

**Order of worship for November 22, 2020**  
**The First Congregational Church of Hanover**  
**An Open and Affirming Congregational of the United Church of Christ**  
**The Rev. Dr. John A. Terry, Interim Pastor**  
**Mr. Chad Weirick, Minister of Music**

**Words of Welcome**

**Prelude**

**Call to Worship:** (based on Psalm 95)

O come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed. O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

**Invocation**

Eternal God, you set Jesus Christ to rule over all things, and made us servants in your kingdom. By your Spirit empower us to love the unloved, and to minister to all in need. Then at the last bring us to your eternal realm where we may worship and adore you and be welcomed into your everlasting joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

**Scripture Lesson:** Matthew 25:31-46

<sup>31</sup> When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. <sup>32</sup> All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, <sup>33</sup> and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left.

<sup>34</sup> Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; <sup>35</sup> for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup> I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me."

<sup>37</sup> Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? <sup>38</sup> And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? <sup>39</sup> And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" <sup>40</sup> And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

<sup>41</sup> Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; <sup>42</sup> for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, <sup>43</sup> I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me."

<sup>44</sup> Then they also will answer, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?” <sup>45</sup> Then he will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.” <sup>46</sup> And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.

**\*Gloria Patri**

**Hymn: *We Gather Together***

We gather together to ask the Lord’s blessing; He chastens and hastens his will to make known;  
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing. Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his  
own.

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining, Ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine; So  
from the beginning the fight we were winning; Thou, Lord, wast at our side; all glory be thine!  
We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant, And pray that thou still our defender wilt be. Let thy  
congregation escape tribulation; Thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!



**Sermon: *The M25 Church***

**Passing the Peace**

**Hymn: *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come***

Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home; all is safely gathered in,  
ere the winter storms begin. God our Maker doth provide for our wants to be supplied;  
come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God's own field, fruit as praise to God we yield; wheat and tares together sown  
are to joy or sorrow grown; first the blade and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear; Lord of  
harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

Even so, Lord, quickly come, bring thy final harvest home; gather thou thy people in, free from  
sorrow, free from sin, there, forever purified, in thy presence to abide; come, with all thine angels,  
come, raise the glorious harvest home.

**Pastoral Prayer**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**The Offering**

**The Doxology**

**Benediction**

**Postlude**