



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.”



August 02, 2026 9:30 a.m.

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (inspired by and quoting “Putting it Together” from *Sunday in the Park with George* by Stephen Sondheim)

Leader: Church isn't easy. Every minor detail is a major decision.

People: It's not easy because every one of us comes with gifts to be used. It takes a lot of conversation and proper preparation.

Leader: We have to keep things in scale and hold to our vision. Bit by bit, putting it together piece by piece.

People: Every person makes a contribution. Thank God our director doesn't ask for perfection, only love, for making Church!

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

***Opening Hymn**

The Church's One Foundation

Blue hymnal #272

Prayer of Confession:

God, whose stage is the whole of creation, you have given us a firm foundation for the show that is life, yet we confess how often we forget our script. You have called the Church to be but one play in your vast repertoire of awe and wonder, but we too easily act as though our scene is the only one that matters. We confess that we try to build walls around our congregation, ignoring that your set extends to every place we live, work, and play. Jesus Christ, our Director, calls us to love and serve, yet we routinely miss our cues, break character, and attempt to direct the show ourselves. Forgive us for seeking the spotlight for ourselves rather than laboring to build a world where everyone knows they matter, they belong, and they are loved. Realign our hearts to your vision, and guide us back to the roles you have called us to play. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Grace

Leader: Hear the good news: Through Jesus Christ, we are accepted, loved and forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Receiving a New Member

Rev. Dr. Peter M. Preble

Congregational Words of Welcome:

We welcome you with joy into the common life of this church. We promise our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the Church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our Risen Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Psalms 17:1-7,15

¹ Hear a just cause, O LORD; attend to my cry; give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit. ² From you let my vindication come; let your eyes see the right. ³ If you try my heart, if you visit me by night, if you test me, you will find no wickedness in me; my mouth does not transgress. ⁴ As for what others do, by the word of your lips I have avoided the ways of the violent. ⁵ My steps have held fast to your paths; my feet have not slipped. ⁶ I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God; incline your ear to me; hear my words. ⁷ Wondrously show your steadfast love, O savior of those who seek refuge from their adversaries at your right hand. ¹⁵ As for me, I shall behold your face in righteousness; when I awake I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness.

1 Corinthians 12:27-31; 13:1-3; 13:13

²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸ And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work powerful deeds? ³⁰ Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹ But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way. ¹³ If I speak in the tongues of humans and of angels but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² And if I have prophetic powers and understand all mysteries and all knowledge and if I have all faith so as to remove mountains but do not have love, I am nothing. ³ If I give away all my possessions and if I hand over my body so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing. ¹³ And now faith, hope, and love remain, these three, and the greatest of these is love.

***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

The Art of Making Church

Rev. Dr. Ruth Shaver

***Sermon Hymn**

We Are Many Parts

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Prayer cards will be collected during the singing of the hymn

The Offertory

Invitation to Giving

Offertory

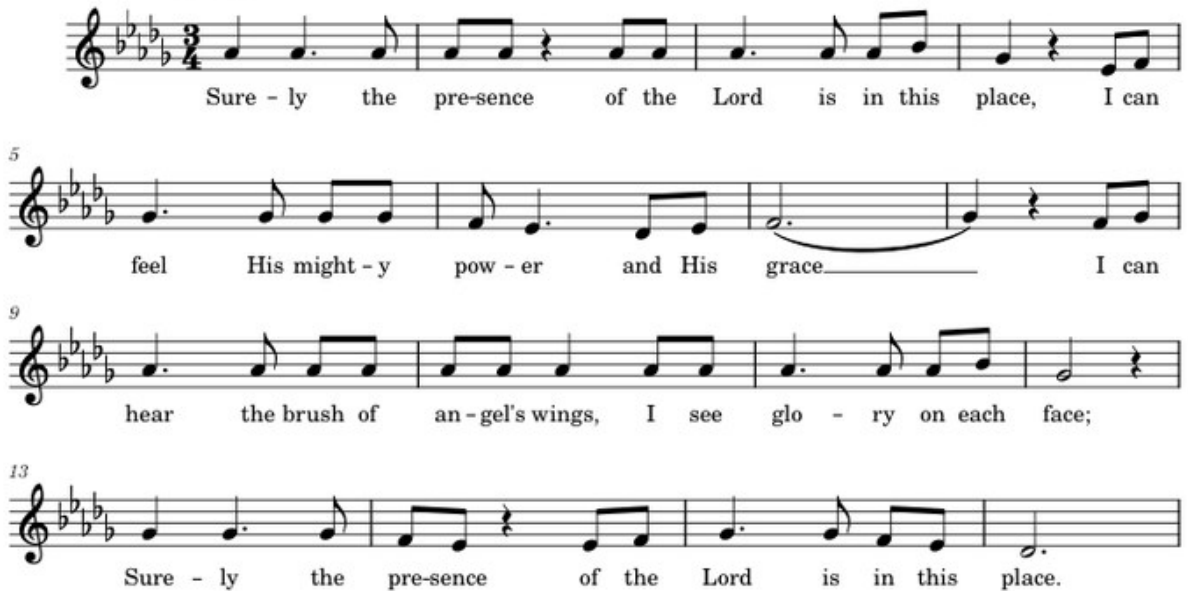
***Doxology**

***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



Sure - ly the pre-sence of the Lord is in this place, I can

5 feel His might - y pow - er and His grace I can

9 hear the brush of an - gel's wings, I see glo - ry on each face;

13 Sure - ly the pre-sence of the Lord is in this place.

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.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

*Communion Hymn

One Bread, One Body

Blue Hymnal #393

The Invitation

The Great Thanksgiving

Minister: Lift up your hearts

People: We lift them up to God.

