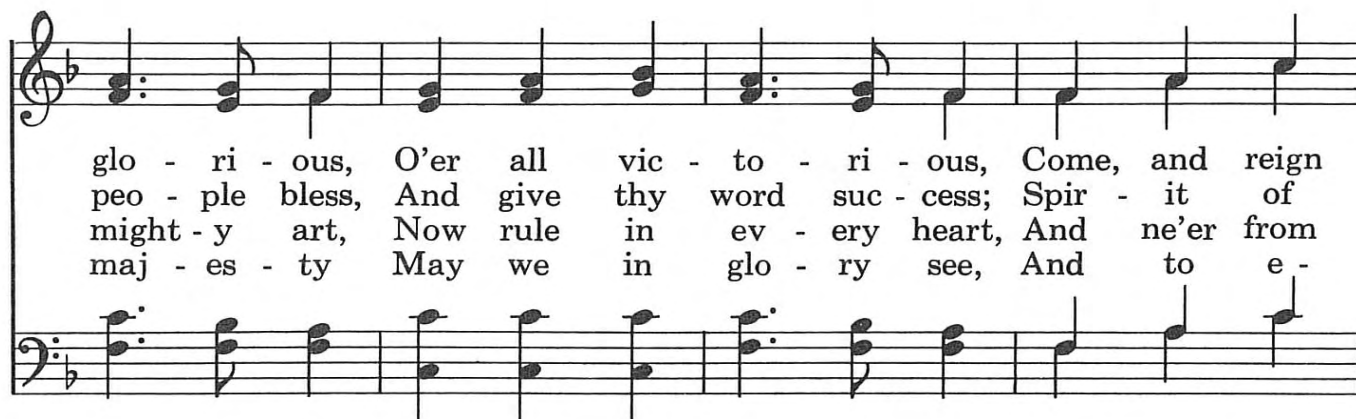
Felice de Giardini, 1716-1796



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.

Lead Us, Heavenly Father, Lead Us

James Edmeston, 1791-1867

DULCE CARMEN 8.7.8.7.8.7.

"An Essay on the Church Plain Chant," 1782

1 Lead us, heaven - ly Fa - ther, lead us O'er the world's tem -
 2 Sav - ior, breathe for - give - ness o'er us; All our weak - ness
 3 Spir - it of our God, de - scend - ing, Fill our hearts with

pes - tuous sea; Guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
 thou dost know; Thou didst tread this earth be - fore us;
 heaven - ly joy; Love with ev - ery pas - sion blend - ing,

For we have no help but thee, Yet pos - sess - ing
 Thou didst feel its keen - est woe; Lone and drear - y,
 Pleas - ure that can nev - er cloy; Thus pro - vid - ed,

ev - ery bless - ing, If our God our Fa - ther be.
 faint and wea - ry, Through the des - ert thou didst go.
 par-doned, guid - ed, Noth - ing can our peace de - stroy. A - men.

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

Based on Psalm 90
Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

ST. ANNE C.M.
Attr. to William Croft, 1678-1727

1 Our God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,
2 Un - der the shad - ow of thy throne Thy saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, Or earth re - ceived her frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight Are like an eve - ning gone,

Our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal home,
Suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, And our de - fense is sure.
From ev - er - last - ing thou art God, To end - less years the same.
Short as the watch that ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun. A - men.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away;
They fly, forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.

6 Our God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be thou our guard while troubles last,
And our eternal home.



Music
at the
Meetinghouse

JUNE CONCERTS

All in the FCC Sanctuary

Classicopia: Four Seasons Remix (Conversing with Vivaldi)—Sunday, June 22, at 2:00 pm
Dan Weiser joins violinist Veronika Sveshnikova and cellist Jacques-Pierre Malan for an intriguing juxtaposition of trios by Max Richter and Astor Piazzolla, each of which responds in distinct ways to Antonio Vivaldi's best-known work. Adults \$20, FCC mems \$15, children free; more at classicopia.org.

Oak Hill Music Festival: Season Four!—Week of June 23 (Three Concerts)

Hanover-born bassoonist Leah Kohn and violinist husband Niv Ashkenazi return with a coterie of other accomplished musicians for a week in residence. They'll play concerts here on June 25, in Norwich on June 28, and in Hanover June 29. Tickets and more at oakhillmusicfestival.org.

