

# FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF HANOVER

**UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST**

We Strive to Be a Church that Welcomes All and Empowers All in  
Christ to Share their God Given Talents.



**Sunday, March 3, 2019 at 9:30 AM**

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**Church Office Hours:** Monday - Thursday, 8:30-2:30

**Sexton Karen Tripp:** Tuesday and Thursday, 9-2

Sermons, anthems, the church newsletter and the weekly bulletin are available on  
our Website.

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# *Transfiguration Sunday*

**To Our Guests:** We are grateful that you are with us this morning. As a people of God, our most important activity is worship. You are invited to attend any of the activities listed in the bulletin.

- **Children:** All children, regardless of their age, are welcome to stay in worship with their parents. There are activity bags located in the narthex at the front entrance of the church.
- **If you need a place to be with your infant or toddler,** we invite you to use the nursery located through the front door of the sanctuary to the right of the pulpit. The service can be viewed in the nursery on a flat screen television.

## **OUR WORSHIP SERVICE**

\*standing as you are able

### **Gather and Pray**

**PRELUDE:** Please enter a quiet time of reflection when the prelude music begins

\***OPENING HYMN AND CHOIR PROCESSES** *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty* Red Pilgrim #251

\***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*(During the welcome, please sign and pass the Friendship Pad to your neighbor)*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Lay Reader: May we give way to glory, O God. May we let the light tangle with our lives that we may see what you see in us.

**People: May we see what you see - a love born in eternity that finds a home in our souls and wants to be there.**

Lay Reader: May we see what you see - a word, a vision, a wisdom, that carries the weight of our humanity to the heights of heaven's glory.

**People: May we give way to glory and dare its splendor to rekindle our faith and transfigure our lives.**

### **Open the Bible**

**HEBREW BIBLE LESSON**

Exodus 34:29-35

Old Testament page #81

<sup>29</sup> Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. <sup>30</sup>When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. <sup>31</sup>But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. <sup>32</sup>Afterwards all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. <sup>33</sup>When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; <sup>34</sup>but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, <sup>35</sup>the Israelites would see the face of

Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

**GOSPEL BIBLE LESSON**

Luke 9:28-36

New Testament page 69

<sup>28</sup>Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup>And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>30</sup>Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. <sup>31</sup>They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup>Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. <sup>33</sup>Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah'—not knowing what he said. <sup>34</sup>While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. <sup>35</sup>Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' <sup>36</sup>When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

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. Amen.

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

**Activate Faith**

**MESSAGE**

*Transfiguration*

Rev. Eric

**HYMN OF BLESSING**

*Bread of the World, in Mercy Broken*

Red Pilgrim #283

**COMMUNION** (Please eat the bread when served and wait and hold the cup until minister indicates you are to drink. All the bread is gluten-free.)

**Proclamation of God's Love in Christ (Minister)**

For God so loved the world that God gave us the only begotten son that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

**Invitation of Christ (Minister)**

Come unto me, all you that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Ask, and it shall be given to you; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For everyone that asks, receives; and the one that seeks, finds; and to the one that knocks, it shall be opened. Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength; and thy neighbor as thyself.

**Communion Prayer (In unison)**

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord, Amen.

**Prayer of Confession (In unison)**

Almighty and most merciful God, we have made mistakes and strayed from your ways at times like lost sheep. We have followed too much the desires of our own hearts. We have left

undone those things which we ought to have done; and have done those things which we ought not to have done. O God, have mercy upon us as we confess our faults. And grant that we may live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

**Sursum Corda and Sanctus**

**Minister:** Lift up your hearts.

**People:** We lift them up unto the Lord.

**Minister:** Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

**People:** It is right to do so.

**Minister:** It is right and our duty that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to our everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we magnify God's glorious name; evermore praising God, and saying:

**People and Minister:** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts, Heaven and earth are full of your glory; glory be to you, O Lord most high. Amen.

**Distribution of the Bread and Cup**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving (In Unison)**

Our gracious God, we thank you for loving the world into existence and sustaining all of life by your goodness. With gratitude we recall that you revealed yourself through prophets and teachers and most fully in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, our Lord and Savior.

Through the power of your Spirit, let us know afresh the joy of Christ's living presence, the strength to face every circumstance of life, and the knowledge that nothing can ever separate us from your love. Amen.

