



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 27, 2025 at 9:30 AM

Second Sunday of Easter

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

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (Psalm 50)

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: Praise God in this sanctuary;

Leader: praise God in this mighty firmament!

People: Praise God for the mighty deeds;

Leader: praise God according to the surpassing greatness!

People: Praise God with trumpet sound;

Leader: praise God with lute and harp!

People: Praise God with tambourine and dance;

Leader: praise God with strings and pipe!

People: Praise God with clanging cymbals;

Leader: praise God with loud clashing cymbals!

People: Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

ALL: Praise the Lord!

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

***Processional Hymn**

Thine Is the Glory

#218 Blue Hymnal

***Morning Prayer**

Holy and Loving God, we gather today here in your presence. Breathe your peace upon us now as you did to the disciples that day so long ago. Open our ears to hear your words, "Peace be with you." Loving Savior we invite you into this space and into our hearts. As you diminished the doubts of Thomas, reveal yourself to us in new and powerful ways. Spirit of the living Christ, ease our fears and uncertainties. Light up our faith. Be present to us. We welcome your spirit here in this place now and always. AMEN

Time for All Ages

Anthem

Scripture Readings

Revelation 1:4-8

⁴ John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his

blood ⁶ and made us a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. So it is to be. Amen. ⁸ “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

John 20:19-31

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” ²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.” ²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” ²⁸ Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.” ³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

***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

Patti MacLennan

***Sermon Hymn**

Breathe on Me Breath of God

#254 Blue Hymnal

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. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*
Prayer of Dedication

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

He Lives!

#226 Blue Hymnal

*Benediction

Postlude

Confirmation Class is cancelled for today.
Information on a make up class is coming.



Serving in the House of the Lord

The flowers are given by Robert Dickerman
in memory of his sister, Judith Blodgett.

The Lay Reader is Ken Cheo.

The Deacon of the day is Adrienne Rafferty.

Coffee Hour is hosted by Sandy Adami.

Our Prayer List

Peace in Israel and Ukraine

Peace in our nation

Federal workers who have been laid off,
including Mary Dunn's son

Kilmar Abrego Garcia

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

Jane, friend of Patti MacLennan, on chemo

Charlie Smith, nephew of the Vaughns,
recovering from open heart surgery

Jessie Berry's sister-in-law, surgery

Dawn, Ken Cheo's friend, cancer surgery

Ronald Patt, recovering from triple bypass

Andrea, Christine Nelson's sister, on hospice

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

Phyllis Settele, mother of Amy Kelly, on
hospice

Ericka Penney, on new treatment

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





Desserts Needed

If you signed up to provide desserts for the May MainSpring meal,

please bring them to church on April 27 or to Riley Hall on May 2, 6-8 pm. Any questions, contact Dayna @ 617-827-3955. Thank you for your contributions! ~ Outreach & Service



May 4

One Great Hour of Sharing

OGHS is a special mission offering, which supports the disaster, refugee, and development ministries of the United Church of Christ within Wider Church Ministries. In On May 4 there will be special envelopes in the bulletins. We ask you to prayerfully consider a gift so that our local church can help people in need around the world.

New Members Class



Rev. Peter and Patti MacLennan will be holding a series of new covenant member classes. Please speak to one of them if you would like to participate.



Mother's Day Craft Night

The CE Committee would like to invite all church members to our Mother's Day Craft event! Mark your calendars for Friday night, **May 9th at 6:00 PM** in Riley Hall. Bring your children, bring your grandchildren, nieces or nephews! Enjoy a special dessert on a Friday night and make your own yummy sundae followed by creating a Mother's Day craft for your mom, grandmother, aunt, or special person in your life. This FREE event is open to the community, so spread the exciting news to all you know!



Minister's Tea Wednesday May 14 at 3 pm

You are invited to tea with Rev. Peter Johnston on Wednesday, May 14 The Tea takes place in the vestry (under the sanctuary) from 3:00-4:30 p.m. This is a time when members of the church can sit and enjoy delicious treats with good company.



Highlights of the Easter Services





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 down-



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