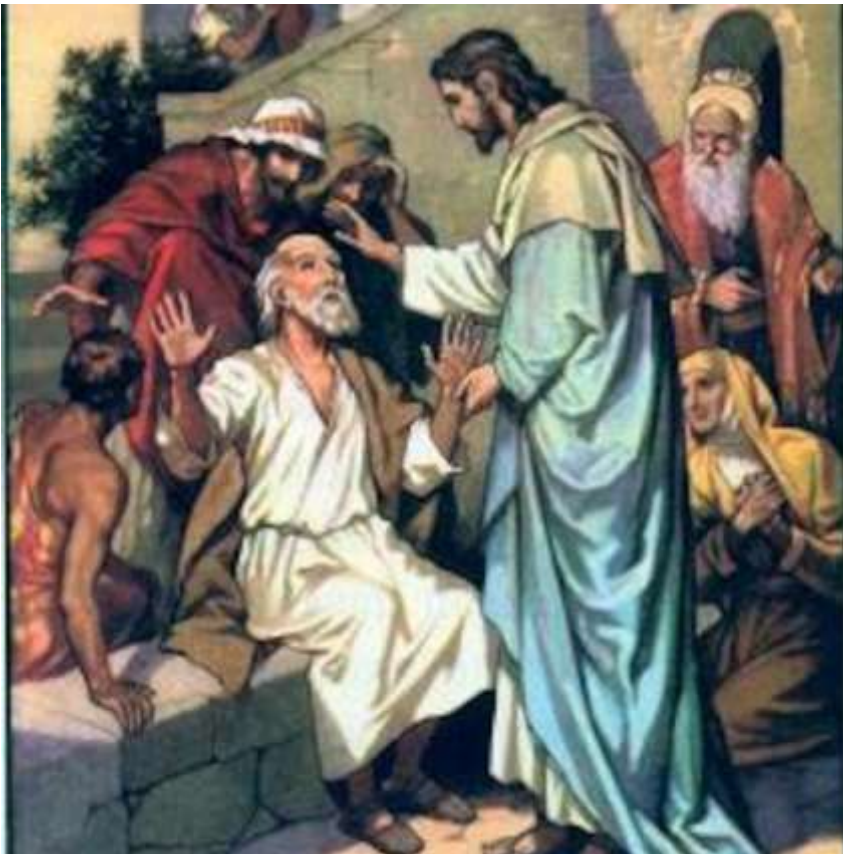




# First Congregational Church of Hanover

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 27, 2024 at 9:30 AM**

# *Reformation Sunday*

## **Our Worship Service**

\*Please stand as you are able.

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship**

L: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

P: I will sing praises to God all my life long.

L: Happy are those whose help is in God, creator of heaven and earth,  
who is forever faithful;

P: Seeking justice for the oppressed and for the hungry;  
lifting up those who are bowed down and loving the righteous.

All: The Lord our God will reign forever, for all generations. Praise the Lord!

**\*Passing the Peace of Christ**

**\*Processional Hymn**

**A Mighty Fortress is Our God**

**Blue Hymnal, #65**

**Morning Prayer**

We praise you, O God, for being not only the God of history but the God of our story. You have gathered us here today to remind us that although you are the one to whom all power belongs, yet you care for the weak and powerless. You care for us. We praise you for joining your story to ours in such a special way through Jesus, our Lord. He proved his great love for you and for each person in the way he lived—releasing what was captive, lifting up the burdened, empowering the powerless. God, source of loving kindness and strength, we worship you. Jesus, foundation of our faith, we worship you. Holy Spirit, ground of our very being, we worship you. Amen

**Time for All Ages**

**Children's Dismissal Song**



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.

## Scripture Readings

### Psalm 126

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream. <sup>2</sup> Then our mouth was filled with laughter and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them." <sup>3</sup> The LORD has done great things for us, and we rejoiced. <sup>4</sup> Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses in the Negeb. <sup>5</sup> May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy. <sup>6</sup> Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

### Mark 10:46-52

<sup>46</sup> They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. <sup>47</sup> When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" <sup>48</sup> Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" <sup>49</sup> Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." <sup>50</sup> So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. <sup>51</sup> Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blindman said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." <sup>52</sup> Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

### \*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

Sermon

Our Faith Will Make Us Well

Rev. Peter

\*Sermon Hymn

The Church's One Foundation

Blue Hymnal #272

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

### Stewardship Moment

Andrew Talbot

### 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

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Blue Hymnal #537

\*Benediction

Postlude



**Kids and Communion.**

Beginning next Sunday, November 3, children will begin their lessons at Riley Hall at 9:30 a.m. on the First Sunday of each month, and then join near the end of the worship time for Communion.



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# *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)**



# *Our Prayer List*

Peace in Israel and Ukraine

The Talbot Family

Brenda Cuneo, Rev. Peter's sister, in the hospital

Flo McNeilly, at home following a car accident.

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

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

## **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

Carol Brew, mother of Kim Blanton, living with dialysis and heart failure

## **Serving in the House of the Lord**

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of  
His wife, Janet, by Bob Cluett  
Our lay reader is Steve Patt  
The Deacon of the Month is Priscilla Cedrone.



## 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.*



### 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.

## GIVE THANKS



### It's Stewardship Season

Each year at this time, the Stewardship Committee asks each member and friend of the church to prayerfully consider how they will support the church financially in the following year. In the next few weeks you will receive a mailing with a pledge card. Please prayerfully consider your pledge, fill out the pledge card included in the mailing, and return it on Stewardship Sunday, November 17.

### Habitat for Humanity



FCC Hanover is scheduled to participate in the Cohasset South Shore Habitat build on Saturday, December 14, 8:30 am to 3:30 pm.

Everyone that participates needs to register by noon, 2 days prior to the day. For details on how to register or for more information contact Ken Cheo at [kcheo@oursalescoach.com](mailto:kcheo@oursalescoach.com), or

508-735-5399



*Our youth at the first meeting of the season.*



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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