



First Congregational Church of Lebanon

United Church of Christ – Open and Affirming

EASTER SUNDAY

April 17, 2022

“Easter was when Hope in person surprised the whole world
by coming forward from the future into the present.”

–N. T. Wright

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

Prelude

Rondeau Fanfare

Jean-Joseph Mouret

Easter Proclamation

Christ Conquers! Christ Reigns! Christ Commands!

Hymn 182 (p. 5)

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Easter Hymn

Call to Worship (*Unison*)

Adapted from Psalm 118

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever! Let Israel say, “His steadfast love endures forever.” The LORD is our strength and our might; he has become our salvation. There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: “The right hand of the LORD does valiantly; the right hand of the LORD is exalted; the right hand of the LORD does valiantly.” We shall not die, but we shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD. The LORD has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death. Open to us the gates of righteousness, that we may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD. This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it. We thank you that you have answered us and have become our salvation. The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the LORD’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Prayer of Invocation

God, though we worship in places near and far today, we welcome your Spirit as it joins us together as one people. Lift up our worship, inspire our prayers, infuse them with your grace, your love, your power. We pray these things in your Son’s name. Amen.

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

Children's Moment

Today's the Big Day! Easter is here! On this day we welcome someone important—not the Easter Bunny, nor the Easter Lobster, not even the Easter Moose. Now, I know that lots of people like the Bunny because, well, bunnies are cute, and the lobster and the moose seem appropriate for New England. No, the someone we welcome is Jesus, who was raised from the dead by God—the God who loves you and me, who does amazing things, who wants each of us to live life to the fullest, walking the path of Jesus. While we most likely won't meet any bunnies or lobsters or moose, we will meet Jesus, again and again. And that is a blessing.

Hymn 188 (p. 6) *Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day*

Puer Nobis Nascitur

Scripture Lesson

John 20:1-18. Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes.

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹²and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Sermon

“Seeing Is Believing”

Stephen R. Silver

Hymn 193 (p. 7)

Thine Is the Glory

Judas Maccabeus

Sharing of Joys and Concerns; Pastoral Prayer

As we hold our community members in prayer, please exercise care and discretion when sharing. Help us keep our prayer list current by contacting the church office to add or remove names.

Today we offer our ongoing prayers for Pete, Lloyd, Arlene, Evelyn, Barbara, Greg, Edith, Jan, Eileen, Michelle, Stephanie, Paulette, and Carolin.

We pray for the people of Ukraine, that they may know peace. We pray, too, for the Russian leadership, that their hearts may be renewed and turned to you, and for the Russian people, that they may be freed from tyranny and corruption.

We pray for all those struggling with financial challenges, reduced hours and unemployment, and fears about the future.

We pray for wisdom and humility from all our leaders.

We pray for all people to walk the path of Jesus.

Today we also offer this prayer for Easter:

Almighty God, it is with gratitude and wonder that we thank you for this Easter, coming as it does after a long, weird, trying year. We are grateful for the insight and wisdom with which you have blessed us. We are grateful for the vaccines that have saved lives and allowed us once again to gather together. Help us, we pray, to make the most of this new life. Though we are uncertain of what the future holds, of when this pandemic will finally be behind us, we can be sure of your love, your power, your grace. We can be sure of the great thing that happened some 2,000 years ago: the resurrection of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. In him, through him, the light overcame the darkness, despair yielded to hope, and death was conquered by life. We confess these things knowing that sometimes it is hard for us to live as Easter People; still, you love us, each of us and all of us. For this we give thanks and praise, saying Alleluia! Christ the Lord is risen today!

We pray this, and all the joys and concerns we hold in our hearts, in the name of Jesus Christ, 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

The Easter Song of Praise (Exultet)

Richard Shephard

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 resurrection hope, on this day of joyful celebration we present to you this offering, inspired by the wondrous gift of new life you have shared with us in our risen Lord. We are confident that our gifts will contribute to the building of your Kingdom of love and grace. In Jesus' name we pray, Alleluia, Alleluia, Amen!

Hymn 187 (p. 8)

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Llanfair

Benediction

My friends, life is short. We do not have too much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us. So, be swift to love, and make haste to be kind.

Now go forth with the love of God, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, this day and forevermore. Amen.

Postlude

Trumpet Tune

Henry Purcell

ALLELUIA! HE IS RISEN! HAPPY EASTER TO ALL!

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Leading Worship This Morning

The Rev. Stephen R. Silver, Pastor

Ernie Drown, Organ/Piano • The FCC Choir • James Laffan, Trumpet

Linda and Ike Jacobs, Ushers • Bob Gerlach, 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.

