



## The Third Sunday after Pentecost

“There is something deeply hypocritical about praying for a problem you are unwilling to solve.”

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

Johann Christoph Bach

Psalm 77:11-15

**People:** I will meditate on all your work, and muse on your mighty deeds.

**People:** You are the God who works wonders; you have displayed your might among the peoples.

**All:** With your strong arm you redeemed your people, the descendants of Jacob and Joseph.

# Lobe den Herren

## 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.

## Children's Moment

One of the interesting things about my ministry is the work I get to do beyond the four walls of our church. Whether I'm visiting a parishioner, or serving on a hospital board, or working on behalf of the United Church Funds, all I do is part of my ministry. It is part of doing the work I and, frankly, all of us are called to do on behalf of Jesus Christ.

Working together, helping out is what Jesus would have us do. As you get older, you will be asked to volunteer to lend your knowledge and energy to other organizations beyond your family or employer. My hope is that you will respond positively and with enthusiasm.

Hymn 240 (p. 6)      *Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove*

St. Agnes

### Scripture Lessons

**2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14.** Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. <sup>2</sup>Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel.” But Elisha said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel. [...]

<sup>6</sup>Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. <sup>7</sup>Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. <sup>8</sup>Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

<sup>9</sup>When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.” Elisha said, “Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.”

<sup>10</sup>He responded, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.” <sup>11</sup>As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. <sup>12</sup>Elisha kept watching and crying out, “Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

<sup>13</sup>He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. <sup>14</sup>He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, saying, “Where is the Lord, the God of Elijah?” When he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

**Luke 9:51-62.** <sup>51</sup>When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. <sup>52</sup>And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; <sup>53</sup>but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. <sup>54</sup>When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, “Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?” <sup>55</sup>But he turned and rebuked them. <sup>56</sup>Then they went on to another village.

<sup>57</sup>As they were going along the road, someone said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” <sup>58</sup>And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.” <sup>59</sup>To another he said, “Follow me.” But

he said, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.” <sup>60</sup>But Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” <sup>61</sup>Another said, “I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home.” <sup>62</sup>Jesus said to him, “No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

**Sermon**                      “Blowin’ in the Wind”                      Stephen R. Silver

**Hymn 241** (p. 6)              *Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers*                      Nun danket all’

### **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, Juanita, Terry, Dan, and Ethan.

We pray for the people—especially the youth—of Ukraine, that they may know peace.

O God, who speaks to us in a still small voice, who calls to us in the maelstrom, we wish to hear you. Give us the wit, the ability, to heed your word, to listen to your call, even if it is inconvenient. Like Elisha, we wish to receive your spirit. And though there are times our actions contradict this desire, we pray you know that what we want is to grow closer to you, to be shaped by you, to be shaped by your love, grace, and saving power.

We pray this, and 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**                      *Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior*                      Jan Bender

### **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, who has given us everything, we give you our thanks. We know our gratitude can never measure up to your generosity, but you still welcome it. We hope, we pray that we will learn from your example and do likewise. As we present our gifts this morning, we resolve to be more appreciative, to be more helpful, to remember that there are those in this world who desperately need our help and our love. It is our blessing to be able to do this, for your children, our sisters and brothers in Christ. Amen.

Hymn 727 (p. 7)      *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant*

Servant Song

## Benediction

Postlude      *Prelude on St. Fulbert*

Craig Sellar Lang

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## *Leading Worship This Week*

The Rev. Stephen R. Silver, Pastor

Lester Gibbs, Guest Organist • Stacey Steele, Liturgist

Corrine Erskine and Sue Pratt, 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](mailto:prayer@fccleb.org) or speak with Rev. Silver directly.*

## **Service of Ordination and Outdoor Reception for Eliot Fay This Sunday, June 26, at 2:00 pm—FCC Sanctuary**

All are invited to join in celebrating this momentous achievement in Eliot's journey in ministry—which our congregation has helped shepherd and sponsor for the past several years, through the Grafton-Orange-Sullivan Association. A light outdoor reception will follow. *Congratulations, Eliot!*

