



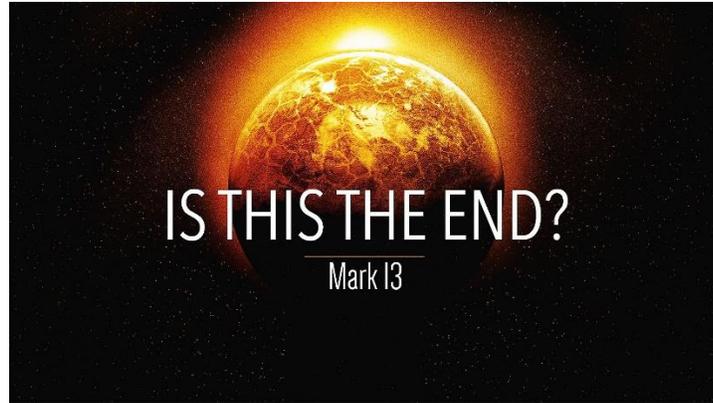
ORDER OF WORSHIP for NOVEMBER 14, 2021
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

Chad Weirick: Minister of Music

Doug Aaberg: Liturgist

Rev. Ann M. Aaberg: Bridge Minister



Masks are expected for services in the church building and are available when you enter the sanctuary.

Link to this service:

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

PRELUDE

GREETING:

Leader: This is the day our God has made!

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

WORDS OF WELCOME

Acknowledgment of the Service of our Veterans

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God is with us throughout times of stability and times of transition.

All: God is with us always.

Leader: We give thanks to God for the old and the new, what has gone by and what is to come.

All: We give thanks to God as we cross a threshold and move towards the future.

Leader: We praise God with words and music as we look forward with anticipation.

All: And we ask for God's guidance through prayer.

Leader: Let us worship the God who listens, who guides and who upholds!

All: Let us worship God!

UNISON INVOCATION

God of grace and glory, Creator of peaks and plateaus, oceans and streams, fields and forests, we open our hearts to you. Fill us with your presence as you have filled the universe with your beauty and wonder. Turn our heads, open our eyes and sharpen our ears to marvel at your gift of life humming from the birds, pulsing through the trees and calling to us from the wind. Be with us now as we lift our voices, whisper our prayers and listen for your word in the name of Jesus. Amen.

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(Sunday School children will remain in the pews with their families during the Children's Message and then depart for Riley Hall during the Opening Hymn.)

***OPENING HYMN** (Pilgrim #66) *For the Beauty of the Earth*

1. For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies.

Refrain: *Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

2. For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light, [**Refrain**]

4. For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends above, fall all gentle thoughts and mild, [**Refrain**]

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 16

¹ Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge. ² I say to the LORD, 'You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you.' ³ As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble, in whom is all my delight. ⁴ Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows; their drink-offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips.

⁵ The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot. ⁶ The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage. ⁷ I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. ⁸ I keep the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. ⁹ Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure. ¹⁰ For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see the Pit.

¹¹ You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 13:1-8

13As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, 'Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!' ²Then Jesus asked him, 'Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.'

3 When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴'Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?' ⁵Then Jesus began to say to them, 'Beware that no one leads you astray. ⁶Many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and they will lead many astray. ⁷When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. ⁸For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

***THE GLORIA**

Glory to the Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost!

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, World without end. Amen. Amen.

SERMON: FOCUS

***HYMN** (Pilgrim #260)

The Church's One Foundation

1. The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is his new creation by water and the word; From heav'n he came and sought her
to be his holy bride; with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
2. Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth, her charter of salvation,
one Lord, one faith, one birth, one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.
4. Yet she on earth hath union with God, the Three in One, and mystic, sweet communion
with those whose rest is won. Oh, happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father (Creator), 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.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT – Don White

THE OFFERTORY

Invitation to Offering

***The Doxology**

(Red Pilgrim #515)

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below!
Praise God above, ye heavenly host!
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost! Amen.*

Prayer of Dedication

***CLOSING HYMN** (Chalice #489) *Bless Now, O God, the Journey*

1. Bless now, O God, the journey that all your people make, the path through noise and silence,
the way of give and take. The trail is found in desert and winds the mountain round,
then leads beside still waters, the road where faith is found.
2. Bless sojourners and pilgrims who share this winding way; whose hope burns through the
terrors, whose love sustains the day. We yearn for holy freedom while often we are bound.
Together we are seeking the road where faith is found.
3. Divine Eternal Lover, you meet us on the road. We wait for lands of promise where milk and
honey flow. But waiting not for places, you meet us all around. Our covenant is written
on roads, as faith is found.

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

- ◆ The altar flowers today are given by Karen Tripp in memory of her mother, Dorothy Tripp, and all women veterans.

Please join us for a farewell coffee hour at Riley Hall.