*DEACON'S OFFERING: When we celebrate Communion, we take a special additional offering to provide short term assistance to those in our church community who have monetary needs that they cannot meet. The Diaconate collects the offering, but all funds are distributed confidentially by the Senior Pastor. Special offering plates are located along the back wall with the bulletins.*

**Send and Transform with Our Gifts and Actions**

**OFFERING OF SELF AND GIFTS AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

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.

**SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**SILENT PRAYER AND PASTORAL PRAYER**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

*"Glowing"*

Rev. Eric

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Deacon John Wall

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.

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

*Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

Blue Chalice #422

**\*BENEDICTION AND POSTLUDE**

*After the service please join us downstairs in the Vestry for light refreshments and fellowship.*



**SERVING IN GOD’S HOUSE THIS MORNING**

- ◇ Greeting you this morning are members of the Youth Fellowship and Christian Education.
- ◇ The Lay Reader is Randy Fearon.
- ◇ The altar flowers are given by Colleen, Paige, Drew and Dayna Stroshine in celebration of Rev. Eric’s and of Carol Powers’ birthdays.
- ◇ Our Coffee Hour is hosted by Sally Romano.
- ◇ The Deacon of the week is John Wall.

**PRAYER LIST**

- \*The family of Chris, Greg Rubbio’s cousin, who passed this past week.
- \*Hazel Straughn, friend of Ruth Hall
- \*Cathy Bradley, Sandy Adami’s cousin, and her family on the death of her son Charles (CJ) on February 5
- \*Eva, recovering from brain surgery at 8 weeks
- \*The family of Arnold Itz, who passed February 5
- \*The Coose family, grandchildren of Gail Briggs

- \*Wally Kemp at home
- \*Jim Francis
- \*Bill Spooner, son of Elaine Spooner
- \*Darrius Fiske
- \*Erica, daughter of Ginny Hunt, eye issues

**BULLETIN PRAYER REQUESTS:** *Please complete one of the cards in the pews and place it in the box on the front of the balcony, in the basket to the right of the altar, or give it to an usher. This will allow for the most accurate listing of your concern. Folks will remain on this list for 4 weeks unless you update your request.*



**ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018**  
**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF HANOVER**  
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Copies of the Annual Report with financials are available in the narthex. Please take one for your reference. Note that there are openings on several committees.

**CHURCH SPONSORED EVENTS TODAY AND IN THE DAYS AHEAD**

Today: No Sunday School  
9:30 am: Worship Service  
10:45 am: Junior Choir in choir room  
11:00 am: Joint Confirmation Class in Riley Hall  
1:30 pm: Meal preparation in Riley Hall Kitchen for homeless shelter

Monday: 10:30 am: Bible Study in Pastor's Office  
7:30 pm: Bible Study in Pastor's Office

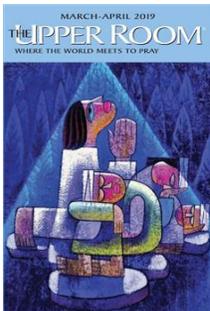
Tuesday 7:00 pm: Communication Committee Meeting in Riley Hall meeting room  
7:00 pm: Financial Peace Class in Riley Hall meeting room #1

Wednesday: 10:00 am: Thrift Shop  
6:00 pm: Ash Wednesday Soup Supper at church  
7:00 pm: Ash Wednesday Communion Service  
7:00 pm: Prayer Shawl in church office

Thursday: No Yoga  
7:00 pm: Cabinet Meeting in the vestry

Saturday: 10:00 am-2:00 pm: Thrift Shop Open

Sunday: 8:30 am: Choir Practice  
9:20 am: Sunday School  
9:30 am: First Sunday of Lent, Worship Service, Rev. Eric preaching,  
Deacon of the week, Marianne Christensen  
11:00 am: Christian Education Meeting  
11:00 am: Confirmation Class in Pastor's Office



**TAKE A COPY OF THE MARCH-APRIL UPPER ROOM FOR YOUR DEVOTIONS**

**PLAN NOW TO JOIN US FOR THE ASH WEDNESDAY  
SOUP SUPPER AT 6 PM  
AND  
THE ASH WEDNESDAY COMMUNION SERVICE AT 7 PM,  
BOTH ON MARCH 6**



