



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL
Church of Hamilton

Order of Service May 24, 2026

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements Lisa Clay

“Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong, because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.”

- Isaiah 53:12

* **Call to Worship:** Psalm 22:27-31 Pastor Matt Schubert

Leader: All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations will bow down before him,

People: for dominion belongs to the Lord and he rules over the nations.

Leader: All the rich of the earth will feast and worship; all who go down to the dust will kneel before him—those who cannot keep themselves alive.

People: Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord.

Unison: They will proclaim his righteousness, declaring to a people yet unborn: He has done it!

* **Hymn:** To God Be the Glory

* **Invocation** Susan Gross

* **Song of Response:** Jesus Paid It All

I hear the Savior say,
"Thy strength indeed is small,
Child of weakness, watch and pray,
Find in Me thine all in all."

*Jesus paid it all,
All to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain,
He washed it white as snow.*

Lord, now indeed I find
Thy pow'r and Thine alone,
Can change the leper's spots
And melt the heart of stone

*Jesus paid it all,
All to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain,
He washed it white as snow.*

Children's Message Mary Bigus

Scripture Reading: Luke 22:39-53 Susan Gross

39 Jesus went out as usual to the Mount of Olives, and his disciples followed him. 40 On reaching the place, he said to them, "Pray that you will not fall into temptation." 41 He withdrew about a stone's throw beyond them, knelt down and prayed, 42 "Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done." 43 An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him. 44 And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground.

45 When he rose from prayer and went back to the disciples, he found them asleep, exhausted from sorrow. 46 "Why are you sleeping?" he asked them. "Get up and pray so that you will not fall into temptation."

47 While he was still speaking a crowd came up, and the man who was called Judas, one of the Twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him, 48 but Jesus asked him, "Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?" 49 When Jesus' followers saw what was going to happen, they said, "Lord, should we strike with our swords?" 50 And one of them struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his right ear. 51 But Jesus answered, "No more of this!" And he touched the man's ear and healed him.

52 Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple guard, and the elders, who had come for him, "Am I leading a rebellion, that you have come with swords and clubs? 53 Every day I was with you in the temple courts, and you did not lay a hand on me. But this is your hour—when darkness reigns."

* **Song of Worship** There Is One Gospel

Pastoral Prayer Pastor Kevin Baird

Musical Offering: *Flute Duet Medley* Yuka Langlais and Lindsey Peabody

I love you, O LORD, my strength. The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer. - Psalm 18:1-2

* **Doxology**

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost
Amen

Sermon: "Agony in the Garden" Pastor Oli van Ruth
Luke 22:39-53

• **Hymn:** And Can It Be That I Should Gain (verses 1,3, and 5)

• **Call to Prayer and Benediction** Pastor Oli van Ruth

Postlude

40 To God Be the Glory

Give unto the Lord the glory due unto His name. Psa. 29:2

TO GOD BE THE GLORY 11 11 11 11 Ref.

Fanny J. Crosby, 1875

William H. Doane, 1875



1. To God be the glo - ry, great things He hath done, So loved He the world that He
2. O per - fect re - demp - tion, the pur - chase of blood, To ev - ery be - liev - er the
3. Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done, And great our re - joic - ing thro'



gave us His Son, Who yield - ed His life an a - tone - ment for sin, And o - pened the
prom - ise of God; The vil - est of - fend - er who tru - ly be - lieves, That mo - ment from
Je - sus the Son; But pur - er, and high - er, and great - er will be Our won - der, our



Life - gate that all may go in.
Je - sus a par - don re - ceives. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His
trans - port, when Je - sus we see.



voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the peo - ple re - joice! O come to the



Fa - ther thro' Je - sus the Son, And give Him the glo - ry, great things He hath done.



There Is One Gospel

by Jonny Robinson, Rick Thompson

There is one Gospel on which I stand
For all eternity
It is my story, my Father's plan
The Son has rescued me
Oh what a Gospel, Oh what a peace
My highest joy and my deepest need
Now and forever He is my light
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

There is one Gospel to which I cling
All else I count as loss
For there, where justice and mercy meet
He saved me on the cross
No more I boast in what I can bring
No more I carry the weight of sin
For He has brought me from death to life
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

There is one Gospel where hope is found
The empty tomb still speaks
For death could not keep my Saviour down
He lives and I am free
Now on my Saviour, I fix my eyes
My life is His and His hope is mine!
For He has promised I, too, will rise
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

And in this Gospel the church is one
We do not walk alone
We have His Spirit as we press on
To lead us safely home
*And when in glory still I will sing
Of this old story that rescued me
Praise to my Saviour, the King of life
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ (* repeat)

