

Children's Moment

We had a WIC clinic at the church this past week. Women, Infants, and Children is a government program that serves families in need across the country in many ways. When we were approached about being a host site a few years ago, we readily volunteered our Parish Hall. This is something we should take pride in.

We share our space with others, and it's not hard to do. All too often, though, we think we don't have the ability to help out—but when we really look at what we have, we realize we are blessed with so much. Sharing with others—this is a way of helping out, of doing what we are called by Jesus to do.

Hymn 503 (p. 6) *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*

Unser Herrscher

Scripture Lessons

Acts 11:1-18. Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³saying, “Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?” ⁴Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵“I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’ ⁸But I replied, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ ⁹But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’ ¹⁰This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹²The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.’ ¹⁵And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ ¹⁷If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?” ¹⁸When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, “Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.”

Revelation 21:1-6. Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples,

Offertory

If Ye Love Me

Thomas Tallis

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 heaven and earth, you share with us countless blessings. In thanksgiving, we now share with others what you have given to us. Let this morning's offering serve as a sign of the boundless grace that is to be found and shared in your Kingdom. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Hymn 576 (p. 8)

For the Healing of the Nations

Westminster Abbey

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

Fugue in C Major, BUXWV 677

Dieterich Buxtehude

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Leading Worship This Week

The Rev. Stephen R. Silver, Pastor

Ernie Drown, Organ/Piano • The FCC Choir • Denise Moriearty, Liturgist

Linda and Bob Gerlach, Ushers • Linda Jacobs, Zoom Greeter

Celebrate the Children's Community Corner—Children's Sunday, June 12

After another "remote" year, the **Children's Community Corner** is excited to lead worship and mark the end of the school year. Please join us for this special moment in our communal life!

If you and/or your children are interested in participating or have questions, please contact Nan Parsons (nlp3721@yahoo.com/603-863-8354) or the church office.

* * * **Upstanders for the Children of Ukraine—A 3C's Fundraiser!** * * *

Concerned about the children caught in the tragedies of war in Ukraine, FCC's kids want to help! They're making Ukrainian-style eggs, cross necklaces, and baked goods to offer for a donation on Children's Sunday. (*Delivery can be arranged for those who'd like something but can't attend that day.*) **All donations will be sent to a reputable charity providing resources for Ukraine's children.** For questions or delivery requests, please contact Nan Parsons.

The Church of Christ, in Every Age

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Fred Pratt Green, 1969

1 The church of Christ, in every age be -
2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the
3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a

set by change, but Spir - it led, Must
vic - tims of in - jus - tice cry For
car - ing church that longs to be A

claim and test its her - i - tage and
shel - ter and for bread to eat, and
part - ner in Christ's sac - ri - fice, and

keep on ris - ing from the dead.
nev - er live be - fore they die.
clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.

Poet Fred Pratt Green has been a chaplain, parish minister, administrator, and playwright. Since retiring from parish responsibilities in 1969, he has been an active hymnwriter and makes his home in Norwich, England.

Tune: WAREHAM L.M.
William Knapp, 1738

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Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

Benjamin Schmolak, 1672-1737
Tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878

UNSER HERRSCHER 8.7.8.7.7.
Melody by Joachim Neander, 1650-1680

1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me en - ter there,
2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee, Come thou al - so un - to me;

Where my soul in joy - ful du - ty, Waits for him who an - swers prayer.
Where we find thee and a - dore thee, There a heaven on earth must be.

O how bless - ed is this place, Filled with sol - ace, light, and grace!
To my heart O en - ter thou, Let it be thy tem - ple now.

Remember Bike & Build? They're Coming Back!—June 14-16

For almost 20 years, this inspiring program has raised funds, participated in construction projects, and advocated for affordable housing in a series of national and regional biking trips. FCC has hosted B&B's Northern Route since 2008, but all routes were canceled in 2020-21 because of the pandemic. In June we will once again open our building to these enterprising, dedicated young adults for two nights, on their journey from Portsmouth to Bellingham, WA. While in town, they'll work on projects with UV Habitat and Cover Home Repair.

Our plans for serving the Biker-Builders during their stay are still evolving, but if you are willing to volunteer in some way, please contact the church office. For more about this incredible program and its cross-country routes, visit bikeandbuild.org/routes/.