*Ash Wednesday*  
Soup Supper



## SUPER SATURDAY, MARCH 16 AT 8:00 AM TO 3:30 PM IN WILBRAHAM , MA



Join us for a full day of worship, workshops and networking in Wilbraham, Massachusetts, the hometown of Rev. Eric. All are welcome! The day includes continental breakfast, morning worship, 2 workshops, an optional lunch activity, lunch, and closing worship. The workshops are listed here. **Simplifying Church Structure:** Participants in this workshop will explore ways to simplify church structure, so that you have fewer

meetings and more ministry. **Vacation Bible School: Creating Your Own Program** Have you ever thought about writing your own Vacation Bible School/Camp program? You can do it! **Who is My Neighbor?:** Using community organizing techniques this workshop will help you develop a plan to meet your neighbors, live and in person, and learn from them how your church's strengths might matter to them. **Fundraising 101: A Beginner's Guide to Funding your Ministry:** This workshop will introduce three major areas of fundraising: Grant writing, your annual appeal, and using social media to boost your audience & visibility. **Storytelling as Evangelism: Sharing Yourself and the Good News:** In a world where being "Christian" is not always embraced we are challenged to follow Jesus' commission to talk about our faith. **Millennial Ministry:** A panel of young adults will share as young adults in/outside of the church. They will talk about what creates meaningful engagement with congregations. **Practicing Discernment With Youth:** Looking for ways to nurture youth towards mature faith? Want to help your teens stay attuned to the voice of God? **Digital Content: Bringing Your Church Online:** People spend a lot of time online. How can we take the spiritual content resources that we provide in our churches and put it online? How we might monetize the content for supporting our ministries. **Engaging in Social Media Ministry:** We will cover setting up your strategy, fun and engaging ideas for regular posts, online community-building, and tools to help implement your church's social media ministry. **Beer and Hymns:** Your parish need not confine its appreciation of hymnody to the church sanctuary. Why not sing hymns with gusto in a relaxed, public setting and invite other churches to share in making a joyful noise? **Multi-Church Youth Group - You Can Do It, Too!:** Learn from folks who are making their Multi-Church Youth Group a success! We will discuss best practices for collaboration and execution of engaging programs for young people. More information on workshops can be found at, <https://www.macucc.org/eventdetail/11156586>. **If interested in going put "SS" next to your name on the friendship pad or email reveric@fcchanover.org.**

### ON SATURDAY, MARCH 16, BUILD WITH HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

FCC Hanover will participate in a *FAITH BUILD DAY* on Saturday, March 16. The work day begins at 7:45 am and ends at 3:30 pm. The minimum volunteer age is 16 years old. All tools and safety equipment are provided. During the Faith Build Day our group will work alongside a Habitat partner family to help them build their home. No previous construction skills are needed. Please contact Ruth Hall ([rnannyruthie@aol.com](mailto:rnannyruthie@aol.com) or 781-585-1869) if you are interested in participating.



### ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING - SUNDAY, MARCH 31

Through OGHS lives are transformed through support that provides clean water, food, medicine, shelter, health care, education, and disaster relief throughout the world. OGHS envelopes will be provided for this special offering to be taken on the fourth Sunday of Lent – March 31.



### MERRIWEDS THEATRE EVENT SUNDAY, MARCH 31

All are invited to join Merriweds for a matinee performance of Evita! at the Company Theatre in Norwell on Sunday, March 31 at 3:00 pm; tickets are \$44. You may purchase your tickets online, by calling the Box Office at (781) 871-2787, or in person at the Box Office Monday - Friday, 11:00 am to 5 pm. Everyone is also welcome to join the group at the Beijing House for dinner following the show. Please contact Linda Wall for dinner reservations (wall.law@gmail.com or 781-293-5848). If anyone needs transportation from Riley Hall, please contact Sandy Adam: sandraead-ami@gmail.com or 781-826-2970. Any questions, contact either Sandy Adami or Linda Wall.

### 7 JULY 2019 – 13 JULY 2019 US/MEXICO BORDER TOUR

The South East Area Mission and Justice Committee is partnering with the UCC's "Romero Center for Border Ministries and Strategies," to provide you with a unique interactive experience of the United States border with Mexico. You will see first-hand the terrain, obstacles, and challenges faced by both Border Patrol Agents and migrants from Mexico and Central America. Now more than ever people in the US need to know the complicated reality of the struggle and sorrow at our southern national border. Regardless of your political views on current border issues, you will find that exploring the terrain, meeting the people, and learning about Border Patrol operations highly educational. COST: \$675 for program in San Diego, USA, and Tijuana, Mexico. Plane fare and inexpensive lodging (being arranged by the Romero Center) are separate. For more information CALL: 617-688-8905

