



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. We Are an Open and Affirming Church.



Sunday, March 15, 2020 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

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Bible Sunday and Third Sunday in Lent

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.
- **Sunday School:** Our exciting program is for children preschool to 8th grade. Sunday School starts at 9:20 am in Riley Hall across the street. Adults will lead the children from Riley Hall to the church to join the congregation at 10:20 am. **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

RINGING OF THE BELL AND A TIME OF SILENCE

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

***OPENING HYMN & CHOIR PROCESSION** O Worship the King Red Pilgrim #6

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORDS OF WELCOME AND *PASSING OF THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 95)

Leader: O come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

People: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

Leader: let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

People: For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

Leader: In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.

People: The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

Leader: O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

People: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

INVOCATION (in unison)

Merciful God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE INTRODUCTION

⁵So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. ⁷A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. ⁸(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' ¹¹The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?' ¹²Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' ¹³Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' ¹⁵The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.' ¹⁶Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' ¹⁷The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; ¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' ¹⁹The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' ²¹Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' ²⁵The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' ²⁶Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.' ²⁷Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking with her?' ²⁸Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ²⁹'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?' ³⁰They left the city and were on their way to him. ³¹Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, eat something.' ³²But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' ³³So the disciples said to one another, 'Surely no one has brought him something to eat?' ³⁴Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. ³⁵Do you not say, "Four months more, then comes the harvest"? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. ³⁶The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal

life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷For here the saying holds true, “One sows and another reaps.” ³⁸I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labour.’³⁹ Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, ‘He told me everything I have ever done.’ ⁴⁰So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. ⁴¹And many more believed because of his word. ⁴²They said to the woman, ‘It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.’

***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

SERMON

Barriers Washed Away

Rev. Terry

***HYMN**

My Faith Look Up to Thee

Red Pilgrim #348

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

***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.

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

Ella Grace Taylor, Dean Michael Mavilia, Billy Gardner,
Landon Robert Rubio, Ian Douglas Troupe

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Rev. Terry

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**

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Red Pilgrim #93

***BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE**

POSTLUDE

*After the service please join us downstairs in the Vestry
for a special Bible Sunday celebration cake and a time of fellowship.*

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE THIS MORNING

- ◇ Greeting you this morning is Karen Tripp.
- ◇ Our Lay Reader is Ginny Hunt.
- ◇ The altar flowers are given by the Flower Committee in honor of Bible Sunday.
- ◇ Coffee Hour is hosted by the Christian Education team.
- ◇ The Deacon of the month is Marianne Christensen.

PRAYER LIST

- *Don White, recovering from surgery
- *Kailyn Hewitt, health related problems
- *Pamela Lapham, sister-in-law of Ruth Hall, with kidney failure
- *Patricia Blois, friend of Ruth Hall, with autoimmune complications
- *Edward Alexander

- *Steven Vernazzaro, son of Dolly Johnson
- *Laura Paine
- *Johanne Morrison
- *Prescott Henderson
- *Susan Alexander
- *Karyn Hall, Lynn White's sister
- *Lynn White
- *Carol Caldeira

***BULLETIN PRAYER REQUESTS:** Please complete one of the cards in the pews and place it in the offering plate, or 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*



CHURCH SPONSORED EVENTS TODAY AND IN THE DAYS AHEAD

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| Today: | 9:20 am: Sunday School |
| | 9:30 am: Worship Service |
| | 11:00 am: Confirmation Class in Riley Hall |
| Monday: | 7:00 pm: Bible Study in Riley Hall lower level |
| Wednesday | 10:00 am-2:00 pm: Thrift Shop Open |
| | 7:00 pm: Moonlighters in Riley Hall room #7 |
| | 7:00 pm: Search Committee in Riley Hall |
| Saturday: | 10:00 am-2:00 pm: Thrift Shop Open |
| Sunday: | 8:30 am: Choir Practice |
| | 9:20 am: Sunday School |
| | 9:30 am: Worship Service, Rev. Terry preaching, <i>Blame Game</i> ,
John 9:1-41, Deacon of the month Marianne Christensen |



TODAY IS BIBLE SUNDAY

Our third grade students will receive their own personalized Bible and read a Bible verse that represents what their faith means to them during the worship service. Join us for Coffee Hour to celebrate this important milestone!

