



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, July 28, 2024 at 9:30 AM

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Our Worship Service

*Please stand as you are able.

Prelude

Please enter a quiet time of reflection when the prelude music begins.

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: Let your hearts be open to the Lord today.

People: Let our spirits be ready to feel God's power and love.

Leader: Let go of all the things that bind you in pain and sorrow.

People Help us to place our trust in God.

Leader: Come, let us praise the God of love.

People Let us bring our hearts to God. AMEN.

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

***Hymn**

God of Grace and God of Glory

Red Hymnal #366

Morning Prayer

Lord, we come into your presence this morning with the busy schedules of summer activities crowding our lives. Our souls need to be fed and yet we seem powerless to find nurture and feeding that will sustain us. Open our ears, our eyes, and our hearts this day to hear your words of hope and healing for us. We ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

Scripture Reading

Psalm 14

¹ Fools say in their hearts, "There is no God." They are corrupt; they do abominable deeds; there is no one who does good. ² The LORD looks down from heaven on humankind to see if there are any who are wise, who seek after God. ³ They have all gone astray; they are all alike perverse; there is no one who does good, no, not one. ⁴ Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers who eat up my people as they eat bread and do not call upon the LORD? ⁵ There they shall be in great terror, for God is with the company of the righteous. ⁶ You would confound the plans of the poor, but the LORD is their refuge. ⁷ O that deliverance for Israel would come from Zion! When the LORD restores the fortunes of his people, Jacob will rejoice; Israel will be glad.

Ephesians 3:14-21

¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶ I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit ¹⁷ and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted

and grounded in love. ¹⁸ I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. ²⁰ Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

***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

Rooted and Grounded in Love

Rev. Peter Johnston

***Sermon Hymn**

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Red Hymnal #101

The Deacons will collect the prayer cards during this hymn.

Sharing Our Stories

Dr. Delvyn Case

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

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**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Red Hymnal #7

***Benediction**

Postlude

Serving in the House of the Lord

We welcome Dr. Delvyn Case, Guest Organist.

The chancel flowers are given by the Flower Committee.

The lay reader is Barbara Itz.

The Deacon of the Month is Karen Tripp.

Blessing of the Animals



SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 9:30 am
Outdoor Worship Area
(behind Riley Hall)

17 Silver Street, Hanover
781-826-4762

All pets and their owners
are welcome



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Rain Date
August 18

Our Prayer List

Our nation, its leaders, and the families devastated by the recent shooting
Deb Springhetti, facing a long recovery
Laura Blumberg, friend of Lynn White, at Dana Farber for brain tumor
Lynn White, changing medications
Stephanie, friend of Kim Engle, dealing with Parkinson's
Fred, Linda's brother, living with the Gilardis
Ginny, mother-in-law of Marianne Christensen, diagnosed with cancer
Robert Tarnauskas, diagnosed with cancer
Paul Fuller, family friend of Marilyn Melchin



- * Happy birthday to Evan Wolongevic who turned six and to twins Caroline and Ashley Meader who turned 19.
- * Maddie Thomas welcomes second great grandson born July 21
- * Barbara Itz welcomes another great great grandson

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

Cynthia Ness in hospice care at home
Mary Lou Hill, health concerns
Laura Delaplain's sister Cathy, with multiple myeloma
Lori Bruni's stepson, with paraplegia
Donald, brother-in-law of MaryBeth Tarnauskas, diagnosed with cancer
Melissa Barlit, friend of the Contis, with breast cancer
Marjorie, mother-in-law of Susan Conant, with health issues
Ericka, Ginny Hunt's daughter, under treatment at Dana Farber
John, friend of Glenda Larson, with Parkinson's
Rick, brother of Dennis Falcione
Tom Evans, cousin of Marilyn Melchin, with liver cancer
Joe, friend of Janet Hamilton, with terminal blood and lung issues and his wife Cathy and daughter Kaitlin
Karen, Flo McNeilly's friend, with bone marrow cancer
Carol Brew, mother of Kim Blanton, living with dialysis and heart failure
The husband of Dolly's caregiver, with kidney failure



Flowers for God's Glory

Thinking of a loving way to honor or remember loved ones or friends? The Flower Committee can offer this suggestion! Order a beautiful flower arrangement for the altar on a special Sunday and it will be a visible reminder during church service of those you keep in your heart through prayer.

Simply use one of the sign-up sheets found on the bulletin board in the vestry. Send the form along with your check for \$25 to the church office. Please indicate on the form if you would like to take your flowers home, or if you would like to donate to the church community.

Flowers that are donated will be divided into smaller bouquets for sale during coffee hour (\$5 each) and proceeds will be given to our church's fundraising efforts. Thank you to church members who have supported our fundraiser.

We would also like to recognize Hanover Country Florist for their many, many years of support in creating the lovely arrangements for our sanctuary.



Many thanks to Karen Tripp for providing the July meal to MainSpring House! The residents enjoyed a summer meal of hotdogs and rolls, baked beans, corn, potato chips, and cookies.

The first weekend in September is available if you would like to provide a meal to MainSpring. Food can be dropped off on either Saturday or Sunday. Expense reimbursement is always available from the Outreach & Service Committee. Please contact Dayna at dscribi23@yahoo.com to let her know of your interest in supporting this ministry.

South Shore Habitat Build Date 09/28/24

The Cohasset build date has been pushed out to September 28.

If you are interested in participating or finding out more, please contact Ken Cheo at 508-735-5399 or kcheo@oursalescoach.com

No experience is necessary. You will end the day proud of your accomplishments!



Outdoor Worship Services

Our next outdoor worship service will be on August 11 at the outdoor chapel at 9:30. All pets regardless of religious affiliation are welcome.



PanMass Challenge Supports Dana Farber

John Matson will be riding from Wellesley to Provincetown in the Pan Mass Challenge on August 3 & 4. This will be his sixteenth year riding. This bike-a-thon raises money for cancer care and research at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. John's goal is to raise \$7,000 and 100% goes directly to DFCI. If you would like to support John and the mission of Dana Farber, please go to: donate.PMC.org and enter either John Matson or jm0043. Thank you!





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.

Join us! Following worship, you are invited to a time of fellowship and refreshment downstairs in the Vestry. (Just follow the crowd.)

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.

Our children's programs are on hiatus for the summer. Children are invited to remain with their parents, or to gather at the Pray Station to the right of the pulpit.

Restrooms are located on the lower level of the church. There is an elevator behind the door at the front right of the church.



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