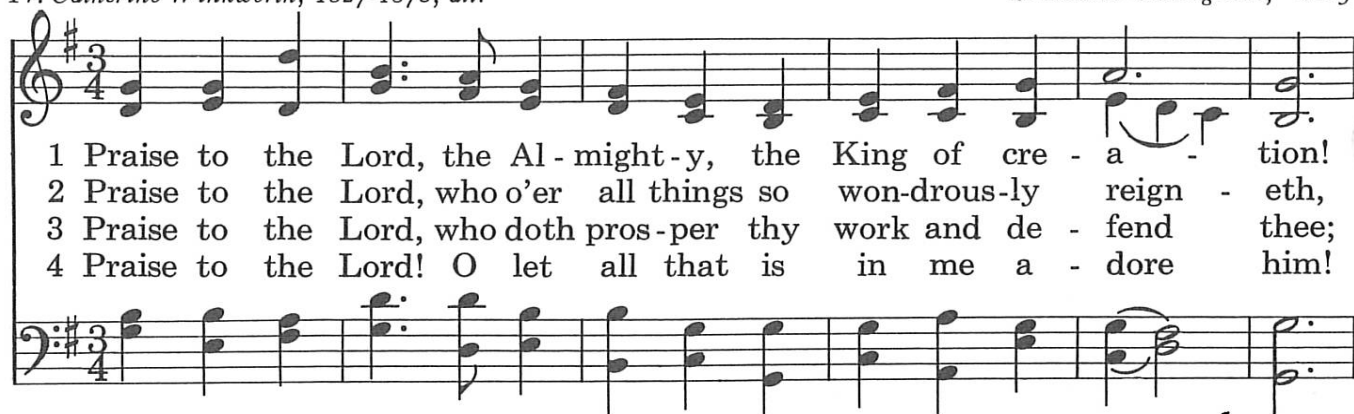
## Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Joachim Neander, 1650-1680

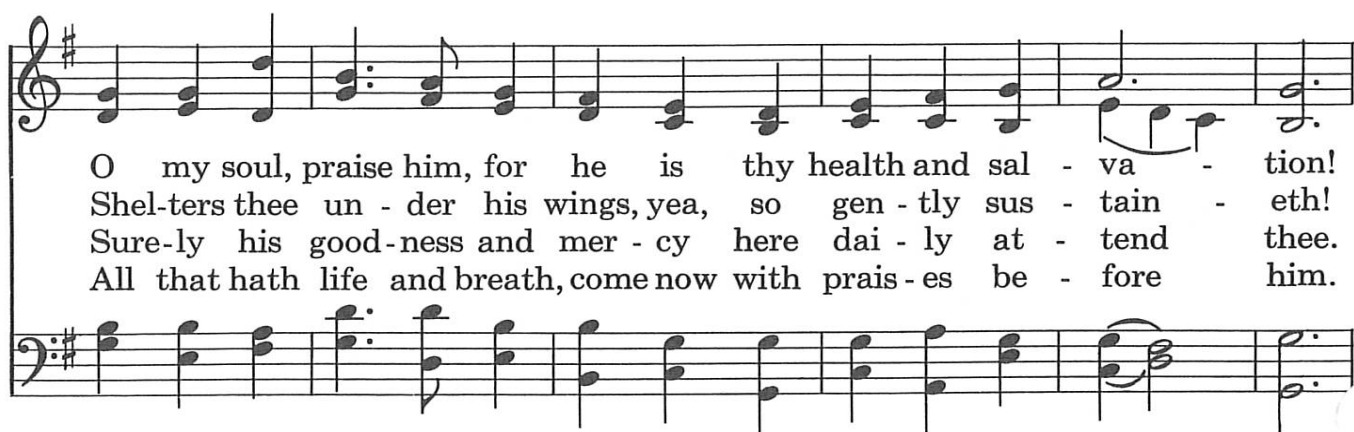
Tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.

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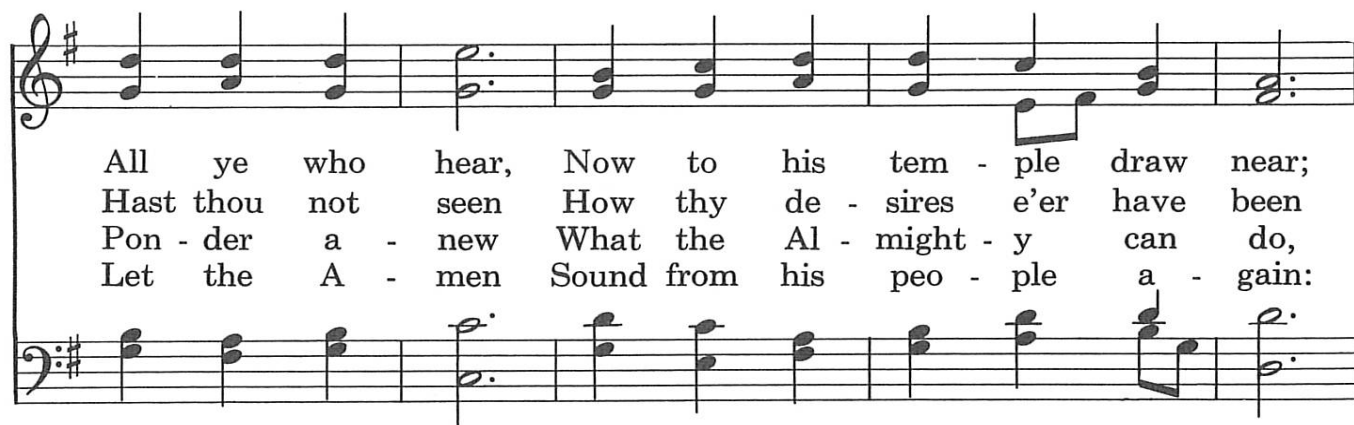
"Stralsund Gesangbuch," 1665



