



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL  
Church of Hamilton

## Order of Service June 7, 2026

### Prelude:

### Welcome and Announcements

*“And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.”*

*- Ephesians 2:6-7*

\* **Call to Worship:** Psalm 30:1-5 ..... Cece Gough

Leader: I will exalt you, Lord, for you lifted me out of the depths and did not let my enemies gloat over me

**People: Lord my God, I called to you for help, and you healed me.**

Leader: You, Lord, brought me up from the realm of the dead; you spared me from going down to the pit.

**People: Sing the praises of the Lord, you his faithful people; praise his holy name.**

**Unison: For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime; weeping may stay for the night, but rejoicing comes in the morning.**

\* **Hymn:** Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

\* **Invocation** ..... Pastor Oli van Ruth

\* **Song of Response:** ..... Our God Is an Awesome God

Our God is an awesome God  
He reigns from heaven above  
With wisdom, power, and love  
Our God is an awesome God

**Children’s Message** ..... Lauren Sager

**Scripture Reading:** Luke 24:1-12 (ESV)..... Josh Denoronha

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." And they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

**Prayer for Our Church Family** ..... Cece Gough

**Musical Offering:** *Be Still, and Know That I Am God* ..... Choir

\* **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:** "*The Hope of the Resurrection*"..... Pastor Matt Schubert  
Luke 24

• **Song of Praise** ..... Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

• **Apostles Creed** ..... Pastor Matt Schubert

**Prayer of Renewal** ..... Pastor Oli van Ruth

**Celebrating the Lords Supper**

• **Song of Worship:** Because He Lives

Because He lives,	And life is worth the living,
I can face tomorrow!	Just because He lives!
Because He lives,	And life is worth the living,
All fear is gone.	Just because He lives!
Because I know	
He holds the future,	

• **Call to Prayer and Benediction** ..... Pastor Matt Schubert

**Postlude**

# 25 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

All Thy works shall praise Thee, O Lord . . . Psa. 145:10

HYMN TO JOY 8787 D.  
Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824

Henry Van Dyke, 1907

1. Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;  
2. All Thy works with joy sur - round Thee, Earth and heav'n re - flect Thy rays,  
3. Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,  
4. Mor - tals join the might - y cho - rus Which the morn - ing stars be - gan;

Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore Thee, Open - ing to the sun a - bove.  
Stars and an - gels sing a - round Thee, Cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
Well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, O - cean - depth of hap - py rest!  
Fa - ther love is reign - ing o'er us, Broth - er love binds man to man.

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; Drive the dark of doubt a - way;  
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, Flow - ery mead - ow, flash - ing sea,  
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Broth - er— All who live in love are Thine;  
Ev - er sing - ing, march we on - ward, Vic - tors in the midst of strife;

Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, Fill us with the light of day!  
Chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain Call us to re - joice in Thee.  
Teach us how to love each oth - er, Lift us to the joy di - vine.  
Joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun - ward In the tri - umph song of life. A - men.

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GOD THE FATHER

*Offertory*

**Be Still and Know That I Am God**

by David Lantz

Be still, and know that I am God,  
The God of strength, the God of truth.  
I am your refuge in your time of fear,  
And you will know that I am near.

Be still, and know that I am God,  
The God who gave My own Son to you.  
You will find hope in His great sacrifice;  
Your faith leads to eternal life.

Though waters may roll and mountains may shake,  
And fear fills your heart with deep despair,  
With faith and hope and love, you will find Me through your prayers,  
And know that I am near.

Be still, and know that I am God.  
In times of pain, in times of war,  
In Me, find solitude and perfect peace.  
Keep faith; My wonders never cease.

Be still, and know that I am God,  
The God of strength, the God of truth.  
With love, I speak the heavenly words you hear,  
So you will know that I am near.  
Trust in Me, for I am here.  
Be still.

# Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

by Getty Music

What is our hope in life and death?  
Christ alone, Christ alone  
What is our only confidence?  
That our souls to Him belong

Who holds our days within His hand?  
What comes, apart from His command  
And what will keep us to the end?  
The love of Christ in which we stand

*Refrain*

*Oh, sing hallelujah  
Our hope springs eternal  
Oh, sing hallelujah  
Now and ever we confess  
Christ, our hope in life and death*

What truth can calm the troubled soul?  
God is good, God is good  
Where is His grace and goodness known?  
In our great Redeemer's blood

Who holds our faith when fears arise?  
Who stands above the stormy trial?  
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh  
Unto the shore? The rock of Christ

*Refrain*

Unto the grave, what will we sing?  
"Christ, He lives, Christ, He lives!"  
And what reward will Heaven bring?  
Everlasting life with Him

There we will rise to meet the Lord  
Then sin and death will be destroyed  
And we will feast in endless joy  
When Christ is ours forevermore

*Refrain*

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and in  
Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary;  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried:  
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead:  
he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of  
God the Father Almighty:  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost: the holy catholic\* Church;  
the communion of saints: the forgiveness of sins:  
the resurrection of the body: and the life everlasting. Amen

\*Here the word means universal, such as the universal bond of genuine believers across the world.





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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Signup for events



## DATES TO REMEMBER

- Today - Asbury Grove Vesper Service with Dr. David Horn, 4:00 pm
- June 9 & 10- Last Youth Groups before summer break, 7:00 pm
- June 12 - College-Age Hang, 5:30 pm
- June 14 - Missions Meet & Greet with Amy Ketcham & Tekle Kumera, 11:00 am
- June 14 - Church Picnic, 11:15 am
- June 15 - Softball Game, 6:30 pm
- June 19 - Friday Fusion for high school youth

## 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

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**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](mailto: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.

## 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.

## MISSIONS MEET & GREET

Between the worship service and the church picnic on Sunday, June 14, please join the Missions Committee for a meet-and-greet with Amy Ketcham and Tekle Kumera in Heritage Hall. They will share about their relocation to and ministry in Tanzania.

## WOMEN'S SUMMER SOMETHING

The Women's Ministry is offering Summer Something, a five-week small group designed to encourage women in Christian life, faith, and fellowship as they grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ. Groups will meet every other week, beginning June 23 and 25, in the Chapel of the Meetinghouse, with sessions offered Tuesdays, from 10:00 to 11:30 am or Thursdays, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. We'll read and discuss *Journaling as a Spiritual Practice* by Allison Byxbe. Sign up using the QR code above.

## **AMIRAH**

Many of you have participated in Move for Amirah in past years. Amirah, Inc. helps women exit the commercial sex trade and find hope and support. This year's 5K event will take place at O'Bear Park in Beverly on Saturday, June 27 at 10:00 am. Please join our church team, FCCH Sole Mates! Runners, walkers, and strollers are all welcome. Visit [amirahinc.org](http://amirahinc.org) and hit the *Move for Amirah* button. Then choose, *Join the Movement*, where you can *Donate* or *Join the Movement*. Contact Jana Oettinger, [janaoettinger@yahoo.com](mailto:janaoettinger@yahoo.com) with questions.

## **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 (all dates included). Stipends are available for couples requiring a babysitter. To learn more and sign up, use the QR code above.

## **OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP AT ASBURY GROVE THIS SUMMER**

You're invited to attend a worship service this summer at nearby Asbury Grove, a Christian community in South Hamilton at 15 Lee Park. Vesper services are outdoors under the pines, every Sunday at 4:00 pm. Speakers this summer from FCCH will be Dr. David Horn today, June 7, and Pastor Oli van Ruth on Sunday, August 16. Asbury Grove's annual Camp Meeting revival week will be held August 2-7. More information is available at [asburygrove.org](http://asburygrove.org).

## **BEACH NIGHTS ARE BACK BEGINNING JUNE 24**

Adults and families meet each week on Wednesday night from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at Singing Beach in Manchester-by-the-Sea. Look for the large red umbrella. All are welcome! If it rains, we don't meet. Park in town or pay to park in the beach lot.