UCC Emergency Appeal for Ukrainian Refugee Assistance

The UCC is working both as a member of the ACT Alliance and through the relief agency of the Reformed Church in Hungary. Visit www.ucc.org/global-h-o-p-e/ukraine-emergency-appeal/.

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

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Charles Wesley, 1707-1788 alt.

EASTER HYMN 7.7.7.7. with Alleluias

Arr. from "Lyra Davidica," 1708

1 Christ the Lord is risen to - day,
2 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King,
3 Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Al - - le - lu - ia!
4 Soar we now where Christ has led,
5 Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!

Sons of men and an - gels say:
Where, O death, is now thy sting?
Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, Al - - le - lu - ia!
Fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head,
Praise to thee by both be given,

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high,
Dy - ing once, he all doth save,
Death in vain for - bids him rise, Al - - le - lu - ia!
Made like him, like him we rise,
Thee we greet tri - um - phant now,

Sing, ye heavens, and earth re - ply:
Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave?
Christ has o - pened Par - a - dise, Al - - le - lu - ia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies,
Hail, the Res - ur - rec - tion thou! A-men.

A descent may be found at No. 100

Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day

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Latin: 5th century?

Tr. John M. Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR L.M.

Adapted by Michael Praetorius, 1571-1621

Harm. by George R. Woodward, 1848-1934

1 Joy dawned a - gain on East - er Day, The sun shone
 2 O Je - sus, King of gen - tle - ness, Do thou thy -
 3 O Lord of all, with us a - bide In this our

out with fair ar - ray, When to their long - ing eyes re -
 self our hearts pos - sess That we may give thee all our
 joy - ful East - er - tide; From ev - ery wea - pon death can

stored, The A - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord.
 days The will - ing trib - ute of our praise.
 wield Thine own re - deemed for ev - er shield. A - men.

Thine Is the Glory

Edmond L. Budry, 1854-1932
Tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875-1939

JUDAS MACCABEUS 5.5.6.5.6.5.6.5. with Refrain
Georg F. Handel, 1685-1759

1 Thine is the glo - ry, Ris - en, con-que-ri-son; End - less is the
2 Lo! Je - sus meets thee, Ris - en from the tomb; Lov - ing - ly he
3 No more we doubt thee, Glo - rious Prince of life! Life is nought with-

vic - tory Thou o'er death hast won. An - gels in bright rai - ment
greet thee, Scat - ters fear and gloom; Let his church with glad - ness
out thee; Aid us in our strife; Make us more than con-querors,

Rolled the stone a way, Kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
Hymns of tri - umph sing, For her Lord now liv - eth;
Through thy death - less love; Bring us safe through Jor - dan

REFRAIN

Where thy bod - y lay.
Death hath lost its sting. Thine is the glo - ry, Ris - en, con-que-ri-son.
To thy home a - bove.

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Latin: 14th century
 English translation, "New Version," 1698
 Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, Sl. 4

LLANFAIR 7.7.7.7. with Alleluias
 Melody by Robert Williams, c.1781-1821
 Harm. by John Roberts, 1822-1877

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day,
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing: Al - - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en - dured,
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove:

Our tri - umph - ant ho - ly day,
 Un - to Christ, our heav - en - ly King, Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured,
 Praise e - ter - nal as his love,

Who did once up - on the cross,
 Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Now a - bove the sky he's King,
 Praise him, all ye heav - en - ly host,

In unison
 Suf - fer to re - deem our loss.
 Sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Where the an - gels ev - er sing:
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.



***Classicopia: Fabulous Females (Celebrating Women Composers)*—Friday, April 22, at 7:30**

Virtuoso violinist and Hanover native Roseminna Watson joins pianist Dan Weiser for an evening of great music by women composers, including Clara Schumann, Florence Price, Pauline Viardot, and NH's own Amy Beach. *Adults \$20, FCC members \$15, children free; more at www.classicopia.org.*

***The Anonymous Coffeehouse*—Saturday, April 23; Fridays, May 8 and 20, all 7:30**

This highly popular venue for established and emerging musicians features several acoustic acts, and patrons may come and go as they please; baked goods and non-alcoholic drinks are available.