Frederick Douglass: What to the Slave Is Your Fourth of July?

Saturday, June 28, at 12:00 pm—Colburn Park (*Rain Location: FCC Sanctuary*)

All are welcome to participate in this community reading of Frederick Douglass' 1852 speech, a collaboration with the Black Heritage Trail of NH and part of Lebanon's Independence Day festivities. Members of the public are invited to take turns reading parts of the speech or just to come listen. Douglass' impassioned, provocative words broaden understanding of our nation's history and enter directly into our contemporary conversations about race and citizenship.

To volunteer to read (regardless of Lebanon residency), contact Brian at church@fccleb.org; for more about the Black Heritage Trail of NH, visit blackheritagetrailnh.org.

STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH—SPECIAL UCC OFFERING

This offering supports the growth of ministry and local congregations across the country. This year's theme—"Great and Wide"—suggests the diversified goal of establishing new churches and supporting existing ones. By renewing faith communities and funding fellowships for young, emerging leaders in our church, this program is vital to the health of our denomination.

Please give as you are able to this nationwide effort to support church growth. We will accept contributions (payable to FCC, memo "Strengthen the Church") until Labor Day. Thanks!

Do Your Part to Fill the Cart!

Join the fight against local poverty and food insecurity with contributions to our shopping cart in the Parish Hall. We're currently collecting non-perishable food and personal-care items for:

LISTEN COMMUNITY SERVICES

For a list of current and ongoing needs, please visit listencs.org/food-pantry#itemsweneedthemost 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!

THANKS TO ALL who generously participated in Shelter Sunday this year! We give these gifts to the glory of God, lovingly honoring and remembering the fathers in our lives.

IN HONOR OF...

My sons, Doug and Dave, and my grandson Forrest—*Ron Bailey*
Our dad, Warren—*Robert and Christopher* / Our sons, Rob and Chris—*Kathy and Warren Belding*
Isaac Jacobs, my loving husband, who is caring and helpful to so many—*Linda Jacobs*
Our grandsons-in-law, Etienne Houdegbe, Matt Henry, and Brenden MacAskill—*Linda and Ike*
“Special fathers,” including Robert D. Huestis MD, Reggie Morse, Brett Lewis, Bob Morse,
Travis Burlile, and David T. Huestis—*Barbara Jones*
My husband, Jon; our two sons, Walter and James; and Grandpa Ron—*Deb Scott*
Alan J. Smith—*Rachel, Steve, and Chip Silver*
Our wonderful fathers and grandfathers, Kenneth William Smith and Charles Allen Jones—
Rachel Smith-Jones, Travis Jones, and Thad and Elias Jones
My dad, John Troutman—*Dawn Troutman*

IN MEMORY OF...

My father, Durward Milton Bailey, and my grandfathers—*Ron Bailey*
Our fathers, Wayne Perkins and Robert F. Belding—*Kathy and Warren Belding*
Lloyd Bennett, Royal Bennett (Lloyd's Dad), and Roy Ford (Ginny's Dad)—*Ginny Bennett*
Bill Driscoll and Maury Clancy—*Amy, Brian, DeAnn, Katie, and Grace*
Our dads, Sherwood M. Avery and Carlton S. Mason, Sr.—*Marcia Corkins and Pete Mason*
Gordon “Doc” Place—*Sue and Ken Gould and Family*
Maurice Sumner (Linda's dad), Raymond Adams (Ike's dad), Arthur King (Linda's uncle),
Ellis Howard, and Doc Place—*Linda and Ike Jacobs*
My father, David L. Huestis—*Barbara Jones*
My father, Alfred Walling—*Susan Pratt*
Our dads, Ken and Jim, and Roger—*Deb and Jon Scott*
S. F. Silver—*Rachel, Steve, and Chip Silver*
My father, William A. Smith—*Dr. Kenneth W. Smith*
Our grandfathers, William Alfred Smith, Thaddeus Colson Fitzpatrick, John Allen Jones,
William Houston Travis, and Bill Greer—*Rachel Smith-Jones and Travis Jones*
My grandfathers, Alan Chamberlain and Charles Troutman—*Dawn Troutman*



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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.

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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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