



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.



March 29, 2026 9:30 a.m.

Palm Sunday

***Please stand, as you are able.**

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: Hosanna! See our savior approaches!

People: Adults make a road of palms and garments; Children run to see the rider.

Leader: Let us worship God with songs of praise, shouting:

People: "Hosanna to our God most high!"

Passing of the Peace

***Opening Hymn**

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Red Hymnal #155

Morning Prayer

Triumphal God, who enters the city as one who seeks and serves. Be with us through this Holy Week, that we may receive Christ afresh into our lives, and embody Christ's Spirit into the world. This we pray in Jesus' holy name. Amen.

Time for All Ages

Building the Jerusalem Road

Rev. Peter

Anthem

Scripture Reading

Psalm 118:1-2

¹ O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever! ² Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

Matthew 21:1-11

²¹ When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." ⁴ This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet: ⁵ "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." ⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷ they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸ A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, *Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!*"

¹⁰When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?”

¹¹The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

***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.

Sermon

Rev. Johnston

***Sermon Hymn**

Fairest Lord Jesus

Red Hymnal #227

Prayer cards will be collected during the singing of the 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, Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen

Prayer of Dedication

A Time of Prayer

Call to Prayer

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The treble staff contains a melody in 3/4 time, starting with a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5, then a quarter rest, and finally a quarter note G4. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords: G2-B2-D3, A2-C3-E3, B2-D3-F3, G2-B2-D3, and G2-B2-D3.

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The second system of musical notation is identical to the first, featuring a treble clef staff with a melody and a bass clef staff with harmonic accompaniment.

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

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

Red Hymnal #175

*Benediction

Postlude

Sunday's Servants



Dave and Sandy Vaughn greet you today.

The flowers are given by Lee Fiske in memory of her parents,

Doris and Daniel MacMichael

The Lay Reader is Al Alexander.

Self Service Coffee Hour is hosted by Sandy Adami and Ginny Hunt.

Easter Egg Hunt at Riley Hall is hosted by CE.

The Deacon of the month is Karen Tripp.

The steeple lighting for March is given by Cynthia Woods in memory of Philip Woods.

Looking for Sunday afternoon fun??



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FREE Community Event Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, March 29th

11:00 am - 1:00 pm

17 Silver St-Hanover, MA

(Held rain or shine)

Egg Hunt and
More!
Games & prizes!

Join us!
Bring a friend!
All welcome!

We care about kids!!

Questions?? Contact Janet @ 781-826-4762



Today Easter Egg Hunt Egg Hunt, Games, Activities

Come to this free community event! It will be held rain or shine. What a great way to have fun with your family and friends on a Sunday afternoon!

Our Prayer List

The Patt family on the passing of Debbie's sister, Kim.

The family of Susan Briggs Richardson, who passed March 15

Bob Sigsby, recovering from an accident
Gracie, who is hospitalized

Sherri, Lynn White's sister, recovering from a stroke

Kathy Talbot, in rehab at Webster Park in Rockland

Bob Rafferty, recovering from a procedure

The family of Ken Carpenter, Adrienne Rafferty's uncle, on his passing March 9

The Zawalich grandchildren

The Fiske family on the passing of their cat
Darius Fiske, who is struggling

Janet Cook, recovering from a serious fall

Vince Mood, friend of Hal Thomas, who lost his house in a fire

Matthew, who has mental health issues

Libby, granddaughter of Sue Jones, at Children's Boston for cancer

Continue Our Prayers for Those with Long-Term Needs:

Barbara Itz, at BrightView in N. Andover

Lynn White, at the Pat Roche Hospice Home in Hingham

Kerri, Bill & Patti MacLennan's daughter, brain cancer

Donald, brother-in-law of MaryBeth Tarnauskas, with cancer

Rick, brother of Dennis Falcione



John Fox celebrated grandson's third birthday.

Janet Hamilton celebrated granddaughter's ninth birthday, and son's 36th birthday





Lenten Giving

Let your hearts do the collecting, and we'll do the counting! One more week to collect coins for our church-wide Lenten Giving Project! Please bring collection tubes (or the container you've been using) to church next week on Palm Sunday. The Hanover Food Pantry will receive our donations. Thank you!

You Are Invited to Our Holy Wee and Easter Services

Maundy Thursday, April 2 at 7p.m.
Service of Light and Shadow. Sacrament of Holy Communion; Tenebrae service

Easter Day, April 05

6:15 a.m. Sunrise Service at the Labyrinth, 17 Silver Street

9:30 a.m. Festival Service of the Resurrection, Rev. Peter, preaching

MainSpring Ministry



As a reminder, the MainSpring sign-up sheet is beside the flower sign-up in the vestry. There are available slots in the coming months to serve this vulnerable population and worthwhile long-time mission of our church. Questions - contact Dayna at dscribi23@yahoo.com
"And if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday." – Isaiah 58:10

Church Yard Sale
Saturday, April 11 9-2



Looking for donations!! So gather all of your unwanted items and drop them off upstairs in Riley Hall on T & Th 9-2 and W & Sat 10-2. Questions, reach out to Adrienne adrraf@verizon.net

Bring Joy to the Altar with Easter Flowers

You may donate lilies to decorate our altar on Easter Sunday, April 5. Members of the, Flower Committee will be in the Vestry during coffee hour on March 22 and 29 accepting orders. Or, complete this order form and return with payment to the church office or place in the offering plate with payment folded inside. **The deadline for ordering is Monday, March 30.** The price is \$15 each.

Given by: _____

Number of Lilies: _____ at \$15 each Total Enclosed \$ _____

In (Memory/Honor) of: _____





CWS Hygiene Kits Drive



It's that time of year again when we will be collecting hygiene kits for Church World Service. These

essential kits offer a refreshing daily boost for people who are forced to abruptly leave their homes due to emergencies. The items requested are very specific and should be placed in a zip locked bag. Feel free to take a list of the nine items which can be found on the forsythia tree in the narthex. Donations of CWS Hygiene Kits will be accepted April 5-26 in the church narthex or at the church office.

~ Thank you from the Outreach & Service Committee



Adorn the Church

Our 2026 Flower calendar is on the bulletin board in the Vestry.

Order an arrangement to honor someone special. The cost remains at \$25. You may take home the flowers or donate them to be made into small bouquets for fundraising.

Order forms are available on the bulletin board and can be placed in the collection or mailed to the Church office (please mark envelope "Attn: Flower Committee"). Please include check payable to FCC Hanover and note Flowers on the memo line.

We all appreciate fresh flowers that beautify the sanctuary!



Teach the Joy of Worship

We are a small group, but we have lots of fun and laughs in Sunday School! Will you consider being a part of our class by helping to teach our children? All it takes is two Sundays! Help is needed during April, May, and June. Volunteers are also needed for "on call" Nursery/Toddler Care. Please jot your name next to 2 dates for the coming months. Questions about Sunday School or Nursery/Toddler care?? Please see Janet or email jcookie4@hotmail.com

May 8th
MOTHER'S DAY CRAFT
 6 - 7:30 pm

Not sure what to get your Mother for Mother's Day? We've got you covered!

FREE event	Kids' craft	Ice cream sundae
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Bring your kids for a Friday night dessert treat and make a gift to celebrate Mom or Grandmother!

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 17 Silver St
 Hanover



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 and place it in the offering plate, or hand it to a minister. Please take a moment to meet the ministers following the worship service.

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

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.

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

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



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