TIME TO APPLY FOR COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

The First Congregational Church of Hanover will award a college scholarship to one or more high school graduating members of the church. This scholarship is awarded in recognition of a youth's involvement in church activities and is offered only to either a confirmed member of the church or to a student whose parents/guardians are covenant members. If you are eligible, please send in a completed application along with a letter of recommendation from a church committee member to the Christian Education (CE) Committee no later than April 30, 2020. Download an application from the home page of our website under Latest News. Application submissions can be made via email to scholarshipFCCHanover@gmail.com. If you are a scholarship recipient, you must attend Baccalaureate Sunday on June 7, 2020 in order to receive the scholarship check. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the scholarship/completion of application, please do not hesitate to contact Kim Crimi at scholarshipFCCHanover@gmail.com



INSPIRED BY GIVING

The Stewardship committee is seeking new members to help us inspire giving within our congregation and wider community. Please contact Rebecca Wolongevicz (rmeader@une.edu) to find out more.

HELP US REACH OUR GOAL OF 60+ HYGIENE KITS

The forsythia branches in the Narthex are filled with cards for our Church World Service project of collecting hygiene kits. Please take a card, gather the items listed, and put them in a one-gallon plastic bag with a zipper closure. These kits are sent wherever there are families struggling to remain healthy in the face of natural disasters, violence and grinding poverty. Do not include toothpaste, money or any other items not specified here: one hand towel 16X28); one wide-tooth comb removed from the package; one wash cloth; one nail file or clipper; one bar of soap; one tooth brush in original package; ten standard-size Band-Aids.

We will continue to collect Hygiene Kits through April 12.





The Prayer Chain and Called to Care ministries are active! These prayer warriors keep in touch with those on our prayer list, sending cards, making phone calls, and providing meals. If you would like to have someone added to the Prayer Chain, please contact Reverend Terry. Information on the prayer chain is confidential. Always get the permission of the person before adding their name to the prayer chain.

MOONLIGHTERS GO INTERNATIONAL ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

Come to the Moonlighters International Dinner at the home of Sandy Vaughn on Wednesday, March 18 at 6:30 pm. If you were not at the February meeting, please call Dayna Scribi at 781 826-8590 to see what part of the menu you may contribute toward.



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING – SUNDAY, MARCH 22

Through the OGHS we plant seeds of new life. Together we invest in communities world-wide, providing education, empowering communities through vocational training, supporting microcredit lending to offer people a path to self-sufficiency, and participating in sustainable solutions that offer dignity to all. OGHS provides clean water, food, 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 22.



EASTER LILIES WILL GO ON SALE SUNDAY

DON'T MISS OUR NEXT MEETING FOR OUR CHURCH PROFILE

Come contribute your thoughts as we develop our Church Profile at congregational gatherings directly after the Sunday morning worship service.

- March 29** - We will declare "Who is our neighbor?"
- April 26** – We will envision "Who is God calling us to be?"





APRIL 10 GOOD FRIDAY WALK EASES SUFFERING

Easter is right around the corner! Once again we will be organizing a team for the Good Friday Walk in Hingham. If you are interested in being a part of this walk to raise funds, please contact Ruth Hall at 781-585-1869 or rnannyruthie@aol.com. The Sharing, Inc. Good Friday Walk to raise awareness of the problems faced by African-American children in the rural South will be celebrating its 49th year in 2020. If you are unable to walk with us (approximately 18 miles), we would appreciate being sponsored by members of the church and their families. Sponsor sheets will be available in mid-March.

VOLUNTEER FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

We are looking for individuals who would like to become part of a team to work on a Habitat House. Entrance fee funding is available. If you are interested, please contact Ruth Hall at 781-585-1869 or at rnannyruthie@aol.com.



COMING UP - PRAYER SHAWL BLESSING ON SUNDAY, MAY 3

On Sunday, May 3, we will have a prayer shawl and afghan square blessing during the worship service. Anyone in the congregation can make prayer shawls or knitted squares. Afghan squares are either 6" by 6" or 12" by 12 inches. The simpler the square, the easier it will be to put together. They can either be given to the prayer shawl ministry or brought to the church the day of the blessing. At this time we will be sharing afghans with the Lakota.

All shawls are blessed prior to sharing them with others.

DID YOU GET YOUR TICKETS?

JOIN THE MERRIWEDS AT THE POPS: BETTE, BABS & BEYOND
Sunday, May 17 at 3:00 pm at Memorial Hall, 83 Court St, Plymouth,
followed by dinner at Isaac's, 114 Water St, Plymouth

Steven Karidoyanes conducts the Plymouth Philharmonic and guest Broadway vocalists in a brilliant tribute to these iconic women of music. Choose your own seats and buy your tickets on the Plymouth Philharmonic (<https://www.plymouthphil.org/plymouth-philharmonic-concert-season.asp>). You may purchase tickets in person at the Box Office located at 32 Court Street, Mon - Fri. 9 - 5, or call the Box Office at 508-746-8008. **Please contact Cindy Shaw if you have any questions: 781-826-8948 Or cs0710@icloud.com**

