



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, September 22, 2024 at 9:30 AM

Eighteenth 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: Who is wise and understanding among us?

People: Those who seek wisdom and understanding each and every day. Those who delight in God and meditate on God's law.

Leader: Come, learn more about the wisdom from above, a wisdom that yields a harvest of righteousness.

People: O God, your wisdom is more precious than jewels!

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

***Processional Hymn**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Red Hymnal #7

Morning Prayer

We draw near to you, O God, Source of all understanding, and ask you to draw near to us.

Teach us your wisdom from above, that we may bear good fruit in our lives. Root us beside the streams of your wisdom, that the green leaves of our goodness, fed by your insight, may not wither. Amen.

Time for All Ages

Children's Dismissal Song

Johnny Appleseed Grace

The image shows three staves of musical notation for the children's dismissal song. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a 2/4 time signature, and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written on a five-line staff. Below the first staff, the lyrics are: "The Lord is good to me, and so I thank the Lord, for". The second staff continues the melody, and below it are the lyrics: "giving me the things I need, the sun and the rain and the". The third staff concludes the melody, and below it are the lyrics: "apple seed, the Lord is good to me." The music ends with a double bar line.

Anthem

Scripture Readings

Psalm 100

¹ Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. ² Serve the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing. ³ Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture. ⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him; bless his name. ⁵ For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever and his faithfulness to all generations.

James 3:13 – 4:3,7-8a

¹³ Who is wise and knowledgeable among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴ But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be arrogant and lie about the truth. ¹⁵ This is not wisdom that comes down from above but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶ For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷ But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸ And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace. **4** Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ² You want something and do not have it, so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it, so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have because you do not ask. ³ You ask and do not receive because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷ Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸ Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

*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

Choir

Sermon

The Wise Have It

Rev. Peter

*Sermon Hymn

Lord, Speak to Me

Red Hymnal #397

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

Call to Prayer:

Sanctuary

Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc - tu - ar - y, pure and
ho - ly, tried and true. With thanks - giv - ing,
I'll be a liv - ing sanc - tu - ar - y for you.

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

Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

Red Hymnal #63

*Benediction

Postlude

Serving in the House of the Lord

The chancel flowers are given in memory of Beverly Slaney Johnson with love from the Donovan, Johnson and Gustafson families.

The Lay Reader is Ginny Hunt.

The Deacon of the Month is Flo McNeilly.

Coffee Hour is hosted by Priscilla Cedrone.

Our Prayer List

Prayer List

Peace in Israel and Ukraine

For our Healthcare System, and those affected by the closing of Carney Hospital

The family of John Hughan, 14 yr old son of Allison Hughan, auditor for FCC Hanover, who passed August 31

The family of Barbara Rasmesen, who passed July 24

Silver Lake senior medflighted to Boston

Jennifer Bass, Andrew White's sister-in-law, victim of road rage beating, recovering at home.

Grandson, age 7, of Jim Hoyes, hospitalized

Landon McClennon, friend of the Fiskes

Stephen, son of Carolyn Frattalone, hospitalized

Sara, daughter-in-law of Mary Lou Gifford, needing to find assisted living place for her mother

Rev. Peter, return of good health

Judith Patt, aunt of Steve Pratt, on hospice

Robert Tarnauskas, to undergo radiation

Fred, brother of Linda Gilardi, continuing cancer treatments

◆ John Fox has a new grandson, James Alexander

◆ Carolyn Frattalone's great-granddaughter was married

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

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

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

Marjorie, mother-in-law of Susan Conant, with health issues

Ericka, Ginny Hunt's daughter, under treatment at Dana Farber

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





Today's Church Business Meeting

Please grab a cup of coffee and chat after the worship service. Then, return to the sanctuary for our congregational business meeting. We will be hearing about, discussing, and voting on several topics, including Nominating, Finance, Behavioral Covenant, and Building Use policies, as well as any other business that may be legally presented. Your voice is important!



Thank You for Your Continued Support!

MainSpring has seen a significant increase in the number of people being fed, from 150 to 200 people per meal. The MainSpring volunteer coordinator said that they can always provide part of the meal if feeding that large amount is too challenging/costly. Also, Outreach & Service can reimburse someone for part of, or the total meal.

As always, sign-up is in the Coat Room of the church. Feel free to reach out to Dayna @617-827-3955, or any member of Outreach & Service, with questions.

Hold the Date Reminders

•Sunday, October 6

Ordination of Kim Engle @ 2pm at Church of the Pilgrimage, Plymouth



•Thursday, October 17

Ecclesiastical Council for Lori Bruni at 6:00 pm at Old South Union, Weymouth

•Tuesday, November 5

Pilgrim Assoc Fall Fellowship Event, 2pm at 2nd Cong, Attleboro



Charity Scam Alert

Recently you may have received an email saying that Peter Johnston is asking for donations. Please understand that Rev. Johnston will NEVER send a personal email asking you for gift cards, etc.

Another variation of this scam is someone saying they've been visiting the church for a few weeks and would like a PDF of the directory.

DO NOT RESPOND to any such email. Please contact the church office to alert us to possible scams and hacks.

Called to Care Training September 29 at 10:45 am

Laura Delaplain will be offering an educational opportunity for Called To Care and anyone interested in participating in such a ministry. It will be held on Sunday, September 29 in the Vestry. A healthy snack will be provided. Please contact Linda Gilardi by text at (339) 933-0224.



Church Fair, Saturday, November 2

This year Laura's Country Church Fair will be held on Saturday, November 2 from 9:30am—2:00 pm. We will be introducing a new table this year. The **This N That** table will hold many surprise items and some White Elephant items. The contact person is Adrienne Rafferty.

Members of the Fair Committee will be in the Vestry in October with sign-up sheets for anyone who would like to help with the Fair. Committee members include Irene MacAskill, Ruth Hall, Linda Gilardi, Karen Tripp, Amy Crosby and Tina Donovan. Contact any of them if you are interested in participating. If you have a new idea, please share it with us.

Here is a list of the tables to get you thinking about how you might contribute to and participate in this fundraiser:

Bits And Pieces Table; Food Table; Candy & Cookie Table; Plant Table;
Jams & Jellies Table; White Elephant Table; Snack Bar; Knitted Wear Table;
Woodcraft Table; Holiday Table; Jewelry Table

On behalf of all the organizers,
~Linda Gilardi





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.

Children are welcome to stay with their parents, go to the Pray Station at the front, or leave during the singing of the Gloria Patri to attend faith formation in Riley Hall.

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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