

# 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.

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**Sunday, November 21, 2021 at 9:30 AM**  
***OUR WORSHIP SERVICE***

\*standing as you are able

**PRELUDE:** Please enter a quiet time of reflection when the prelude music begins

**WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**STEWARDSHIP MOMENT**

**\*OPENING HYMN**      *Come Ye Thankful People, Come*      Red Pilgrim #461

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Lay Leader: I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart;

**People: We will tell of all your wonderful deeds.**

Lay Leader: We will be glad and exult in you;

**People: Come, thankful people, let us worship God, with voices raised on high.**

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Bounteous God, you have lavished your finest gifts on each one of us. We thank you for the many ways in which you have blessed our lives—with love, hope, friends, our church, and so many other things that we cherish. Help us be a blessing for others—that they may come to know you and rejoice in your love. Give us hearts of courage and confidence to step out into the world in service, bringing hope where there is doubt, peace where there is strife, love where there is discord. These things we pray in Jesus' Name, AMEN

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**ANTHEM**

*All Good Gifts*

Soloist, Joseph Da Fonesca

**SCRIPTURE READING**

2 Corinthians 9:6-14

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. <sup>7</sup>Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. <sup>8</sup>And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. <sup>9</sup>As it is written, 'He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever.' <sup>10</sup>He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. <sup>11</sup>You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; <sup>12</sup>for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. <sup>13</sup>Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, <sup>14</sup>while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you.

### **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.*

### **MESSAGE**

Rev. Peter

### **\*HYMN**

*We Gather Together*

Red Pilgrim #21

### **THE OFFERTORY**

*Simple Gifts*

Bell Choir and Organ

### **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

### **\*DOXOLOGY**

Red Pilgrim #515

*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.*

### **CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS**

### **PASTORAL PRAYER**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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**

*Jesus Shall Reign*

Red Pilgrim #202

### **\*BENEDICTION**

### **POSTLUDE**

*After the service please join us across the street in Riley Hall for our stewardship luncheon provided by the Stewardship Committee with gratitude.*

### **SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE THIS MORNING**

◇ Our Liturgist is Al Alexander.

◇ Today's altar flowers are given in memory of Judy Blodgett by Bob Dickerman.

◇ We welcome our new settled minister, the Reverend Peter Johnston (you may call him Reverend Peter), to the pulpit this morning. Please come to the luncheon and while you are there, take a moment to greet him.