



First Congregational Church of Hanover

An Open & Affirming Congregation of the
United Church of Christ

“No matter who you are, or where you are on life’s journey,
you are welcome here.”



August 30, 2026 9:30 a.m.

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

***Please stand, as you are able.**

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord and call upon God's Name; make known God's deeds among the peoples.

People: Sing to God, sing praises to the Holy One, and speak of all God's marvelous works.

Leader: Glory in God's holy Name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

People: Search for the Lord and God's strength; continually seek God's presence.

All: We gather to worship the God who has done marvelous things! Let us worship together, giving God thanks and praise.

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

***Opening Hymn**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Blue Hymnal #66

Morning Prayer:

Holy and Living God, you meet us in the ordinary places of our lives and reveal them to be holy ground. Like Moses in the wilderness, open our eyes this morning to the sacred fires burning around us—moments of wonder, grace, and unexpected encounter. Anchor us in your sacred Name—the One who is, who was, and who is ever unfolding among us. Ground our hearts in your peace, guide our feet in your ways, and send us forth from this place as instruments of your healing and hope. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Psalms 26:1-8 Plea for Justice and Declaration of Righteousness

¹ Vindicate me, O Lord, for I have walked in my integrity, and I have trusted in the Lord without wavering. ² Prove me, O Lord, and try me; test my heart and mind.

³ For your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in faithfulness to you. ⁴ I do not sit with the worthless, nor do I consort with hypocrites; ⁵ I hate the company of evildoers and will not sit with the wicked. ⁶ I wash my hands in innocence and go around your altar, O Lord, ⁷ singing aloud a song of thanksgiving and telling all your wondrous deeds. ⁸ O Lord, I love the house in which you dwell and the place where your glory abides.

Exodus 3:1-15

Moses at the Burning Bush

3 Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness and came to Mount Horeb, the mountain of God.

² There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. ³ Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight and see why the bush is not burned up." ⁴ When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." ⁵ Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." ⁶ He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

⁷ Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, ⁸ and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. ⁹ The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. ¹⁰ Now go, I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." ¹¹ But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" ¹² He said, "I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain."

The Divine Name Revealed

¹³ But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" ¹⁴ God said to Moses, "I am who I am." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I am has sent me to you.' " ¹⁵ God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.

*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.

Sermon

Rev. Peter

*Sermon Hymn

God Down, Moses

Blue Hymnal #663

Prayer cards will be collected during the singing of the hymn

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, Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

Prayer of Dedication

Time of Prayer

Call to Prayer

Sure - ly the pre-sence of the Lord is in this place, I can

5 feel His might - y pow - er and His grace I can

9 hear the brush of an - gel's wings, I see glo - ry on each face;

13 Sure - ly the pre-sence of the Lord is in this place.

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

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Blue Hymnal #622

*Benediction

Postlude

Our Prayer List

Country of Columbia, recovering from earthquake

The family of Mindy Smith, friend of Ann Allaire, who passed away at age 56

The Nelsons and others on the passing of the pastor of their former church

Gail Clark, friend of Marilyn Melchin, surgery on Wednesday

Diane's daughter

Amy, friend of the Jackson family, diagnosed with cancer

Kathy Talbot, in rehab

Andrew Talbot, biopsy on lymph nodes

Paul, recovering from bad accident

Deb Jackman, recovering from broken pelvis

Joyce Purslow, recovering from surgery

Great niece of Sandy Adami recovering from a virus

Charles Duco, friend of Dick Harris

Continue Our Prayers for Those with Long-Term Needs:

Kerri, Bill & Patti MacLennan's daughter, brain cancer

Donald, brother-in-law of MaryBeth Tarnauskas, with cancer

Rick, brother of Dennis Falcione

Irene & Wally Reed

Ericka Penney

Darius Fiske



Congratulations on 60 years
of marriage
for Christine and Don Nelson



Serving in the House of the Lord

Welcome to the service!

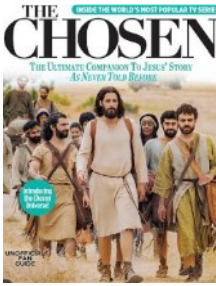
The flowers are given by the Flower Committee.

The Lay Reader Ginny Hunt

Coffee Hour is hosted by Ginny Hunt.

The Deacon of the month is Dave Fiske.

The Steeple Lighting August is given by Bob Cluett in memory of his wife Janet.



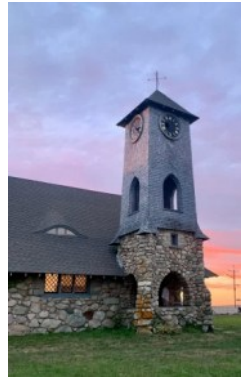
“COME AND SEE” The Chosen

MaryLou Gifford is hosting a showing of the TV series The Chosen each Wednesday from 6:30 - 8:00 pm in Riley Hall.

For more information, call her at 857-499-2300 or email her

Come to Evening Vespers by the Sea

Today is the last summer service at 7 pm.
Brant Rock Union Chapel
327 Ocean Street,
Marshfield



Fall's First Sunday, September 13 Sign Up to Provide Breakfast Fare

Fall's First Sunday is fast approaching! We so enjoyed our light breakfast of yummy quiches last year; we'll do it again this year! Please take a look at the sign-up sheet in the vestry and write your name next to a needed food item. Thank you!

Prayer Shawl Meets Wednesday, September 2



The first Prayer Shawl meeting for the 2026/2027 season will be on Wednesday September 2nd at 6:30 PM. We will continue meeting in Pastor Peter's Office. Have a project you are stuck on? Have never

even thought about picking up a knitting needle or a crochet hook? **Bring it!** Together we can make it happen.



Pot Luck Supper Third Friday in September

On Friday evening, September 18, a pot luck supper is planned to start at 6:30. Everyone is welcome to join us in the vestry and experience good fellowship. Bring a favorite dish to share. See Ginny Hunt (hesterbp2@comcast.net) for particulars.



Sept 15 First Fall Meeting of the Moonlighters



The first meeting of Moonlighters will be on **Tuesday**, September 15 from 2-4PM downstairs in

Riley Hall. **We have changed the day of the week and times for future meetings.** Have fun while making items for the Church Fair!



Cabinet Meeting Thursday, September 24

Attention all members of the Church Cabinet:

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend the September Cabinet meeting on **Thursday, September 24, 7:00 pm in the Church vestry**. If you are unable to attend please send a substitute from your board or committee. Reports from all should be submitted via email by September 18, in order that they may be read by others before the meeting.

Your input is important. Hope to see you on Thursday, September 24, 7:00pm.

~ Ava Sigsby



A new MainSpring sign-up sheet is in the vestry beside the flower sign-up. September, November and December are currently open.

Thank you for considering a contribution!

~Outreach & Service

ORGAN DEDICATION



The Houghs Neck
Congregational
Church

310 Manet Avenue
Quincy, MA 02169
**Sunday, September
13, 2026 at 2:00pm**

You are invited to the **dedication of the Allen Organ** gifted to us by the Wollaston Congregational Church.

Following the dedication, enjoy a concert to showcase the capabilities of this instrument and then refreshments downstairs in M. Alicia Corea Fellowship Hall.

In addition to the Wollaston Congregational Church, this gift was made possible by

The City of Quincy,
the Allen Organ Company,
the Rev. Peter Johnston,
the Houghs Neck Congregational Church
Board of Trustees
and Patty Corea.

Parking is available at the Atherton Hough School.



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 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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