



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.



Sunday, April 13, 2025 at 9:30 AM

Palm Sunday

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

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: We gather today to prepare for the holiest of weeks.

People: We ready ourselves this day.

Leader: We give thanks to the Lord for God is good.

People: God's steadfast love endures forever!

Leader: We praise the one who set aside all power and glory and entered humbly on a donkey.

People: Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

***Processional Hymn**

All Glory, Laud and Honor

No. 155 Red Hymnal

Morning Prayer

Almighty God we come today remembering Jesus' jubilant entry into Jerusalem. We wave our palms, acknowledging that Jesus is our Lord. We call upon you to be with us as we rejoice with the crowds cheering, "Hosanna, hosanna."

Time for All Ages

Anthem

Scripture Readings

Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29

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." ¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord. ²⁰ This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it. ²¹ I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. ²² The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. ²³ This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. ²⁴ This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. ²⁵ Save us, we beseech you, O Lord! O Lord, we beseech you, give us success! ²⁶ Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord. ²⁷ The Lord is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar. ²⁸ You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you. ²⁹ O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

Luke 19:28-40

²⁸ After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹ When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.' " ³² So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴ They said, "The Lord needs it." ³⁵ Then they brought it to Jesus, and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ Now as he was approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸ saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" ³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." ⁴⁰ He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

***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.

Call to Sermon

Sermon

Rev. Peter Johnston

***Sermon Hymn** *I Think When I Read that Sweet Story of Old* No. 483 Red Hymnal

Prayer cards will be collected during the singing of the sermon hymn

The Offertory

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***Doxology**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Prayer of Dedication

A Time of Prayer

Call to Prayer:



Lord, lis - ten to your chil - dren pray - ing,
Lord, send your Spir - it in this place;
Lord, lis - ten to your chil - dren pray - ing,
send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

*Closing Hymn

Ride On, Ride On, in Majesty!

No. 175 Red Hymnal

*Benediction

Postlude

Serving in the House of the Lord

The chancel flowers are given by Amy Kelly in honor of loved ones.

The lay reader is Janet Cook.

The Deacon of the Month is Karen Tripp.

Coffee Hour is hosted by Priscilla Cedrone.



Our Prayer List

Peace in Israel and Ukraine
Peace in our nation

The family of Betty MacDonald, who passed March 29

The family of Brenda Cuneo, sister of Rev. Peter, who passed March 31

The family of Paul Finch, whose wife's aunt passed

The family of Rev. Derek White, upon the passing of wife Carolyn's aunt Donna

The family of Philip Woods, Cynthia's husband, who passed March 17

The family of Sandro Bruni, Lori's stepson, who passed March 15.

The family of Laura Ruszcyk, who passed March 14

Jessie Berry's sister-in-law, surgery
Dawn, Ken Cheo's ?, cancer surgery
Ronald Patt, recovering from triple bypass

Andrea, Christine Nelson's sister, on hospice

Stephanie Zawalich, Deb's sister-in-law, recovering at home from brain surgery

Bill Loman, Deb's cousin, clear pathology

Phyllis Settele, mother of Amy Kelly, on hospice

Ericka Penney, on new treatment

Hal and Maddie Thomas on the passing of their dog Stella

Rich, facing open heart surgery

Ken, who has brain cancer

Ken Floyd, grandfather of Kelsey MacKinnon, knee surgery

We Continue Our Prayers for Those with Long-Term Needs:

Lynn White, on hospice at home

Judith Patt, aunt of Steve Patt, on hospice

Cynthia Ness in hospice care at home

Laura Delaplain's sister Cathy, with multiple myeloma

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

Rick, brother of Dennis Falcione



Janet Hamilton starts new position at Dana Farber



FCC Calling—Lily Delivery

The Flower Committee needs volunteers to help deliver donated lilies to home-bound members before Easter. If you can help, please speak with Glenda Larson, Janet Cook, Maddie Thomas, or Christine Nelson. Thank you!

CWS Hygiene Kits Provide Hope and Dignity



Donations of CWS Hygiene Kits will be gladly accepted through April 30th in the church narthex or at the church

office. The items requested are very specific and should be placed in a zip locked bag. The complete list is printed on the tags hanging from the forsythia tree in the narthex. Please do not include any

Join Our Prayer Team

We welcome you to join our prayer chain so you can pray for the requests that we receive. You can also add your own requests so we can pray for you. ~Thank you, Linda garygilardi@icloud.com.



Desserts Needed

Our Youth Group & Confirmation Class are going to provide the meal for MainSpring on May 3rd. Thank you kids and advisers! We are looking for the congregation to provide desserts (brownies, cookies, etc.). **Please sign up after church on April 13th.** Thank you! Dayna Scribi for Outreach & Service



CE Invites You to King of Kings on April 21 at 2:10

The CE Committee would like to extend an invitation to view the new animated King of Kings movie (PG rating) coming to theaters. We are planning to see it at the Independence Mall theaters in Kingston on April 22 at 2:10pm. Buy your tickets ahead of time, bring yourselves or any kids/grandkids on school vacation, get some snacks, and we'll meet you there for a great experience to learn about the life of Jesus.



New Members Class

Rev. Peter will be holding a series of new covenant member classes. Please speak to him if you would like to participate.



Highlights of the Yard Sale



Ham Dinner for 200!

Outreach and Service thanks members of the choir and Christine Nelson for donating spiral hams, tater tots and vegetables for the meal for MainSpring. The food was delivered on Friday for the meal on Sunday, April 6.





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 and hymnals 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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