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al-might-y, the King of cre-a-tion!  
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous-ly reign-eth,  
 3 Praise to the Lord, who doth pros-per thy work and de-fend thee;  
 4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a-dore him!



O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and sal-va-tion!  
 Shel-ters thee un-der his wings, yea, so gen-tly sus-tain-eth!  
 Sure-ly his good-ness and mer-cy here dai-ly at-tend thee.  
 All that hath life and breath, come now with prais-es be-fore him.



All ye who hear, Now to his tem-ple draw near;  
 Hast thou not seen How thy de-sires e'er have been  
 Pon-der a-new What the Al-might-y can do,  
 Let the A-men Sound from his peo-ple a-gain:



Join me in glad ad-o-ra-tion!  
 Grant-ed in what he or-dain-eth?  
 If with his love he be-friend thee.  
 Glad-ly for aye we a-dore him. A-men.

# Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove

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Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

ST. AGNES C.M.  
John B. Dykes, 1823-1876

1 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, heaven-ly Dove, With all thy quick-ening powers;  
2 In vain we tune our for - mal songs, In vain we strive to rise;  
3 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, heaven-ly Dove, With all thy quick-ening powers;

Kin - dle a flame of sa - cred love In these cold hearts of ours.  
Ho - san-nas lan-guish on our tongues, And our de - vo - tion dies.  
Come, shed a-broad a Sav-ior's love, And that shall kin - dle ours. A - men.

# Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers

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Andrew Reed, 1787-1862

NUN DANKET ALL' C.M.  
Melody by Johann Crüger, 1598-1662

1 Spir - it di - vine, at - tend our prayers And makethis house thy home;  
2 Come as the fire, and purge our hearts Like sac - ri - fi - cial flame;  
3 Come as the dove, and spread thy wings, The wings of peace - ful love,  
4 Spir - it di - vine, at - tend our prayers And makethis world thy home;

De-scend with all thy gra-cious powers, O come, great Spir-it, come!  
Let our whole soul an offer-ing be To our Re-deem-er's name.  
And let thy Church on earth be-come Blest as the Church a - bove.  
De-scend with all thy gra-cious powers, O come, great Spir-it, come! A-men.

# Will You Let Me Be Your Servant 727

## The Servant Song



1, 6 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me  
 2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney; we're to -  
 3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the  
 4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you  
 5 When we sing to God in heav - en, we shall



be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the  
 geth - er on the road. We are here to help each  
 night - time of your fear. I will hold my hand out  
 laugh I'll laugh with you. I will share your joy and  
 find such har - mo - ny, born of all we've known to -



grace to let you be my ser - vant too.  
 oth - er walk the mile and bear the load.  
 to you, speak the peace you long to hear.  
 sor - row till we've seen this jour - ney through.  
 geth - er of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.  
 (repeat stanza 1)

The opening and closing stanza expresses the essence of this folk-style song about the mutuality of servant ministry: those who serve must also be willing to be served. This is what Christ intended when he commanded the disciples to "wash one another's feet" (John 13:14).

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THE SERVANT SONG  
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### ***Oak Hill Music Festival—Wednesday, July 13, and Saturday, July 16, both at 7:30***

Hanover-born bassoonist Leah Kohn, back in the Upper Valley after establishing an impressive performance career in Los Angeles, inaugurates what she hopes to build into an annual festival of professional musicians and exciting repertoire, both familiar and innovative. They'll use FCC as a rehearsal space and offer two programs here, entitled "From the New Hampshire Woods" and "Breath." *Complete details, musician information, and ticket options at [www.oakhillmusicfestival.com](http://www.oakhillmusicfestival.com).*

### ***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/](http://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/](http://classicopia.org/summer-camp/).*





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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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