O Holy City, Seen of John

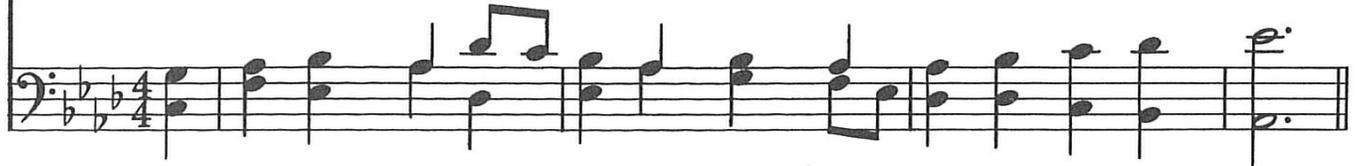
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W. Russell Bowie, 1882-

MORNING SONG 8.6.8.6.8.6.
Melody, "Kentucky Harmony," 1816
Harm. by C. Winfred Douglas, 1867-1944



1 O ho - ly cit - y, seen of John, Where Christ, the Lamb, doth reign,
2 O shame to us who rest con - tent While lust and greed for gain
3 Give us, O God, the strength to build The cit - y that hath stood



With-in whose four-square walls shall come No night, nor need, nor pain,
In street and shop and ten - e - ment Wring gold from hu - man pain,
Too long a dream, whose laws are love, Whose ways are broth - er - hood,



And where the tears are wiped from eyes That shall not weep a - gain,
And bit - ter lips in blind de - spair Cry, "Christ hath died in vain!"
And where the sun that shin - eth is God's grace for hu - man good.



4 Already in the mind of God
That city riseth fair:
Lo, how its splendor challenges
The souls that greatly dare,
Yea, bids us seize the whole of life
And build its glory there.

For the Healing of the Nations

Fred Kaan, 1965

1 For the heal - ing of the na - tions, God, we pray with
 2 Lead us for - ward in - to free - dom; from de - spair your
 3 All that kills a - bun - dant liv - ing, let it from the
 4 You, Cre - a - tor God, have writ - ten your great name on

one ac - cord; for a just and e - qual shar - ing
 world re - lease, that, re - deemed from war and ha - tred,
 earth be banned; pride of sta - tus, race, or school - ing,
 hu - man - kind; for our grow - ing in your like - ness

of the things that earth af - fords; to a life of
 all may come and go in peace. Show us how through
 dog - mas that ob - scure your plan. In our com - mon
 bring the life of Christ to mind, that by our re -

love in ac - tion help us rise and pledge our word.
 care and good - ness fear will die and hope in - crease.
 quest for jus - tice may we hal - low life's brief span.
 sponse and ser - vice earth its des - ti - ny may find.

Fred Kaan's most widely published text was first sung at Pilgrim Church in Plymouth, England, at a service of worship marking Human Rights Day in 1965. It has been used for many subsequent occasions, including the twenty-fifth anniversary of the United Nations.

Tune: WESTMINSTER ABBEY 8.7.8.7.8.7.
 Henry Purcell, c. 1680
 Arr. Ernest Hawkins, 1842

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Classicopia: Jewish Broadway—Sunday, May 15, at 1:00

Violinist Tim Schwarz and pianist Dan Weiser follow up last year's popular "Broadway Violin" concert with a prequel featuring Broadway's golden years, in tunes by Irving Berlin, Jerome Kern, Harold Arlen, and George Gershwin. *Adults \$20, FCC members \$15, children free; more at classicopia.org.*

The Anonymous Coffeehouse—Friday, May 20, at 7:30 (Season Finale!)

Come enjoy this popular community venue for live local music, before it breaks for the summer! Baked goods and non-alcoholic drinks available, all free of charge. *For more, visit anoncoffee.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) to benefit the work of Doctors Without Borders in Ukraine; more at www.cameoarts.org and www.doctorswithoutborders.org.*

Roseminna Watson, Violin, and Melody Fader, Piano—Sunday, May 22, at 2:00

After a wonderful concert here last fall, these friends return with a new program ranging from W. A. Mozart and Frédéric Chopin to Claude Debussy, George Gershwin, and more. *Adults \$20, students/artists \$15, children \$5; tickets and more at www.eventbrite.com (search "Roseminna" in Lebanon, NH).*

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.*

Counterpoint: The Woods and the Waters—Friday, July 15, at 7:30

Director Nathaniel Lew brings VT's professional choral ensemble back to Lebanon for the first time in four years to celebrate landscapes near and far, with guest pianist Alison Cerutti. Music by Jude Navari, Benjamin Britten, and NH's own Amy Beach, along with the premiere of a piece by composer Travis Ramsey and poet Jim Schley—who both live in the Upper Valley. *Adults \$20, seniors \$15, students and limited means \$5; more at counterpointchorus.org/upcoming/.*

Register Now for Classicopia's Summer Music Camp!—Two Sessions: August 8-13 and 15-20

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/.*

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/.

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.



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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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