

**Order of Worship for
October 25, 2020
The First Congregational Church of Hanover
The Rev. Dr. John A. Terry, Interim Pastor
Mr. Chad Weirick, Minister of Music**

Words of Welcome

Prelude

Call to Worship: (based on Psalm 1)

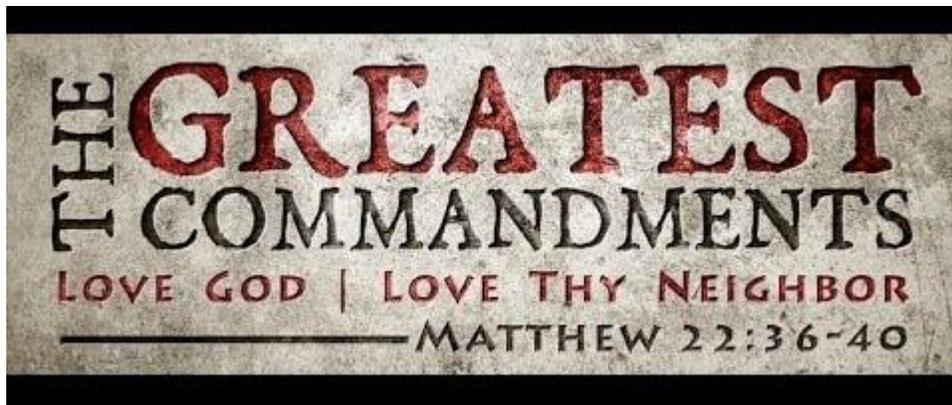
Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers; but their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night. They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. Therefore, the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

Invocation

Send your Holy Spirit into our hearts, Almighty God, to rule and direct us according to your will, to comfort us in all our temptations and afflictions, to defend us from all error, and lead us into all truth; that we, being steadfast in the faith, may increase in love and in all good works, and in the end obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Scripture Introduction



Scripture Lesson: Matthew 22:34-46

34 When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶“Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” ³⁷He said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.” ³⁸This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹And a second is like it: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ⁴⁰On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.’ ⁴¹ Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: ⁴²“What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, ‘The son of David.’ ⁴³He said to them, ‘How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, ⁴⁴“The Lord said to my Lord, ‘Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet’ ”? ⁴⁵If David thus calls him Lord, how can he

be his son?' ⁴⁶No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

***Gloria Patri**

(Children may leave for an activity)

Hymn: *They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love*

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,

And we pray that our unity will one day be restored:

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love

Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, we will work hand in hand,

We will walk with each other, we will work hand in hand,

And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land:

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love

Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,

and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,

and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love

Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

Sermon: *Final Answer*

Signs of Friendship and Peace

Hymn: *I've Got Peace Like a River*

I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river in my soul.

I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean in my soul.

I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain in my soul.

I've got peace, love and joy like a river, I've got peace, love and joy like a river,

I've got peace, love and joy like a river in my soul.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

The Offering

The Doxology

Benediction

Postlude