Sing verses 1, 3, and 5

248 And Can It Be That I Should Gain

While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Rom. 5:8

Charles Wesley, 1738

SAGINA L.M.D.
Thomas Campbell, 1825

* 1. And can it be that I should gain An in - t'rest in the
2. 'Tis mys - tery all! Th' Im - mor - tal dies! Who can ex - plore His
* 3. He left His Fa - ther's throne a - bove, So free, so in - fi -
4. Long my im - pris - oned spir - it lay Fast bound in sin and
* 5. No con - dem - na - tion now I dread; Je - sus, and all in

* Sav - ior's blood? Died He for me, who caused His pain? For me, who
strange de - sign? In vain the first - born ser - aph tries To sound the
* nite His grace; Emp - tied Him - self of all but love, And bled for
na - ture's night; Thine eye dif - fused a quick - ning ray, I woke, the
* Him, is mine! A - live in Him, my liv - ing Head, And clothed in

* Him to death pur - sued? A - maz - ing love! how can it be That
depths of love pur - vine! 'Tis mer - cy all! let earth a - dore, Let
* Ad - am's help - less race; 'Tis mer - cy all, im - mense and free; For,
dun - geon flamed with light; My chains fell off, my heart was free; I
* right - eous - ness di - vine, Bold I ap - proach th'e - ter - nal throne, And

Refrain
* Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
an - gel minds in - quire no more.
* O my God, it found out me. A - maz - ing love! how
rose, went forth and fol - lowed Thee.
* claim the crown, through Christ my own. A - maz - ing love!



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 24, 2026

Our mission is to rejoice in God, grow in the gospel, and point people to Jesus.

Signup for events



DATES TO REMEMBER

- May 29 - Women's Ministry Event, 6:30 pm
- May 30 - Front Porch Stories, 7:00 pm
- May 31 - Senior Dessert, 6:00 pm
- May 31 - Bibles4Kenya Drive begins!
- June 3 - 5th Grade Bridge Milestone, 6:30 pm
- June 14 - Missions Meet & Greet with Amy Ketcham & Tekle Kumera, 11:00 am
- June 14 - Church Picnic, 11:15 am

NEW TO OUR CHURCH?

Welcome! We are glad you chose to join us this morning! If you have questions please ask an usher.

For families we provide children's church. During our 8:30 am service, our supervised Nursery is for infants through age 3, and our Little People's Church (LPC) program is for children age 4 through 1st grade. LPC meets following the Children's Message. During the 11:00 am service, the Nursery room is staffed as a combined space for infants and toddlers.

Sunday School for all ages at 9:45 am

- Infants, preschool and kindergarten age children gather in the Meetinghouse
- Elementary age children meet in the lower level of the Ministry Center
- Middle schoolers meet in the Ministry Center, Room 11
- High schoolers meet in the Barn
- Adult classes
 - *Becoming a Sanctuary* with Yuka Langlais and Lisa Clay, Meetinghouse Chapel
 - *So Great a Salvation* with Dr. Jack Davis, MC Room 21
 - *Loving God with Head, Heart, and Hands* with Dr. Kerilyn Harkaway-Krieger, MC Room 23/24
 - *Understanding 1st & 2nd Corinthians* with Dr. Eckhardt Schnabel, MC Room 22

Download our app



Additional resources: We have the Deacons fund, prayer chain, helping hands ministry, meals ministry, pastoral counseling, and other resources to help. Contact us at info@fcchamilton.org.

Hearing-Assist Devices and Large-Print Bibles: We have hearing-assist devices that help reduce ambient noise when listening to the sermon in the sanctuary; we also have large-print bibles. Please see an usher for assistance.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY HOT POTATO FOOD & FUN

The Women's Ministry is hosting a Hot Potato Food & Fun event on Friday, May 29, at 6:30 pm in the Ministry Center. Women of all ages are welcome to enjoy a build-your-own-baked-potato bar and some fun games. Fellowship with us and hear from our newly appointed Women's Ministry Director, Lisa Clay. Please RSVP, so we know how many potatoes to bake. Sign up using the QR code above.

FRONT PORCH STORIES

Join us for Season 6, Episode 2 of Front Porch Stories! It's a night of live and true stories from people like you, on Saturday, May 30, at 7:00 pm in the Barn. Enjoy coffee, dessert, and connecting with friends. Our storytellers are: John Bigus, Shannon deForest, Matt Felgate, LuBeth Kuemmerle, and Matt Schuberth. \$5 suggested donation at the door. Intended for adults and children 13+. RSVP using the QR code above.

SUMMER WORSHIP AND CHURCH PICNIC

Beginning June 14, we'll move to one worship service at 10:00 am in Heritage Hall in the Ministry Center. Following the service on June 14, join us for our annual church picnic. Hamburgers, hot dogs, and drinks are provided. Families with last names A-L, please bring a salad or side to share; M-Z, a dessert to share.

FCCH SOFTBALL

The FCCH Softball Team's season has begun! All are welcome to attend the games on Monday nights to cheer our team on. The next game is Monday, May 25, at 8:00 pm at 6 Green Street, Field #2 in Gloucester.

