



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, May 11, 2025 at 9:30 AM

Mother's Day Sunday

***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**

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

#558 Blue Hymnal

***Morning Prayer**

Precious God, Loving Creator, Tender Shepherd, We gather today knowing you lead us in the right paths. You prepare a table for us. You anoint our heads with oil. Our cups overflow with joy. Your goodness and mercy surely shall follow us all the days of our lives and we will dwell in the house of the Lord, Amen.

Time for All Ages

Anthem

Scripture Readings

Judges 4:4-10

⁴At that time Deborah, a prophet, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. ⁵She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim, and the Israelites came up to her for judgment.

⁶She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali and said to him, “The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, ‘Position yourself at Mount Tabor, taking ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. ⁷I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin’s army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops, and I will give him into your hand.’ ” ⁸Barak said to her, “If you will go with me, I will go, but if you will not go with me, I will not go.” ⁹And she said, “I will surely go with you; nevertheless, the road on which you are going will not lead to your glory, for the Lord will sell Sisera into the hand of a woman.” Then Deborah got up and went with Barak to Kedesh. ¹⁰Barak summoned Zebulun and Naphtali to Kedesh, and ten thousand warriors went up behind him, and Deborah went up with him.

Acts 9:36-43

³⁶Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, “Please come to us without delay.” ³⁹So Peter got up and went with them, and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, “Tabitha, get up.” Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴²This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³Meanwhile, he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

***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

Don't Mess With The Mama!

Patti MacLennan

***Sermon Hymn**

O for a World

#683 Blue Hymnal

Prayer cards will be collected during the singing of the sermon 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. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

A Time of Prayer

Rev. Deb Spratley

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,

sendus love, sendus pow'r, sendus grace.

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

Faith of Our Fathers

#635 Blue Hymnal

*Benediction

Postlude

Our Prayer List

Peace in Israel and Ukraine
Peace in our nation

Kilmar Abrego Garcia

Those with Covid

Lily, granddaughter of Patti MacLennan,
recovering from brain surgery

The family of Christine Nelson's sister
Andrea, who passed on Easter

The family of Betty MacDonald, who passed
March 29

Ava Sigsby, recovering from appendectomy

Jane, friend of Patti MacLennan, on chemo

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



Dignity Begins with Brushing Your Teeth

Outreach & Service would like to
thank the congregation for
their donation of 79 hygiene kits for
Church World Service.

Once again, we are very appreciative
of our congregation's kindness and
generosity!

Serving in the House of the Lord

The flowers are given by Dave and Sandy Vaughn in memory of loved ones.

The Reader is Deb Spratley.

The Deacon of the Month is Bob Meader

Coffee Hour is hosted by Joyce Purslow.



The 300th Anniversary

of the Town of Hanover (2027) and of the First Congregational Church of Hanover will be upon us before we know it. In the context of community outreach, the Diaconate has discussed several ideas on the shape of this birthday celebration and realized that it is time to enlist ideas of all members of the congregation in this discussion. Please contact Diaconate members if you wish to be involved in this discussion.



Happy Coffee Hour

Even if you are not a secret barista, you can brew a decent cup of coffee, right? Lend your talent in this area to making coffee hour a tasty and congenial time. Contact Jessie Berry at rjb1173@msn.com

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.

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.



Thrift Shop in May

The Silver Street Thrift Shop is a welcoming place! Come in and shop for wonderful spring decorations. Donations are appreciated.

Moonlighters May 21 at 6:30

The Moonlighters will meet in Riley Hall on Wednesday, May 21 at 6:30 pm. Enjoy making crafts for the fair, laughter, and deepening friendships.





**Youth and Leaders
Cooking American
Chop Suey for
MainSpring House.
Thanks to the
congregation for
providing the
desserts.**





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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