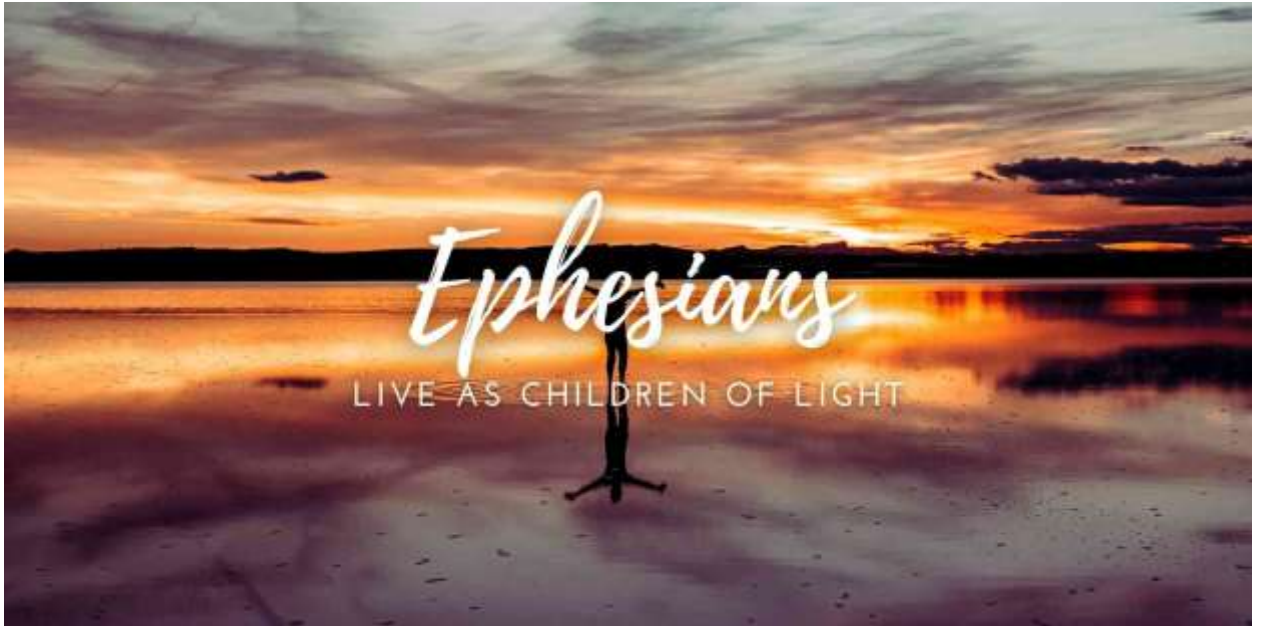




First Congregational Church of Hanover

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, October 20, 2024 at 9:30 AM

Twenty-Second 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: God is with us always and calls us each by name.

People: When we pass through difficulties and stress,

Leader: God is with us and calls us by name.

People: When we are discouraged and feel lost and alone,

Leader: God is with us and calls us by name, and heals us.

People: Blessed be God who knows us and calls us by name. AMEN.

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

***Processional Hymn**

We Call Ourselves Disciples

Blue # 357

Morning Prayer

Your word of light and hope floods into our lives, O God. We have lived in darkness, in despair and fear, doubt and strife. But on this day of celebration, you remind us that we are marked by you to be witnesses to your light of new hope. As the heavens opened at Jesus' baptism, so is your love poured out on us. Help us to be people who are ready to be involved in ministries of peace and justice, bringing the light of your hope to those who dwell in darkness and despair. We ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Sacrament of Baptism

Nolan Joseph Livingston born June 8, 2024

Introduction

Vows of the Family and the Congregation

***Congregational Response: We promise our love, support and care. We accept this child as a member of the family of God, and we will endeavor to build a Christian community in which he may mature and grow.**

Prayer of Blessing of the Water

Baptismal Ceremony

Presentation of Gifts

Prayer for the Baptized

Scripture Readings

Psalm 139: 1-15

O LORD, you have searched me and known me. ²You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. ³You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely. ⁵You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. ⁶Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it. ⁷Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence? ⁸If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there. ⁹If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, ¹⁰even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast. ¹¹If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and night wraps itself around me," ¹²even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you. ¹³For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. ¹⁴I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well. My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

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, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace: ⁴there is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. ⁷But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸Therefore 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? ¹⁰He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) ¹¹He himself granted that some are apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until 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. ¹⁴We 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; ¹⁵but speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶from 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.

