



First Congregational Church of Hanover

An Open & Affirming Congregation of the
United Church of Christ

“No matter who you are, or where you are on life’s journey,
you are welcome here.”



TRINITY SUNDAY

May 31, 2026 9:30 a.m.

Trinity Sunday

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

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: On this Trinity Sunday, we come to praise the Triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!

People: We praise God who creates, redeems, and sustains all creation!

Leader: We come to wade into the depths of the divine mystery of God, the One-in-Three and Three-in-One.

People: We seek an ever-deepening faith in God who creates, redeems, and sustains all creation!

Leader: Come, let us worship the Triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!

People: Come, let us worship the Triune God who creates, redeems, and sustains all creation!

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

***Opening Hymn**

Holy, Holy, Holy!

Red Hymnal #251

Morning Prayer

Out of our ordinary, everyday lives, you have gathered us here, Holy God, to this time of worship, to this time of praise. We join with angels and archangels and all the company of the saints to bless you, to listen for your Word, to immerse ourselves in your grace, in your love. Open our hearts and our minds to your presence with us, as we worship you, O Triune God. Amen.

Time for All Ages

Prayer Shawl Blessing

Rev. Peter

Anthem

Scripture Readings

Psalm 8

¹ O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. ² Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger. ³ When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; ⁴ what are humans that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them? ⁵ Yet you have made them a little lower than God and crowned them with glory and honor. ⁶ You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet, ⁷ all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, ⁸ the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas. ⁹ O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

¹¹ Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Be restored; listen to my appeal agree with one another; live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. ¹² Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

***Gloria Patri**

Glorify 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

Get Out!

Rev. Johnston

***Sermon Hymn**

We Join in Proclaiming

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

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

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**

The Church's One Foundation

Red Hymnal #260

***Benediction**

Postlude

We Join in Proclaiming

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2018

Ash Grove

Traditional Welsh Melody



1. We join in pro - claim - ing the faith we be - lieve in—
2. O God, we have pon - dered through years of our his - tory



That God is Cre - a - tor and we are God's own.
How you can be Fa - ther and Spi - rit and Son.



We trust in Christ Je - sus and glad - ly re - ceive him,
We've prayed and we've stud - ied and called it a mys - tery



For we have been blessed by the love he has shown.
That you are three per - sons and yet you are one.



Christ died and is ris - en and, one with the Fa - ther,
Cre - a - ting and sav - ing, your church here re - new - ing,



He reigns now in heav - en, still lov - ing the earth.
You still are one God work - ing ma - ny good ways.



The Spi - rit of God that moved ov - er the wa - ters
May we hum - bly thank you for all you are do - ing!



Now moves here a - mong us, em - pow - ering God's church.
O God in three per - sons, we of - fer you praise.

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Our Prayer List

Elisabeth Meaders's niece Melanie, who lost her husband two weeks after diagnosis of cancer.

The family of Rockland police officer Barry Ashton, who passed May 11

The family of Peter Higginbottom, friend of Hal Thomas, who passed May 8

Cassie, whose father passed suddenly

Jim Donovan, Tina's father in law, at South Shore Hospital,

Ava Sigsby, recovering from surgery

Pete Jansky's dad, recovering from surgery last week

Amy Crosby's mother-in-law, Gloria, recovering from broken leg

Kathy Talbot, now at Discovery Village in Quincy

Tony, son-in-law of Louise Jackson, recovering from complications of shunt surgery

Jennifer, who needs a lung transplant

Pat Merritt, at home

Continue Our Prayers for Those with Long-Term Needs:

Barbara Itz, recovering from a fall

Lynn White, at the Pat Roche Hospice Home

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

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

Rick, brother of Dennis Falcione

Irene & Wally Reed

Ericka Penney

Darius Fiske



- Kelsey MacKinnon and Dan purchased their first home
- Meaders' two granddaughters graduated with honors from Curry College
- Mary Lou Gifford's granddaughter graduating from Hanover High
- Dayna Scribi's son Scott graduated from Vermont School of Law
- Laura Delaplain ordained into United Methodist church 47 years ago

Serving in the House of the Lord

Welcome to the worship service!

The flowers are given by the Flower Committee.

The Lay Reader is John Fox.

Coffee Hour is hosted by Deb and Don Springhetti.

The Deacon of the month is Deborah Spratley.

The Steeple Lighting for May is given by Ken Cheo and Darlene Calcagno.

The Carillon for May is given by Bob and Ava Sigsby in honor of Chad and the choir.





Family Funday Coming Up: Paper Quilt and Strawberry Shortcake

Our June 7th Family Funday Sunday is fast approaching! Join us in celebrating the culmination of our church school year! We'll assemble our *Let Your Light Shine* quilt during the service, and kids and adults are invited to contribute. Simply grab a paper square and direction sheet from the table in the vestry, take it home to colorfully create, and bring it to church on June 7th. Or you can join our quilt workshop after church next week (May 31) and design yours then. We can't wait to see our completed quilt full of colorful images of ways our children, youth, and adults *Let Our Light Shine!*

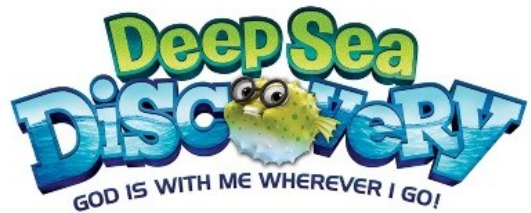
Following worship service, we'll head to Riley Hall for time with friends of all ages while enjoying strawberry shortcake, lawn games, and a bouncy house for the kids! All families are invited to attend, so bring your children and grandchildren! Invite a friend!

Questions?? See any CE Committee member: Janet, Ginny, Dayna, or Louise.



Cabinet Meeting Date Change Monday, June 15

The June Cabinet meeting has been changed to Monday, June 15, 7:00 pm in the Church vestry. (This is a change from the previous day and date of Wednesday, June 10.) Please submit your reports via email by **June 12** in order that they may be read by others before the meeting.



Vacation Bible Camp August 17-20

CE is excited to bring Vacation Bible Camp to our church this summer! Our think tank is diving in with planning Bible lessons and fun crafts, Take the plunge and sign up in the vestry to help! You'll be invited to planning sessions during the month of July and we'll chart the course together as we prepare for our Mission Deep Sea Vacation Bible Camp. Serve our church, connect with children, and help our church make a positive impact in our wider community! Reach out to Janet Cook at jcookie4@hotmail.com with any inquiry.

Sand and Stone Dust



Thanks to Skip Landers for the free delivery of stone dust and sand and to Don Springhetti and Dave Vaughn for spreading it over the labyrinth.



Pentecost Highlights



Steeple Lights & Carillon for August

Yes! I Would Like to Light the Steeple and Ring the Carillon!

Name _____ Telephone _____

In honor of In memory of

For the month of: _____, 2026

Please return this form to the church office with a payment of \$50.00.



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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