

# The Mount Carmel Congregational Church

*A United Church of Christ*



*Angels Playing Musical Instruments*, Hans Memling, Panel  
from a Triptych from the Church of Santa Maria (c.1487-90)

**Third Sunday After Pentecost**  
**June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

Prelude

“Sonata in F Major”

*Arr. G.F. Handel*

Valerie Duffy

Flute

## Greeting and Announcements

## Passing of the Peace of Christ

### Call to Worship

Leader: There is quiet water in the center of your soul,

**People: Where a son or daughter can be taught what no man knows.**

Leader: There’s a fragrant garden in the center of your soul,

**People: Where the weak can harden and a narrow mind can grow.**

Leader: There’s a rolling river in the center of your soul,

**People: An eternal giver with a rich and endless flow.**

Leader: There’s a land of muses in the center of your soul,

**People: Where the rich are losers and the poor are free to go.**

Leader: So remain with me, then, to pursue another goal.

**People: And to find your freedom in the center of your soul.**

**\*Hymn** “When in Our Music God is Glorified” NCH #561

### Prayer of Confession

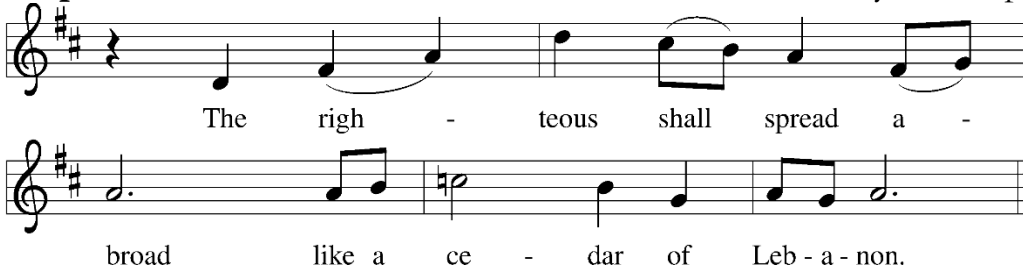
*(In Unison)*

**Gracious God, forgive us that we call you “Our Father” but fail to live as your children. We do not trust you as we should, preferring instead to follow our own inclinations. We are reluctant to accept your will, repeatedly disobeying your instructions. We are slow to ask your guidance, but swift to forget you and wander from your side. We all too rarely thank you for what we have, but all too often complain when we do not receive what we ask for. Always you have loved us: forgive our feeble response.**

## Words of Assurance

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 92: 1-4, 12-15

Lynn Campo



The righ - teous shall spread a -  
broad like a ce - dar of Leb - a - non.

- <sup>1</sup> It is a good thing to give thanks | to the LORD,  
to sing praise to your name, | O Most High;
- <sup>2</sup> **to herald your love | in the morning  
and your faithful- | ness at night;**
- <sup>3</sup> on the psaltery, and | on the lyre,  
and to the melody | of the harp.
- <sup>4</sup> **For you have made me glad by your | acts, O LORD;  
and I shout for joy because of the works | of your hands. R**
- <sup>12</sup> The righteous shall flourish | like a palm tree,  
and shall spread abroad like a ce - | dar of Lebanon.
- <sup>13</sup> **Those who are planted in the house | of the LORD  
shall flourish in the courts | of our God;**
- <sup>14</sup> they shall still bear fruit | in old age;  
they shall be | green and succulent;
- <sup>15</sup> **that they may show how up- | right the LORD is,  
my rock, in whom there is | no injustice. R**

**Sermon**

“Does *Sing to the Lord a Joyful Hymn*  
actually require singing?”

Tom Duffy



## Special Music “God Our Maker, Guide Our Living”

The image shows a musical score for three voices: Soprano, Alto/Tenor, and Bass. The music is in 4/4 time and consists of a single line of melody. The lyrics are: "God our Mak - er, guide our liv - ing." The Soprano part is on a treble clef, the Alto/Tenor part is on a treble clef, and the Bass part is on a bass clef. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens under "Mak - er" and "liv - ing".

## \*Hymn “Sing to the Lord a Joyful Hymn” [Page 6]

### The Joys and Concerns of the Parish Family

Please remember the following persons in your prayers: Carol Fitzsimons; Marilyn Bronson; Karl Paulette; Amos Hewitt; Rhonda Pruzinsky; and Gilbert Spencer.

### Moments of Silent Prayer

### Pastoral Prayer

#### The Lord’s Prayer

*(In Unison)*

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy names. 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

## Call to Offering

### Offertory

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### \*The Doxology

*(In Unison)*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,*

*Praise God all creatures here below,*

*Praise God for all that Love has done,*

*Creator, Christ, and Spirit—One. Amen.*

### \*Prayer of Dedication

*(In Unison)*

Generous God, we offer these gifts in gratitude for all you have given us. Teach us to measure our wealth not by what we have, but by what we can share. May what we offer reflect your generosity and spread your love throughout your church, your people, and your creation. Amen.

### \*Hymn

“God Our Maker, Guide Our Living”

The musical score is written in 4/4 time and consists of three staves. The Soprano staff uses a treble clef, the Alto/Tenor staff uses a treble clef, and the Bass staff uses a bass clef. The lyrics are: "God our Mak - er, guide our liv - ing." The melody is simple and homophonic, with a final note on each staff having a fermata.

## Benediction

### Postlude

“Sonata in F Major”

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*As a community of faith, gathered in Christ's love,  
we strive to support one another in hearing the Word,  
living the Word, and sharing the Word.*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

As a reminder, during Reverend Milton’s absence, pastoral support will be provided by Rev. Dr. Ginger Brasher-Cunningham, his wife and pastor of First Congregational Church of Guilford. If at any time you need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the office and we will put you in touch with her.

The office will be closed the week of June 18<sup>th</sup> through June 20<sup>th</sup>. This will not affect any groups that meet in the Hall and/or Parlor. If you require immediate assistance during this time, please feel free to contact me by email at [office@mccucc.com](mailto:office@mccucc.com).

We are always looking for Ushering and Coffee Hour Volunteers. If you are interested, please contact Aren in the office, or use the sign-up sheet now located near the main entrance to the Parish House.

Copies of the 2024 Directory are available in the Office. If you would like a digital copy of our Directory, please fill out the following Google Form (<https://mccucc.tiny.us/directory>) and we will send you a copy as soon as possible. If you would like a physical copy, please contact the office and we will set a copy aside for you.

\*Hymn

“Sing to the Lord a Joyful Hymn”

1 Sing to the Lord a joy - ful song, lift up your  
2 For life and love, for rest and food, for dai - ly  
3 For strength to those who on Him wait His truth to

hearts, your voi - ces raise; to us His gra - cious  
help and night - ly care, sing to the Lord, for  
prove, His will to do, praise ye our God, for

gifts be - long, to Him our songs of love and praise.  
He is good, and praise His name, for it is fair.  
He is great, trust in His name, for it is true.

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of two flats (Bb and Eb). It consists of three systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.



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