



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 09, 2026 9:30 a.m.

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

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

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: Out of the storm and across the waters, the Lord calls to us.

People: *Lord, give us the courage to step out in faith.*

Leader: When our knees shake and the waves crash, His hand reaches out.

People: *Lord, reach out and hold us fast.*

All: Together, we worship the One who calms the wind and waves. Amen.

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

***Opening Hymn**

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Blue hymnal #622

Morning Prayer:

Gracious God, As we begin this new day, we remember the disciples in the boat, surrounded by wind and waves, unsure of what lay ahead. We remember Peter, who heard Jesus say, "Come," and found the courage to step out of the boat. Give us that courage today—not to be fearless, but to trust you even when we are afraid. When the waters around us become rough and our faith falters, remind us that we do not face the storm alone. Reach out to us, steady us, and help us find our way forward. Give us eyes to see possibility, hearts open to your call, and faith enough to take the next step. May we walk into this day trusting that your love is always with us. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Psalms 105:1-6, 45b

God's Faithfulness to Israel

¹ O give thanks to the Lord; call on his name; make known his deeds among the peoples. ² Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works. ³ Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. ⁴ Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually. ⁵ Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles and the judgments he has uttered, ⁶ O offspring of his servant Abraham, children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

Matthew 14:22-33**Jesus Walks on the Water**

²² Immediately he made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. ²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." ²⁸ Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹ He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

***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. Peter

Sermon Hymn**Precious Lord, Take My Hand***

Blue Hymnal #628

*Prayer cards will be collected during the singing of the hymn***The Offertory**

Invitation to Giving

Offertory

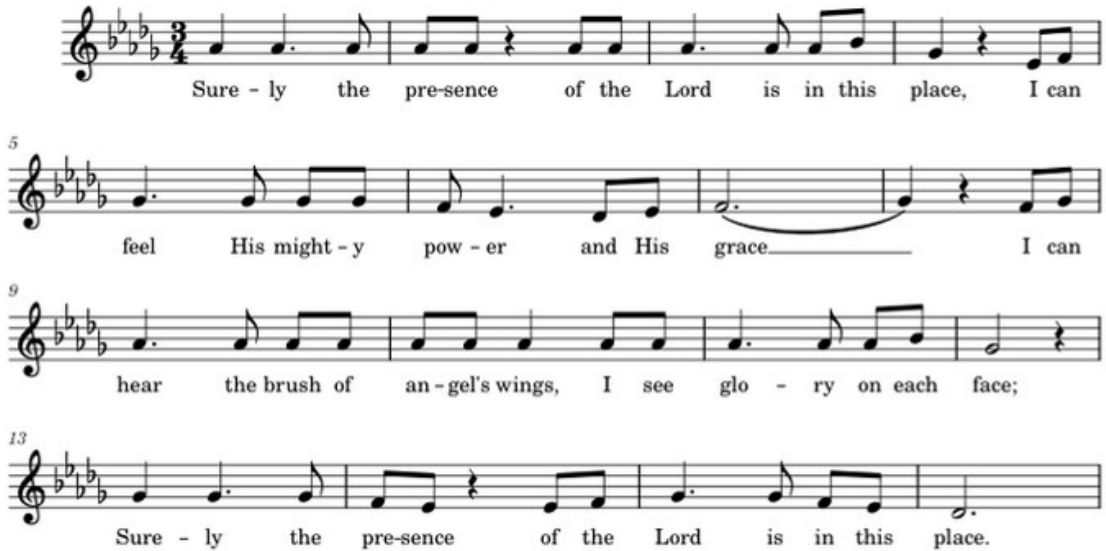
***Doxology**

***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.

***Closing Hymn**

My Hope Is Built

Blue hymnal #537

***Benediction**

Postlude



Serving in the House of the Lord

Welcome to the service!

The flowers are given by the Flower Committee.

The Lay Reader is Ginny Hunt.

Coffee Hour is hosted by Bob and Jessie Berry

The Deacon of the month is Dave Fiske.

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

Our Prayer List

The family of Mindy Smith, friend of Ann Allaire, who passed away at age 56

The family of Lynn White, who passed July 26. Memorial Service on Saturday, August 22 at 11 am, followed by a collation in Riley Hall. Burial is private.

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



Thank you for all your cards and support after my recent knee surgery. It meant a lot to receive all your encouragement and concern. I am very grateful to be a part of this church family. My recovery is going well and I hope to see you in church soon.~ Deb Springhetti



JOYS

Elisabeth Meader: Twin granddaughters turned 21; grandson turned 8

John Matson participated in the Pan-Mass Bike Ride

We Meet Outside Next Week

Blessing of the Animals



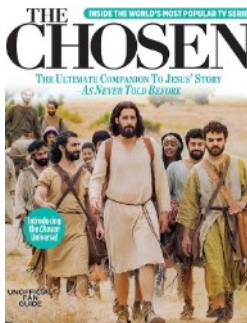
SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 9:30 am
Outdoor Worship Area
(behind Riley Hall)



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All pets and their owners
are welcome



“COME AND SEE”

The Chosen

Wednesdays starting August 12th from 6:30 - 8:00 pm in Riley Hall. Sign up in the vestry so we get an estimate of the number of attendees.

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

Mary.gifford23@comcast.net.

Church Bell Repaired in Time for Town Anniversary

The bell wheel repair was done by the Burgess Steeplejack Company.

The bell rings proudly within our Steeple today.

We look forward to ringing the 165-year-old bell during our celebration of our 300th year as a house of worship in Hanover.



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



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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