## **BAPTISM AND PROFESSION OF FAITH SERVICE**

We invite those in our church family to consider making a profession of faith this summer at a special service at 3:00 pm on Sunday, August 2, at Gull Pond at Gordon College. If you have not been baptized and would like to be, schedule an interview with a pastor in preparation. If you were baptized as an infant and would like to confirm your baptism, we invite you to meet with us as well. Email the office at [info@fcchamilton.org](mailto:info@fcchamilton.org) to schedule an interview.

## **POETRY NIGHT**

Join us Saturday, July 18, at 7:00 pm in the Meetinghouse Chapel for an evening of sharing poems and the stories behind them. If you're a poet or have a favorite poem you'd like to share, please contact Bill Devitt, [writetobilldevitt@gmail.com](mailto:writetobilldevitt@gmail.com), or Dr. David Horn, [dhorn@gcts.edu](mailto:dhorn@gcts.edu). We will have treats to eat, and all are welcome to come and hear the poems and stories of our poets and poetry readers.

## **INTERNS ON CAMPUS THIS SUMMER!**

Our Youth and Children's Ministries will have some extra help this summer:

- **Joining Youth Ministry** are Marlee Lestage and Josh Denoronha. They will assist Matt with summer events for middle and high school youth. They will also perform administrative tasks to help Matt prepare for upcoming events, update social media, and plan for the upcoming school year.
- **Supporting Children's Ministry** is intern Penelope Bellucci. She will assist in the planning, preparation, and execution of children's Sunday programs throughout the summer. Penelope will also contribute to plans for the upcoming year of Children's Ministry.

## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

- **Volunteers for VBS** - VBS orientation for our adult volunteers is Monday, June 15, at 7:00 pm. Orientation for our youth volunteers is Thursday, June 18, at 7:00 pm. If you haven't signed up to volunteer yet, there's still time! We need **three lead teachers**. Sign up to volunteer using the QR code on the front page.
- **Don't miss VBS!** Children from preschool to entering grade 5 are welcome to join us from July 13 to 17, for VBS, where we'll learn about Noah. Register using the QR code on the front page.

## **OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE**

- **Summer Nursery/LPC Volunteers:** Children's Ministry is looking for summer volunteers to serve in the nursery and LPC. If you're able to join our summer team of volunteers serving intermittently, please contact Chrysa Bliati at [cbliati@fcchamilton.org](mailto:cbliati@fcchamilton.org).
- **The LifeShare group** at FCCH is sponsoring their annual Baby Bottle Fundraiser to benefit Your Options Medical! Take home a baby bottle or donation envelope to fill with coins, cash, or checks made out to YOUR OPTIONS MEDICAL. 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. Collection bins are in the Ministry Center and Fellowship Foyer.

## **FRIDAY MORNING MOMS GROUP**

Moms with little ones are invited to a weekly informal playdate on Fridays from 9:30 to 11:30 am. We'll meet at Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary in the E/F playground. Drop-ins (or invited friends) are always welcome! Contact Janelle Deddo, [janelle.deddo@gmail.com](mailto:janelle.deddo@gmail.com), for more details.

## **YOUTH MINISTRY**

- **High School Youth Group** meets Tuesdays from 7:00 to 8:45 pm and ends this week.
  - High school students are invited to kick off the summer with Friday Fusion. It's a night with food, worship, and games on Friday, June 19, from 6:30 to 11:00 pm. Sign up using the QR code on the front page.
- **Middle School Youth Group** meets Wednesdays from 7:00 to 8:30 pm and ends this week.
  - 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. Sign up using the QR code on the front page.

## **SUMMER COLLEGE-AGE MINISTRY WITH PASTOR OLI**

- **Summer Worship Kickoff Picnic** - The College-Age Group will host a table at the church picnic on June 14, after the service. Grab some food and come find us at the back tables—we hope you'll join us!
- **Friday Hangs** - This summer, the College-Age Ministry will meet every Friday 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](https://fcchamilton.org/college).
- **Catalyst** - We're launching a weekly program focused on equipping and training young leaders in faith, character, and leadership. To learn more, visit [fcchamilton.org/college](https://fcchamilton.org/college). If you have questions, please contact Pastor Oli van Ruth at [ovanruth@fcchamilton.org](mailto:ovanruth@fcchamilton.org).

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