Prayer cards will be collected during the singing of the sermon hymn



1 Child of bless-ing, child of prom-ise, bap-tized with the Spir-it's sign;
 2 Child of love, our love's ex-pres-sion, love's cre-a-tion, loved in-deed!
 3 Child of joy, our dear-est trea-sure, God's you are, from God you came.
 4 Child of God your lov-ing Par-ent, learn to know whose child you are.

With this wa-ter God has sealed you un-to love and grace di-vine.
 Fresh from God, re-fresh our spir-its, in-to joy and laugh-ter lead.
 Back to God we hum-bly give you; live as one who bears Christ's name.
 Grow to laugh and sing and wor-ship, trust and love God more than all.

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:

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Sanctuary'. It consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The title 'Sanctuary' is centered above the first staff. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has chords A7 and D. The second staff has chords G, Em7, D, A, A7, and D. The third staff has chords A, G, A7, and D. The lyrics are: '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

Faith of our Fathers

Blue #635

*Benediction

Postlude

Serving in the House of the Lord

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of her mother, Elizabeth Anderson by Jessie Berry

The Deacon of the Month is Priscilla Cedrone.

Coffee Hour is hosted by Don and Christine Nelson

Our Prayer List

Peace in Israel and Ukraine

The Talbot Family

The Nelson Family, safe return of their grandson and daughter to California.

Emergency Response Teams and those devastated by the hurricanes

The family of Deborah O'Brien, sister of Prescott Henderson, who passed Oct 7

The family of Frank Costello, who passed October 7

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

Karen Tripp, recovering from knee surgery

The 7-year old grandson of Jim and Pam Hoyes, recovering from viral infection

Dwayne, friend of Ken Cheo

Jennifer Bass, Andrew White's sister-in-law, recovering from road rage beating

Landon McClennon, friend of the Fiskes

Stephen, son of Carolyn Frattalone, recovering at home

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

Judith Patt, aunt of Steve Pratt, on hospice
Those with COVID

Cynthia Ness in hospice care at home
Mark Gifford

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

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



We're In a Bit of a Jam

The Fair Committee reports that we in urgent need of jams and jellies for the fair. If you can help, please see the fair folks at coffee hour after church.



Outreach and Service Notes



Thanksgiving Gift Cards October 20-November 3

As part of our church's Thanksgiving tradition, the Outreach & Service committee will be collecting grocery store gift cards (Shaws, Market Basket, Target, etc) to be donated to the VNA for distribution to needy area residents. Gift cards will be joyfully accepted beginning October 20th until November 3rd in the church vestry or at the Church office at Riley Hall.

** Please remember to mark the value on the card.*

Thank you !

Many thanks to Mary Dunn for providing the October meal to MainSpring house! Residents enjoyed a tasty meal of chicken patties, mozzarella & Parmesan cheeses, along with tomato sauce. Due to the increased amount of people being served, MainSpring has offered to work cooperatively with any volunteer by providing a portion of the meal. Anyone interested in providing a meal in the upcoming months please sign up in the Coat Room or contact Dayna at (617) 827-3955.





Youth Group Meets Sunday, October 20

The first meeting of the combined Youth Group will take place on October 20, from 6-7 in Riley Hall. We will discuss future events and enjoy some light refreshments. All Middle School and High School Students are welcome to join – bring a friend!

Our welcoming programs create opportunities for youth to experience God, while being mindful that young people grow in their faith in different ways. Through worship, community, conversation, service and play, our youth come together, each contributing their unique gifts, as they explore what it means to live a life of faith, action and fellowship.

Please reach out to Jenn Bunar if you have any questions, comments, or concerns. Her email address is jenno1234@hotmail.com.

Susan will be out of the office the weeks of October 13 and 20. Phone and email will be checked sporadically. If it's an emergency, get in touch with Rev. Peter.



First Congregational Church of Hanover, UCC

Laura's Country Church Fair

Saturday, November 2, 2024





9:30am – 2pm



**Holiday decorations
crafts, baked goods, jewelry
plants, gift baskets
white elephant
wood crafts, Irish knit
silent auction
snack bar**

**Riley Parish Hall
17 Silver Street, Hanover (across from the library)**





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 downstairs in the Vestry. (Just follow the crowd.)



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