Minister: Let us give thanks to God most high.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Minister: Holy God, our loving Creator, close to us as breathing and distant as the farthest star, we thank you for your constant love for all you have made. We praise

you for Christ's birth, life, death and resurrection and for the calling forth of your church for its mission. Therefore, with angels and archangels, we praise your Holy Name by saying:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

The Prayer of Consecration

Sharing the Bread and Cup

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

***Closing Hymn**

We Call Ourselves Disciples

Blue hymnal #357

***Benediction**

Postlude

Our Prayer List

The family of Lynn White, who passed July 26

The family of Kenneth Clinton, who passed July 25

The family of Barbara Itz, who passed July 12.

Paul, recovering from bad accident

Deb Jackman, recovering from broken pelvis

Joyce Purslow, recovering from surgery

Great niece of Sandy Adami recovering from a virus

Charles Duco, friend of Dick Harris

John McCann, friend of the Fiskes, with health issues

Kathy Talbot, at Beth Israel Milton

Alison, daughter of Ann Allaire, with bell's palsy

Jennifer, recovering from a double lung transplant (Hal Thomas)

Continue Our Prayers for Those with Long-Term Needs:

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

Gloria, Amy Kelly's mother-in-law

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

Rick, brother of Dennis Falcione

Irene & Wally Reed

Ericka Penney

Darius Fiske

Serving in the House of the Lord

The Greeters are Sandy and Ted Adami.

The flowers are given by the Flower Committee.

The Lay Reader is Christine Nelson.

Coffee Hour is hosted by Sandy and Ted Adami.

The Deacon of the month is Dave Fiske.

The Steeple Lighting August is given by Bob Cluett in memory of his wife Janet.



We Are Many Parts / Muchos Miembros Hay

Refrain / Estribillo



The musical notation for the refrain is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five lines of music, each with two lines of lyrics underneath. The lyrics are in English and Spanish. The Spanish lyrics are in italics. The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes, with some triplets indicated by a '3' over a group of notes.

We are man - y parts, we are all one bod - y,
Mu-chos miem-bros hay en un so - lo cuer-po;

and the gifts we have we are giv-en to share.
nues-tros do - nes son pa - ra dar y ser - vir.

May the Spir-it of love make us one in - deed;
Que el Es - pí - ri - tu de Dios nos u - na en su a - mor;

one, the love that we share, one, our hope in de -
com - par - tien - do el do - lor, com - ba - tien - do el te -

spair, one, the cross that we bear.
mor, com - pla - cien - do al Se - ñor.

Verses / Estrofas



The musical notation for the verses is written on a single staff in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of two lines of music, each with two lines of lyrics underneath. The lyrics are in English and Spanish. The Spanish lyrics are in italics. The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes.

1. God of all, we look to you, We would be your
 2. So my pain is pain for you, In your joy is
 3. All you seek - ers, great and small, Seek the great - est

1. *Oh Se - ñor, que - re - mos ser Ser - vi - do - res*
 2. *Mi do - lor te due - le a ti; Si te go - zas,*
 3. *Quié - nes bus - can de ver - dad Su ma - yor fe -*

D.C.

ser - vants true, Let us be your love to all the world.
 my joy, too; All is brought to - geth - er in the Lord.
 gift of all; If you love, then you will know the Lord.
por do - quier; Ya la hu - ma - ni - dad lle - var tu a - mor.
soy fe - liz; To - do se u - ne en tor - no al Se - ñor.
li - ci - dad: A - men y co - no - ce - rán a Dios.



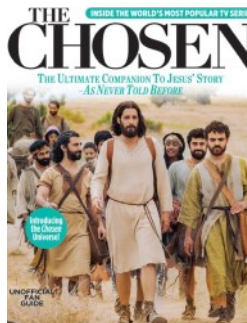
Welcome, Ruth Shaver

Rev. Dr. Ruth Shaver is the Area Conference Minister of the Southeast Region of the Southern New England Conference of the United Church of Christ. She previously

served six churches as an Intentional Interim Pastor and as the Academic Dean of PATHWAYS Theological Education, Inc., a Regional Theological Education Program of the UCC. She also serves on the faculty of the Interim Ministry Network. Shaver was ordained at and is once again a member of Second Congregational Church UCC in Attleboro, Massachusetts, and is the former Moderator of the Old Colony Association. She holds a BA and an M.Div. from Boston University and a D.Min. from Lancaster Theological Seminary. She also sings and plays handbells. She resides in Pawtucket, Rhode

“COME AND SEE”

The Chosen



Thursdays starting August 13th from 6:30 - 8:00 pm. Location to be determined. Sign up sheet in the vestry.

Contact MaryLou Gifford at 857-499-2300 with questions or to sign up.

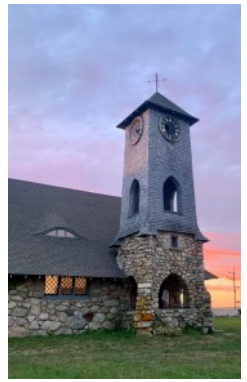
Come to Evening Vespers by the Sea

Sundays at 7pm,
through August 30
Brant Rock Union Chapel
327 Ocean Street,
Marshfield

Dear friends,

I will be leading
worship on August 16 and 23, and I
would love to see you there. Bring along
a friend or a neighbor if you like.

Hope to see you beneath the tower,
Rev. Peter





Blessing of the Animals



SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 9:30 am

Outdoor Worship Area
(behind Riley Hall)



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17 Silver Street, Hanover
781-826-4762

All pets and their owners
are welcome

Vacation Bible Camp August 17-20

Our Deep Sea Mission VBC is fast approaching! If you haven't shared our VBC with your family and friends, please do it soon! Flyers for sharing are available in the vestry.





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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