



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, August 04, 2024 at 9:30 AM

Eleventh 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: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised in the City of God.

People: God's holy mountain, beautiful in elevation, in the joy of the earth.

Leader: Within its citadels, God has shown a sure defense.

People: When the kings assembled, they were astonished

Leader: Walk about Zion; walk all around it; count its towers that you may tell the next generation that this is God, our God forever and ever.

All: Let us worship the God of Spirit and Truth together.

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

***Processional Hymn**

The Church's One Foundation

Blue Hymnal #272

Prayer of Confession

We praise you, God! Despite our mistakes and failures, you welcome us into your presence. Because of your unfailing love, we can draw close to you, and receive your forgiveness and mercy. Help us to move forward with joy and confidence, knowing that you go with us. Continue to reveal yourself to us, and lead us in your paths. Amen.

Assurance of Grace

Leader: Hear the good news: Through Jesus Christ, we are accepted, loved and forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Psalms 5:1-12

1 Listen to my words, O Lord; attend to my sighing. ² Listen to the sound of my cry, my King and my God, for to you I pray. ³ O Lord, in the morning you hear my voice; in the morning I plead my case to you and watch. ⁴ For you are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil will not sojourn with you. ⁵ The boastful will not stand before your eyes; you hate all evildoers. ⁶ You destroy those who speak lies; the Lord abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful. ⁷ But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love, will enter your house; I will bow down toward your holy temple in awe of you. ⁸ Lead me, O Lord, in your righteousness because of my enemies; make your way straight before me. ⁹ For there is no truth in their mouths; their hearts are destruction; their throats are open

graves; they flatter with their tongues. ¹⁰ Make them bear their guilt, O God; let them fall by their own counsels; because of their many transgressions, cast them out, for they have rebelled against you. ¹¹ But let all who take refuge in you rejoice; let them ever sing for joy. Spread your protection over them, so that those who love your name may exult in you. ¹² For you bless the righteous, O Lord; you cover them with favor as with a shield.

Ephesians 4: 1-16

4 I, therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³ making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace: ⁴ there is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling: ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. ⁷ But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸ Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high, he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people." ⁹ (When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰ He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) ¹¹ He himself granted that some are apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers ¹² to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³ until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. ¹⁴ We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming; ¹⁵ but speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

***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

Unwrapping Our Spiritual Gifts

Rev. Peter Johnston

Lead me Lord, lead me in thy righteousness, make my way plain before my face.

For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord only, that maketh me dwell in safety.

***Sermon Hymn**

In Christ There Is No East or West

Blue Hymnal #687

The Deacons will collect the prayer cards during this 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

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.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

***Communion Hymn**

One Bread, One Body

Blue Hymnal #393

The Invitation

The Great Thanksgiving

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to God.

Minister: Let us give thanks to God most high.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Minister: Holy God, our loving Creator, close to us as breathing and distant as the farthest star, we thank you for your constant love for all you have made. We praise you for Christ's birth, life, death, and resurrection and for the calling forth of your church for its mission. Therefore, with angels and archangels, we praise your Holy Name by saying:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

The Prayer of Consecration

Sharing the Bread and Cup

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

***Closing Hymn**

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Blue Hymnal #709

***Benediction**

Postlude

Our Prayer List

Peace in Israel and Ukraine

The family of Barbara Finch, who passed
June 14

The family of Nicholas Henderson, Al Alexander's nephew, who passed June 14

The family of Kenton Greene, who passed
June 9

Robert Tarnauskas, to undergo radiation
Stephanie, friend of Kim Engle, dealing with
Parkinson's

Brother Fred, staying with the Gilardis

Florence McNeilly, recovering from a fall

GINNY, mother-in-law of Marianne Christensen, diagnosed with cancer



JOYS

- ◆ Blessings to Chad and David who were married last week.
- ◆ Kim Engle is candidating to be the pastor of two So. Shore churches
- ◆ Birthday wishes to Maddie Thomas

Serving in the House of the Lord

The chancel flowers are given by the Flower Committee.

The Deacon of the Month is Hal Thomas.

The Lay Reader is Ginny Hunt.

Coffee Hour hosts are Dean and Glenda Larson.

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

Those with COVID

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

Lynn White, cancer treatment

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

Elsa Marshall's brother Bruce, cancer

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

Blessing of the Animals



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

17 Silver Street, Hanover
781-826-4762



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**All pets and their owners
are welcome**



**Rain Date
August 18**



PanMass Supports Dana Farber

John Matson will be riding from Wellesley to Provincetown in the Pan Mass Challenge on August 3 & 4. John's goal is to raise \$7,000 for cancer care and research at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

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!

Thank You!

Thank you all for your prayers and cards and get-well wishes. Your concern and support during my recent illness has been wonderful and I am very grateful to be a part of our church family. I am recovering at home and looking forward to joining you in church soon.

Love,
Deb Springhetti



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.

Show That You Care

The first weekend in September is available if you would like to provide a meal to Main-Spring. 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 Cohasset Build

The Hanover UCC is scheduled to participate in the South Shore Habitat build at on Jerusalem Road in Cohasset on September 28.

Building a Habitat home takes more than 500 volunteers—it is truly a community effort. No construction experience is needed. You will learn something new and will end the day proud of your accomplishments!

Please contact Ken Cheo at kcheo@oursalescoach.com or 508-735-5399 for more information.





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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