



ORDER OF WORSHIP for May 2, 2021
The Fifth Sunday of Easter

The First Congregational Church of Hanover, Massachusetts
An Open and Affirming Church of the United Church of Christ

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Link to this service:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGOZdozbwpMp1qbJeHbwAaA>

Words of Welcome

Prelude



Call to Worship (from Psalm 22:25-31)

You are the theme of my praise in the Great Assembly, and I will fulfill my vows in the presence of your worshipers. Those who are poor will eat and be satisfied, those who seek you will give you praise—long life to their hearts! The whole earth, from one end to the other, will remember and come back to you; all the families of the nations will bow down to you. For yours is the reign, you Ruler of nations! Those who had feasted and devoured the poor—now they'll bow down; the most affluent in the land will kneel before you. They all go down to the dust and none can keep themselves alive. But my children will be faithful to you, and they will be told about God for generations to come. They will come and proclaim your justice to a people yet unborn: “All this God has done!”

Invocation

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Hymn: *When Morning Gilds the Skies*

When morning gilds the sky, our hearts awaking cry: May Jesus Christ be praised!

In all our work and prayer we ask his loving care: May Jesus Christ be praised!

Let earth's wide circle round in joyful notes resound: May Jesus Christ be praised!

Let air and sea and sky from depth to height reply: May Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine: May Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this the eternal song through all the ages long: May Jesus Christ be praised!

Scripture Reading: John 15:1-8

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

Sermon: *I Am the Vine, You Are the Branches*

Hymn: *Worship the Lord in the Holiness of Beauty*

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; bow down before him, his glory proclaim; with gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness, kneel and adore him: the Lord is his name.

Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness: high on his heart he will bear it for thee, comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness, guiding thy steps as may best for thee be. Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness of the poor wealth thou wouldst reckon as thine: truth in its beauty, and love in its tenderness, these are the offerings to lay on his shrine.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Consecration

Sharing of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Offering

Benediction

Postlude

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR on Sunday at 10:30.

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