FCCH MARRIAGE MINISTRY PRESENTS: SUMMER DATE NIGHTS

Make this a summer to deepen and enliven your marriage! FCCH is hosting four date nights—July 6, July 20, August 3, and August 17, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm—for married couples to renew and strengthen their relationship. Enjoy a dessert from the Post, a film by Alpha Marriage, and a time to talk as a couple. The cost is \$80 per couple, childcare included. To learn more and sign up, use the QR code above.

MISSIONS MEET & GREET

Please join the Missions Committee during their meet-and-greet with Amy Ketcham and Tekle Kumera in Heritage Hall following the 10:00 am worship service on Sunday, June 14. They will share about their relocation to and ministry in Tanzania. Please stay after the service, before heading to the picnic, to give them a warm welcome.

SPIRITUAL HERITAGE TOUR IS BACK!

Dr. David Horn will be hosting a Spiritual Heritage tour on Saturday, July 11, from 9:00 am to 1:30 pm. Our journey will begin at our church, visit several historic sites in Ipswich and Newburyport, and conclude at Pulpit Rock in Rowley. Many of you may have seen the recent film, *A Great Awakening*, which highlights the lives of George Whitefield and Benjamin Franklin. The tour will explore themes from that era, including the Great Awakening, colonial congregational life, and Puritanism—with even a brief visit from George Whitefield himself! Sign up using the QR code on the front page.

WATCH THE CHOSEN WITH US!

You're invited to gather and watch the film series *The Chosen* on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 pm, at the home of Jack and Robin Davis (57 Lois Street, Hamilton). David Horn leads the discussion of this historical drama about the life of Jesus Christ, as seen through the eyes of those who knew him. Contact Robin Davis with questions, redrobindavis@gmail.com.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

- **VBS Lead Preschool Teacher** - We have 16 preschool students registered for VBS this summer, which is great news, as many VBS programs do not accept children this young. Please consider leading our preschool class for the week of July 13–17. Sign up to volunteer using the QR code on the front page.
- **The LifeShare group** at FCCH is sponsoring their annual Baby Bottle Fundraiser to benefit Your Options Medical! This ministry provides free life-affirming pregnancy confirmation services and ongoing help and support to women and couples facing an unplanned pregnancy. Take home a baby bottle or donation envelope from Fellowship Foyer to fill with coins, cash, or checks made out to YOUR OPTIONS MEDICAL. To donate online, use the QR code provided. Return your baby bottle by Father's Day, June 21.
- **Bibles4Kenya** is a Bible drive of the St. Joseph House of Hope in Kenya. Their goal is to collect 20,000 used and new Bibles from the U.S. to support Kenyan communities. The missions committee is sponsoring a Bible drive for the month of June. Begin collecting your Bibles now, and on May 31, we'll have bins in the Ministry Center and Fellowship Foyer for your donations. You may also support shipping costs by donating online at bibles4kenya.com.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

- **5th Grade Bridge Milestone:** We are excited to invite our current fifth-grade students to celebrate their transition to Middle School Youth Group! Students and their parents are invited to attend Middle School Youth Group on Wednesday, June 3, at 6:30 pm. We'll have dinner together, and then the students will join youth group at 7:00 pm.
- **Vacation Bible School!** VBS will take place July 13–17, from 9:00 am to noon, for children from preschool through entering grade 5. Registration is open! We're looking for volunteers to help make VBS a great experience. Use the QR code on the front page to register a child or sign up to volunteer. Youth Ministry

YOUTH MINISTRY

- **High School Youth Group** meets Tuesdays from 7:00 to 8:45 pm.
 - Senior Dessert for graduating seniors and their parents is on Sunday, May 31, at 6:00 pm. The Ting Family will be hosting. Sign up using the QR code on the front page.
- **Middle School Youth Group** meets Wednesdays from 7:00 to 8:30 pm.
 - Explore registration is open! Students entering grades 6, 7, and 8 are invited to join us as we explore the North Shore and our faith this July 13–17, from 9:00 am to noon. Register using the QR code on the front page.

SUMMER COLLEGE-AGE MINISTRY

- **Summer Worship Kickoff Picnic** - The college-age group will be hosting a table at the church picnic on June 14 after the service, and we'd love the chance to connect with you! Grab some food, come find us at the back tables, and pull up a chair—we hope you'll join us for good conversation, fellowship, and fun together.
- **Friday Hangs** - This summer, the College-Age Ministry will meet every Friday, beginning May 29 at 5:30 pm. We'll gather for everything from games and movies to sports, meals, and conversation about the Bible. For weekly updates, sign up for our group chat at fcchamilton.org/college.
- **Catalyst** - We are launching a weekly program focused on equipping and training young leaders in faith, character, and leadership. To learn more visit fcchamilton.org/college.

If you would like to receive our weekly email, sign up at fcchamilton.org or email the church office at info@fcchamilton.org.

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All submissions for the announcements must be received in the church office by Wednesday at noon. Thank you!