



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 29, 2024 at 9:30 AM

Nineteenth 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: We gather today to worship the One who created us,

People: **The One who calls us,**

Leader: The One who equips us,

People: **The One who loves us without end.**

Leader: With joyful hearts, let us worship God with voices raised on high.

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

***Processional Hymn**

When Morning Gilds the Skies

Red Hymnal #35

Morning Prayer

O God, we trust in your power to create, to sustain, to enable. But we could not trust if we did not know that you are always near. Be with us, Lord, as we are gathered here to worship you. Help us not to check our minds or our hearts at the door, but enable us to bring all that we are to you, so that we might experience your touch upon all aspects of our life. We pray this because of, and in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Time for All Ages

Rev. Peter

Children's Dismissal Song

Johnny Appleseed Grace

The image shows three staves of musical notation for the song 'Johnny Appleseed Grace'. 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 with a key signature change to one sharp (F-sharp) after the first measure. The lyrics are: 'The Lord is good to me, and so I thank the Lord, for giving me the things I need, the sun and the rain and the apple seed, the Lord is good to me.' The second and third staves continue the melody and lyrics. The third staff ends with a double bar line.

Anthem

Scripture Readings

Psalm 124

¹ If it had not been the Lord who was on our side —let Israel now say—² if it had not been the Lord who was on our side, when our enemies attacked us, ³ then they would have swallowed us up alive, when their anger was kindled against us; ⁴ then the flood would have swept us away; the torrent would have gone over us; ⁵ then over us would have gone the raging waters. ⁶ Blessed be the Lord, who has not given us as prey to their teeth. ⁷ We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the hunters; the snare is broken, and we have escaped. ⁸ Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

James 5:13-20

¹³ Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴ Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up, and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. ¹⁶ Therefore confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. ¹⁷ Elijah was a human like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸ Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth yielded its harvest. ¹⁹ My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, ²⁰ you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

*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

A Primer on Prayer

Rev. Peter

*Sermon Hymn

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

Red Hymnal #341

The Deacons will collect the prayer cards during this hymn.

Sharing Our Stories

Al Alexander

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

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Red Hymnal #335

*Benediction

Postlude

Serving in the House of the Lord

The chancel flowers are given by the Flower Committee.

The Lay Reader is Christine Nelson.

The Deacon of the Month is Flo McNeilly.

Coffee Hour is hosted by Dean and Glenda Larson.

Our Prayer List

Prayer List

Peace in Israel and Ukraine

The family of Maddie Straub, Silver Lake senior, who passed September 18

Allison Hughan and her family on the death of her brother Allen Bottomley on September 13 and the death of her son John on August 31

The family of Barbara Rasmesen, who passed July 24

3 month old son of Aline Duarte, Whites' housekeeper, recovering from heart surgery

The 7-year old grandson of Jim and Pam Hoyes is out of the hospital but still fighting a severe viral infection

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

Landon McClennon, friend of the Fiskes

Stephen, son of Carolyn Frattalone, recovering at home

Judith Patt, aunt of Steve Pratt, on hospice

Robert Tarnauskas, to undergo radiation



- ◆ Jim and Pam Hoyes are happy for the arrival of grandchild #4, a healthy boy. Daughter, son-in-law, big sister, and newborn are all doing well.
- ◆ Dayna Scribi's daughter Lauren married Jeremy Spesard on September 14.

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

Those with COVID

Cynthia Ness in hospice care at home

Fred, brother of Linda Gilardi, continuing cancer treatments

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

Called to Care Training TODAY at 10:45 am



Laura Delaplain will be offering an educational opportunity for Called To Care and anyone in-

terested in participating in such a ministry. Please gather in the vestry after the worship service. A healthy snack will be provided.

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



Church Fair,

Saturday, November 2

The Church Fair will be held on Saturday, November 2 from 9:30am—2:00 pm. 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.



The Jewelry Table at the Fair is in need of some gently used jewelry and

gently used pocketbooks. All donations are welcome! Please see Priscilla Cedrone if you have any donations for the Jewelry Table.

The **This n That** table will take decorative household and seasonal/holiday items.

Take a look at this 40 x 60 throw for the **Progressive Auction Table!** If you a service to auction, please contact Linda Gilardi



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.

South Shore Habitat Cohasset Build Sept 28

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



Prayer Shawl Ministry

We will have our first fall meeting **Wednesday, October 2, from 7:30-9pm.** We con-

tinue to meet in the Church Office. You are welcome to come weekly or on a drop-in basis. Yarn and lessons will be provided to those who wish to test the waters. We have extended this ministry to include shawls, booties, hats and scarves.

We have prayer shawls that have been blessed and are available to anyone who needs to know that they are remembered and prayed for.

Please contact Linda Gilardi with any questions about this ministry: garygila@aol.com



Ministers' Tea, October 9 at 3 pm

You are invited to tea with Rev. Peter Johnston on Wednesday, October 9. The event 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.

Fill Baskets with Moonlighters

The Moonlighters will meet on **Wednesday,**

October 16 at 7

pm. We will be working on our traditional gift baskets for the Church Fair. We always welcome any people who might be interested in becoming a member of this women's group.

~ Libby Ritchie





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: There will be no Sunday School classes today. However, the Pray Station will be open and Rev. Peter will provide a special Time for All Ages.

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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