And it's all free of charge, so please come and enjoy! *For more details, visit anoncoffee.org.*

***Intersections: Bach, Merlet, and Mendelssohn*—Sunday, April 24, at 2:00**

Cameo Arts presents this benefit program by a superb ensemble—flautist Leslie Stroud, cellist Peter Zay, and pianist Matthew Odell. They'll play selections by Johann Sebastian Bach, Felix Mendelssohn, and contemporary French composer Michel Merlet. *Free-will donation to support the International Rescue Committee (IRC), assisting refugees in Ukraine and Poland; visit www.rescue.org.*

***Bel Canto Chamber Singers*—Saturday, April 30, at 7:30 / Sunday, May 1, at 4:00**

We're delighted to have Bel Canto return to our Sanctuary under the direction of Jane Woods! The program features music for choir, strings, timpani, and piano, including a premiere by NH composer Travis Ramsey. *Adults \$15, students \$10, under 13 free; more at www.belcantosingers.org.*

***Nicolas Babineau and Alexis Chartrand*—Saturday, May 7, at 7:00**

UVMC and Vermont Violins bring us this talented duo, who explore the Québécois musical universe with fiddle, guitar, and foot percussion and offer an intimate, truly contemporary vision of the repertoire. *Adults \$15 or \$25 w/afternoon workshop; more details at uvmusic.org.*

***Classicopia: Broadway Violin Encore!*—Sunday, May 15, at 1:00**

Violinist Tim Schwartz returns for a reprise of last summer's popular "Broadway Violin" concert with pianist Dan Weiser. *Adults \$20, FCC members \$15, children free; more at www.classicopia.org.*

***Cameo Baroque: Music of Johann Sebastian Bach*—Saturday, May 21, at 7:00**

Our own Ernie Drown brings back his superb ensemble for an evening celebrating the master of Baroque music. *Free-will donation (\$20 suggested), beneficiary TBD; more at www.cameoarts.org.*

***Roseminna Watson, Violin, and Melody Fader, Piano*—Sunday, May 22, at 3:00**

Having shared an excellent concert with us last October, this pair of friends returns with a new program for spring. *Program and more details coming soon.*

***Cantabile Women's Chorus: Gloria!*—Sunday, June 5, at 4:00**

We are delighted to welcome back Cantabile for a concert originally planned for January but canceled due to COVID. The program includes music of Antonio Vivaldi, Johannes Brahms, and a new commission from Philip Silvey to commemorate Cantabile's 20th anniversary last year.

Adults \$15, students/seniors \$10, under 13 free; more at www.cantabilewomen.org.



ALLELUIA! HE IS RISEN! HAPPY EASTER!

We are grateful to all those who offered contributions to our **OPEN DOOR
MINISTRY** in loving honor or memory of all those listed below.

IN HONOR OF...

Our children and grandchildren—*Kathy and Warren Belding*

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

Betty Adams, Ike's mom; Terri Reese, Ike's aunt; Carey and Craig, our children;
and Terry Grigsby, dear friend—*Linda and Ike Jacobs*

Louise Parsons (G. G.), Larry Kirkpatrick (Grandpap), and David Rappaport (Daddy)—
Nan Parsons, Shawna Osmer (Mommy), and Kailyn Rappaport

Our children, Des and Walter and Hannah and James; and our parents, Kathy, Phyllis, and Ron—
Deb and Jon Scott

Juliet Marion, mother and grandmother extraordinaire—*Dominic and Stacey*

My parents—*Dawn Troutman*

IN MEMORY OF...

My son Dan—*Ron Bailey*

Sam Bellino, our daughter-in-law's father—*Kathy and Warren Belding*

Dorothy and Roy Ford, and Lula and Royal Bennett—*Virginia and Lloyd Bennett*

Roy "Ro" Westmoreland and Grandma Jane Callahan—*The Callahan Family*

Our parents—*Marcia Corkins and Pete Mason*

Mom and Dad, Laura and Gordon "Doc" Place—*Sue and Ken Gould and Family*

Larry Doyle—*Gloria and Phil Hammond*

Raymond Adams, Ike's dad; Maurice, Barbara, and Ruby Sumner, Linda's parents and grammy;
Betty Sumner King, Linda's aunt; Betty and Ellis Howard; Laura and Doc Place—*Linda and Ike Jacobs*

Donald Parsons (Bop), Robert Parsons (Gramps), Uncle Leo, Beatrice Parsons (Naunta), and
Estelle Shaw (Nana)—*Nan Parsons, Shawna Osmer (Mommy), and Kailyn Rappaport*

Carol Ann Mistretta, our daughter, and Charles Lewis Sargent, our son—*Barbara and Gordon Sargent*

Ken, Jim, and Roger; Grandpa Ken and Grandma Aya; Grandpa Emory and Grandma Naomi;
and Aunt Jeanie—*Deb and Jon Scott*

Aunt Jeanie—*Deserai and Walter Scott*

Our loved ones—*Rachel, Steve, and Chip Silver*

Grandma Gladys; Grandpa Hezekiah; Grand-Aunt Doris; Aunts Sonia, Heather, and Dulcey;
and Uncle Noel—*Dominic and Stacey*

Gene Beaudry, Jack Ledyard, Maxine Stolzenberg, and Mrs. Nobitz,
all of whom have departed this earth in the last month—*Dawn Troutman*

Marshall Hunter Ulf—*Nancy Ulf*



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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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