

# 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, September 1, 2019 at 9:30 AM**

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**Church Office Hours:** Monday through Thursday from 8:30-2:30

**Sexton Karen Tripp:** Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9-2

Our worship services can be viewed on YouTube.com (search First Church Hanover MA)

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## *Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost*

**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

#### **WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

#### **\*OPENING HYMN**

*As Grain on Scattered Hillsides*

Blue Chalice #491

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Lay Leader:** This is the house of the Lord where we gather to offer songs of praise.

**People:** **This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**Lay Leader:** This is the place where the Word of the Lord is shared.

**People:** **Give us ears to hear, hearts to receive, and wisdom to practice the teachings of Christ.**

**Lay Leader:** This is the community of Christ.

**ALL:** **Let us gather in fellowship, blessed by the tie that binds us together in the name of the Lord.**

#### **Open the Bible**

#### **GOSPEL LESSON**

Luke 21:1-4

New Testament page # 85

And He looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the treasury, <sup>2</sup>and He saw also a certain poor widow putting in two mites. <sup>3</sup>So He said, "Truly I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all; <sup>4</sup>for all these out of their abundance have put in offerings for God, but she out of her poverty put in all the livelihood that she had."

#### **EPISTLE LESSON**

1 Corinthians 3:8

New Testament page 167

The one who plants and the one who waters work together with the same purpose. And both will be rewarded for their own hard work.

#### **HEBREW BIBLE LESSON**

Deuteronomy 11:13-15

Old Testament page 168

<sup>13</sup>And if you will indeed obey my commandments that I command you today, to love the Lord your God, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul, <sup>14</sup>he will give the rain for your land in its season, the early rain and the later rain, that you may gather in your grain and your wine and your oil. <sup>15</sup>And he will give grass in your fields for your livestock, and you shall eat and be full.

**\*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.

**Activate Faith**

**MESSAGE**

*How Can We Honor God Wealth*

Rev. White

**HYMN OF PREPARATION**

*Bread of Heaven, On Thee We Feed*

Red Pilgrim #281

**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:** 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**

#### **OFFERTORY**

#### **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**

#### **PASTORAL PRAYER AND A TIME OF SILENCE**

#### **HYMN OF BLESSING**

*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

Red Pilgrim #273

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Deacon Al Alexander

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**

*Jesus Shall Reign Where Ere the Sun*

Blue Chalice #95

#### **\*BENEDICTION**

#### **POSTLUDE**

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



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

- ◇ Greeting you this morning are Hal and Maddie Thomas.
- ◇ The Lay Reader is Ginny Hunt-Burbine.
- ◇ Today's altar flowers are given by the Flower Committee in honor of Rev. Derek White.
- ◇ We welcome the Rev. Derek White to our pulpit this morning. He is the chaplain at Otis Air Force Base and son of church members Don and Lynn White.
- ◇ The Coffee Hour is hosted by Susan Conant.
- ◇ The Deacon of the Week is Al Alexander.

**PRAYER LIST**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>*Hope Fitzgibbon, mother of Elaine Spooner, in rehab in Florida</li><li>*Prescott Henderson</li><li>*Susan Roy, sister of Linda Gildardi, on her passing in hospice on August 19</li><li>*Neil Caldeira, recovering at home</li><li>*Philip Woods, recovering from surgery</li><li>*Robert Rafferty, husband of Adrienne Rafferty</li><li>*Russell Dowd, father of Adrienne Rafferty</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>*Patricia Jennings, Colleen Stroshine's sister, now recovering at home</li><li>*Pegge Powers at home</li><li>*Dottie Tripp at home</li><li>*Susan Alexander at home</li><li>*Karyn Hall, Lynn White's sister</li><li>*Lynn White</li><li>*Carol Caldeira</li><li>*Tony Cirone, friend of the Meaders</li><li>*Jim Francis</li></ul> |
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**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.



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

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| Today:     | 9:30 am: Worship Service<br>1:30 pm: Meal Preparation in Riley Hall Kitchen for homeless shelter  |
| Monday :   | Labor Day - Office Closed   |
| Wednesday: | 10:00 am-2:00 pm: Thrift Shop Open<br>7:00 pm: Prayer Shawl in church office<br>7:00 pm: Stewardship in Pastor's Office                                     |
| Thursday:  | 7:00 pm: Cabinet Meeting in vestry  |
| Saturday:  | 10:00 am-2:00 pm: Thrift Shop Open  |
| Sunday:    | 8:30 am: Choir practice<br>9:30 am: Homecoming/Rally Day, Blessing of the Backpacks, Worship, Rev. Eric preaching, Deacon of the Week, Marianne Christensen |

# HOMECOMING



## RALLY SUNDAY IS NEXT WEEK, SEPTEMBER 8!

Please make a point to attend Rally Sunday on Sunday, September 8. You are invited to bring your backpack or book-bag to church for a special blessing during the worship service. After the service you will be able sign up for Sunday School, Junior Choir, Junior High Fellowship, Senior High Fellowship and Teacher/Volunteer Opportunities (even if you can teach once or twice a month )!

**This is one of the most important days of the year for families in our church.** If you have any questions, please reach out to Stephen Conti at [steve@fcchanover.org](mailto:steve@fcchanover.org) or (617) 413-5886.

## ALTAR FLOWERS SHOW THAT YOU CARE

Donate Altar Flowers in memory of or in of honor someone, or to celebrate a special event in your life. Look for the sign up chart in the cloakroom and take an order form from the clipboard. You may place the form and payment in the offering plate or drop it off at the church office. Thank you!



## SILVER STREET THRIFT SHOP RECRUITS

Calling all volunteers!

The Thrift Shop could use a few more helping hands in the shop. Ed Melchin and Dave Vaughn could use a couple of strong guys to help pick up and drop off items. If you can help, please contact Marilyn Melchin at [edalmelchin@comcast.net](mailto:edalmelchin@comcast.net) or Sandy Vaughn ([Vaughnfamily2@verizon.net](mailto:Vaughnfamily2@verizon.net)) or Ginny Hunt ([hesterbp2@comcast.net](mailto:hesterbp2@comcast.net)).

## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY - WRAPPED IN LOVE

We will have our first meeting Wednesday, September 4, from 7:30-9pm. We continue to meet in the Church Office. You are welcome to come weekly or on a drop-in basis. Yarn and lessons will be provided to those who wish to test the waters. We have extended this ministry to include shawls, booties, hats and scarves. Please contact Linda Gilardi at [garygi-la@aol.com](mailto:garygi-la@aol.com) with any questions about this ministry.





**THE MEMORIAL FUND COMMITTEE  
WILL MEET ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 @ 2:00 PM  
IN THE PASTOR'S OFFICE**

**EXPERIENCE A HABITAT FOR HUMANITY  
WORK DAY ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28**



We have been given a work date of Saturday, September to work at the Duxbury site. All those interested in being part of a team from FCC, please contact Ruth Hall at 781-585-1869 or [rnannyruthie@aol.com](mailto:rnannyruthie@aol.com). We worked at this site in March and it will be exciting to see how much has been done on these three houses since then. No experience is necessary-just a willing heart and helpful hands, You must be 16 years or older. Workday starts at 7:30 am and ends at 3:30 pm.

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