



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL
Church of Hamilton

Order of Service June 14, 2026

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements Pastor van Ruth

*“Lord, I have heard of your fame; I stand in awe of your deeds, Lord.
Repeat them in our day, in our time make them known;
in wrath remember mercy.”
- Habakkuk 3:2*

* **Call to Worship:** Psalm 86:8-11 John Rendall

Leader: Among the gods there is none like you, Lord; no deeds can compare with yours.

People: All the nations you have made will come and worship before you, Lord; they will bring glory to your name.

Leader: For you are great and do marvelous deeds; you alone are God.

Unison: Teach me your way, Lord, that I may rely on your faithfulness; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name.

* **Hymn:** Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

* **Invocation** John Rendall

* **Song of Response:** King of Kings

In the darkness we were waiting
Without hope, without light
'Til from Heaven You came running
There was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfill the law and prophets
To a virgin came the word
From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt

*Praise the Father, praise the Son
Praise the Spirit, three in one
God of glory, Majesty
Praise forever to the King of Kings*

To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross
For even in your suffering
You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus for our sake you died

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Children’s Message Craig Story
Story of Grace Marnie Ketcham and Tekle Kumera
Pastoral Prayer Pastor Matt Schubert
Musical Offering: *I’ll Fly Away* Grace Bigus, John Bigus, PJ Holladay

* **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

Scripture Reading: Colossians 1:1-14 John Rendall

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, 2 To God’s holy people in Colossae, the faithful brothers and sisters in Christ: Grace and peace to you from God our Father.

3 We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, 4 because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God’s people— 5 the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel 6 that has come to you. In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world—just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God’s grace. 7 You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, 8 and who also told us of your love in the Spirit.

9 For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, 10 so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, 11 being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, 12 and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. 13 For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Sermon: *“A Picture of Renewal”* Pastor Oli van Ruth
Colossians 1:1-1

- **Song of Praise** Hear the Call of the Kingdom
- **Call to Prayer and Benediction** Pastor Oli van Ruth

Postlude

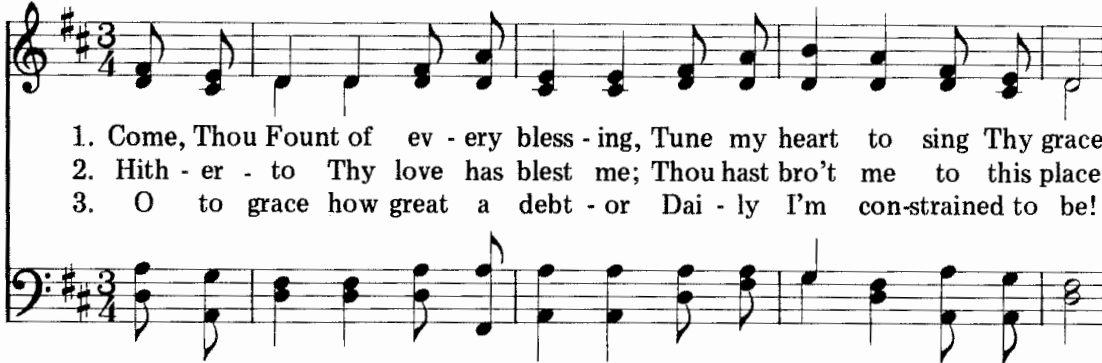
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 28

Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits. Psa. 68:19

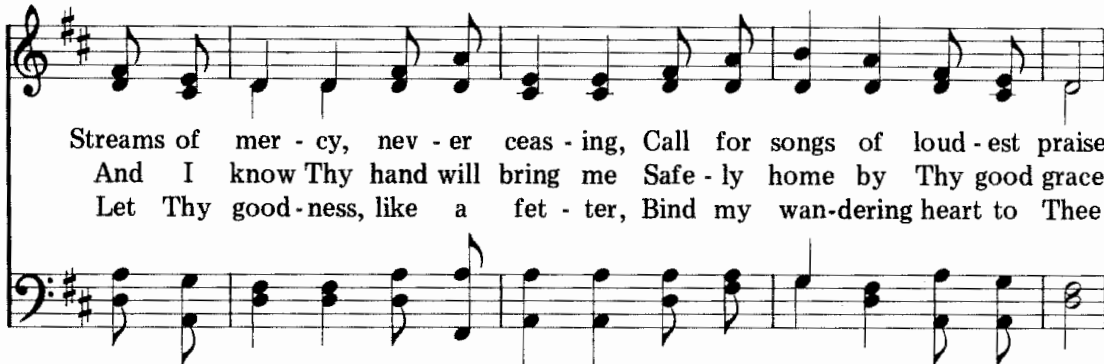
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Robert Robinson, 1758
Adapt. by E. Margaret Clarkson, 1973

