



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, May 28, 2023 at 9:30 AM

Pentecost and Confirmation Sunday

Our Worship Service

*Please stand as you are able.

Prelude

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

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: The day of Pentecost is here; the day when flames of faith dance in our hearts.

People: **The day of Pentecost is here; the day when babbling speech becomes Good News for the world.**

Leader: The day of Pentecost is here; the day when God's love is seared into our souls.

All: **The day of Pentecost is here; let the people of God rejoice!**

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

***Processional Hymn** *God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian* Blue Hymnal #450

Morning Prayer

Spirit of God, we have gathered together in this place to pray and to make ourselves ready for your coming. Give us faith that when you come like the wind we may hear what you are saying to us and discern your will. Holy Spirit, with the whole church we wait for you in every place and every generation. Come, come, Fire, come Truth, come Love. In Jesus name. Amen.

Confirmation Ceremony

Confirmation Vows

Question: Do you desire to affirm your baptism into the faith and family of Jesus Christ?

Candidate: I do.

Question: Do you promise, by the grace of God, to be Christ's disciple, to follow in the way of our Savior, to resist oppression and evil, to show love and justice, and to witness to the work and word of Jesus Christ as best you are able?

Candidate: I promise, with the help of God.

Question: Do you promise, according to the grace given you, to grow in the Christian faith and to be a faithful member of the church of Jesus Christ, celebrating Christ's presence and furthering Christ's mission in all the world?

Candidate: I promise, with the help of God

Question: Do you promise to participate in the life and mission of this family of God's people, sharing regularly in the worship of God and enlisting in the work of this local church as it serves this community and the world?

Candidate: I promise, with the help of God.

Congregation's Vow:

Pastor: Let us, the members of First Congregational Church of Hanover, United Church of Christ, express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ.

Congregation: We promise you our continuing friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.

Anthem

Scripture Reading

Acts 2:1-21

2 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³ But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning.

¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. ²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Gloria Patri (sung)

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.

Sermon

Rev. Peter Johnston

***Hymn**

Go to the World

The Deacons will collect the prayer cards during this hymn

The Offertory

Invitation to Giving

Offertory

***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.

Prayer of Dedication

A Time of Prayer

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

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.

***Closing Hymn**

***Benediction**

Postlude

Please remain seated until the end of the Postlude.

Serving in the House of the Lord

The chancel flowers are given by the Flower Committee.

The Lay Reader is Ava Sigsby.

The Deacon of the Month is Tina Donovan.

Coffee Hour is hosted by Priscilla Cedrone.

Go to the World!



1. Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth. Go
 2. Go to the world! Go in - to ev - 'ry place.
 3. Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless and pray; the
 4. Go to the world! Go as the ones I send, for



preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth, bap -
 Go live the Word of God's re - deem - ing grace.
 nights of tears give way to joy - ous day, As
 I am with you 'til the age shall end, When



tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.
 Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space. Al -
 ser - vant Church, you fol - low Christ's own way.
 all the hosts of glo - ry cry "A - men!"



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Joys

- Susan Conant's grandson Zack graduated from Clark University
- In honor of Don White's birthday, Chad played *Up, Up and Away*, which was composed by a friend of Don's, Jim Webb.

Prayer List

Victims of tornadoes and gun violence	Lynn White
The family of Mary Salgian, friend of Priscilla Cedrone, who passed May 21	Ericka, Ginny Hunt's daughter, continuing treatment at Dana Farber
The family of Kathy Pray, the mother of Janet Hamilton's daughter-in-law Lauren, who passed May 9	Marion Rose, MaryBeth Tarnaukas' mother Kate, Mary Lou Gifford's sister, who needs heart surgery again
The family of Jeffe Finian, Bob Tarnauskas' nephew, who passed April 30	Jim Talbot, missing since April 3 Cynthia Ness, living with cancer
Deb and Don Springhetti, travel mercies Kathy Talbot, recovering at home	Teresa, sister-in-law of Carolyn Frattalone, issues with lumps
Lee Fiske's friend Lee	Joe, friend of Janet Hamilton, terminal blood and lung issues
Priscilla Cedrone's friend Mary on hospice	Rick and Alberta, brother and sister-in-law of Dennis Falcione
The family of Tina Donovan's uncle who passed the week of May 7	Mike, who needs a heart transplant
Ann Marie, Janet Hamilton's friend, now in rehab	Tom Evans, cousin of Marilyn Melchin, with liver cancer
Dolly Johnson, at home after hospitalization	
Elsa Marshall's brother Bruce in Texas for a cancer trial	



Faith Formation

Our beautiful steeple and bell are icons of the joy experienced when we are joined to love and care for one another, and this church family does it well! May we also see them as emblems prompting us to always and continually grow and develop our capacities of grace, generosity, kindness, mercy, humility, and love for neighbor and self. Together, as a congregation, let's never stop ringing the call to each other to be all Christ is commanding us to be.

Shalom with love always,

Elsa Marshall
Minister of Faith Formation



Upcoming Worship Highlights

Sunday, June 4

Baccalaureate Service
Holy Communion

Sunday, June 11

Children's Day Celebration

Please save the dates and plan on joining us for worship.



Spring Clean Up June 10

The Trustees will hold a church campus spring clean-up on Saturday, June 10th. The hours for volunteers to drop by and help are 8:00-11:30 am. There are limited lawn tools available, so it would be appreciated if volunteers could bring their own clippers, rakes, edgers, weedwhackers, etc.



HELP! Hanover Day June 24

Hanover Day is coming on June 24! I'm looking for volunteers for setup in the early morning, volunteers to sit at the booth between the hours of 10 and 4 to represent our church, and volunteers for cleanup. I'll have a sign up sheet during coffee hours or you can email me at rmeader@une.edu.

~ Rebecca Wolongevicz



We are grateful that you are with us this morning. We hope you find nurture in our worship and warmth in the fellowship of our congregation.

If you are worshipping with us for the first time, please take a brochure from the pew racks and fill out a Connect Card, fill it out and place in the offering plate, or hand to a minister. Please take a moment to meet the ministers following the worship service.

Children are welcome to stay with their parents, go to the Pray Station at the front, or leave during the singing of the Gloria Patri to attend faith formation in the downstairs vestry.

Join us! Following worship, you are invited to a time of fellowship and refreshment downstairs in the Vestry. (Just follow the crowd.)

We are a praying church. If you would like to lift joys or concerns during the time of prayer, please fill out a prayer card, found in the pews. These will be collected during the second hymn, and read by the minister. You may also lift names aloud during the time of prayer.

Large print copies of the bulletins and hymnals are available from the ushers.

Restrooms are located on the lower level of the church. There is an elevator behind the door at the front right of the church.



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