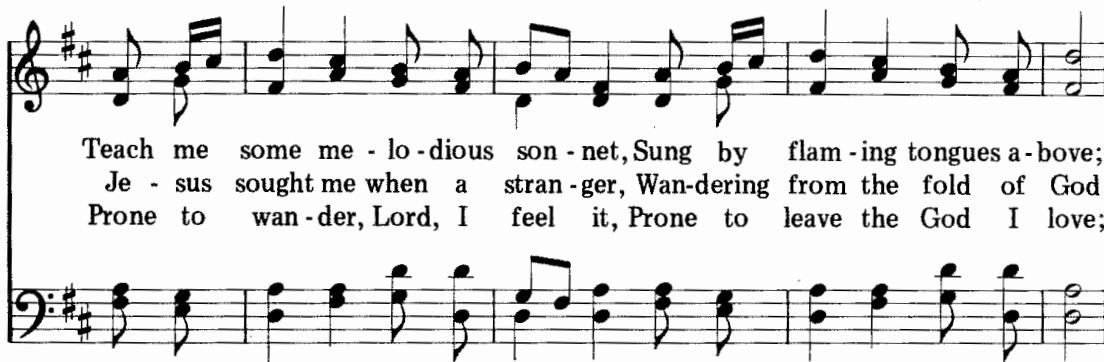
Traditional American melody
John Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music*, 1813



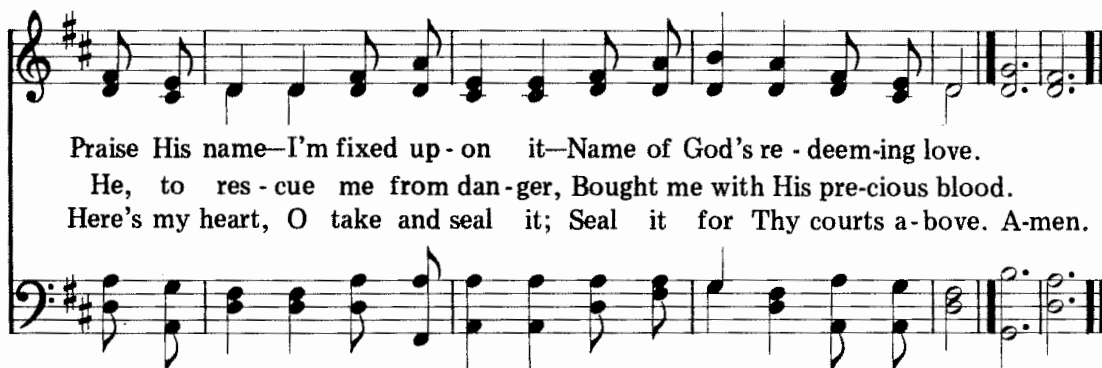
1. Come, Thou Fount of ev - ery bless - ing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
2. Hith - er - to Thy love has blest me; Thou hast bro't me to this place;
3. O to grace how great a debt - or Dai - ly I'm con - strained to be!



Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, Call for songs of loud - est praise.
And I know Thy hand will bring me Safe - ly home by Thy good grace.
Let Thy good - ness, like a fet - ter, Bind my wan - dering heart to Thee:



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, Sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;
Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger, Wan - dering from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love;



Praise His name—I'm fixed up - on it—Name of God's re - deem - ing love.
He, to res - cue me from dan - ger, Bought me with His pre - cious blood.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it; Seal it for Thy courts a - bove. A - men.

Offertory

I'll Fly Away

by Albert E. Brumley

Some glad morning when this life is o'er,
I'll fly away;
To a home on God's celestial shore,
I'll fly away (I'll fly away).

I'll fly away, Oh Glory
I'll fly away; (in the morning)
When I die, Hallelujah, by and by,
I'll fly away (I'll fly away).

When the shadows of this life have gone,
I'll fly away;
Like a bird from prison bars has flown,
I'll fly away (I'll fly away)

I'll fly away, Oh Glory
I'll fly away; (in the morning)
When I die, Hallelujah, by and by,
I'll fly away (I'll fly away).

Just a few more weary days and then,
I'll fly away;
To a land where joy shall never end,
I'll fly away (I'll fly away)

I'll fly away, Oh Glory
I'll fly away; (in the morning)
When I die, Hallelujah, by and by,
I'll fly away (I'll fly away).

Hear the Call of the Kingdom



Hear the call of the King - dom, lift your eyes to the King.
Hear the call of the King - dom, to be child - ren of light,
Hear the call of the King - dom to reach out to the lost;



Let His song rise with - in you as a frag - rant of - fer - ing
with the mer - cy of heav - en, the hu - mi - li - ty of Christ;
with the Fath - er's com - pass - ion in the won - der of the cross.



of how God, rich in mer - cy, came in Christ to re-deem all who trust in His un - fail - ing grace.
walk - ing just - ly be - fore Him, lov - ing all that is right; that the light of Christ may shine through us.
Bring - ing peace and for - give - ness and a hope yet to come. Let the nat - ions put their trust in Him.



King of heav - en we will an - swer the call; We will fol - low, bring - ing hope to the world,



filled with pass - ion, filled with pow - er to pro - claim sal - vat - ion in Je - sus' name.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

June 14, 2026

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

Signup for events



DATES TO REMEMBER

- Today - Missions Meet & Greet with Amy Ketcham & Tekle Kumera, 9:45 am
- June 15 - Softball Game, 6:30 pm
- June 15 - VBS Adult Volunteer Orientation, 7:00 pm
- June 18 - VBS Youth Volunteer Orientation, 7:00 pm
- June 19 - Friday Fusion for high school youth, 7:00 pm
- June 21 - Church Picnic, 11:15 am
- June 21 - Summer Worship Night, 6:00 pm

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. During the 9:45 am hour, the nursery will be open for parents to use with their children.

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.

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MISSIONS MEET & GREET

Between the worship services today, please join the Missions Committee for a meet-and-greet with Amy Ketcham and Tekle Kumera in Heritage Hall. They will share about their ministry in Tanzania.

SUMMER WORSHIP AND CHURCH PICNIC - JUNE 21

Our summer worship schedule begins next Sunday, June 21, with one worship service at 10:00 am in the Ministry Center. Following the service on June 21, 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.

NEW MEMBERS INDUCTION

Nine new members are being inducted next Sunday, June 21, during the 11:00 am worship service. Please be sure to welcome them during the church picnic. New members will be wearing lanyard name tags.

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 Meetinghouse Chapel. Sessions will be 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 Obear 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 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, 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.

FCCH SOFTBALL

The FCCH Softball Team's season continues! All are welcome to attend the games on Monday nights to cheer our team on. The next game is Monday, June 15, at 6:30 pm at Burnham's Field in Gloucester.

BEACH NIGHTS ARE BACK BEGINNING JUNE 24

Adults and families meet each week on Wednesday 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

Baptism is a wonderful picture of a person's union with Jesus' death and resurrection. If you have not been baptized and would like to be, we will be hosting two interest meetings on July 12 and July 19 (same meeting repeated) from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm in the Meetinghouse Chapel. If you were baptized as an infant and would like to confirm your baptism, we invite you to meet with us as well. We will have a baptism and confirmation service at 3:00 pm on Sunday, August 2, at Gull Pond at Gordon College. Email the office at info@fcchamilton.org to schedule an interview.

SUMMER WORSHIP NIGHT

Join us in the Barn on Sunday evening, June 21, from 6:00 to 7:00 pm for a night of worship, testimony, and prayer. One of our summer interns, Josh Denoronha, will give a special message from the Word to stir our faith, worship, prayer, and witness.

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, or Dr. David Horn, 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 Orientation** - VBS orientation for our adult volunteers is Monday, June 15, at 7:00 pm in the Café. Orientation for our youth volunteers is Thursday, June 18, at 7:00 pm in the Café. 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.

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.
- **The LifeShare Baby Bottle Fundraiser** is coming to a close. The final collection day is next Sunday, June 21—Father's Day. Our goal is to collect all of the baby bottles, whether they are filled or empty! If you gave a gift using an envelope, mail the envelope or place it in the baby bottle collection box. If you donate by check, please make the check out to YOUR OPTIONS MEDICAL. If you miss collection day, bottles and envelopes may be given to LuBeth Kuemmerle, John Clark, Kristina Martinez, Cec Horn, Shelly Moran, or Ken and Jane Robinson.
- **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, for more details.

YOUTH MINISTRY

- Youth Group is on summer break. Look for fun events all summer!
- High school students are invited to kick off the summer with Friday Fusion on Friday, June 19, from 6:30 to 11:00 pm. Sign up using the QR code on the front page.
- Register students entering grades 6, 7, and 8 for Explore! 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 21, 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.
- **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. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Oli van Ruth at 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!