



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL
Church of Hamilton

Order of Service June 21, 2026

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Matt Schubert

“The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.”

- Hebrews 1:3

* **Call to Worship:** Psalm 103:8-13 Susan Gross

Leader: The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.

People: He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever;

Leader: he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him;

People: as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

Unison: As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him;

* **Songs of Praise**

Come, Christians, Join to Sing
In Christ Alone

* **Invocation** Ella Forest

* **Song of Response:** Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)

*Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I’m found
Was blind, but now I see*

*My chains are gone, I’ve been set free
My God, my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love, amazing grace (repeat)*

Children’s Message Claire Turpel

Prayers for Our Church Family Josh Denoronha

Musical Offering: *Carpenter Boy* Marlee Lestage, Matt Schuberth

* **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: Hebrews 1:1-10 Judah VanderWoude

1 In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, 2 but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe. 3 The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. 4 So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs.

5 For to which of the angels did God ever say, “You are my Son; today I have become your Father”? Or again, “I will be his Father, and he will be my Son”? 6 And again, when God brings his firstborn into the world, he says, “Let all God’s angels worship him.” 7 In speaking of the angels he says, “He makes his angels spirits, and his servants flames of fire.”

8 But about the Son he says, “Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever; a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom. 9 You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has set you above your companions by anointing you with the oil of joy.” 10 He also says, “In the beginning, Lord, you laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands.”

Sermon: “*The Preeminence of Christ*” Dr. Glenn Butner
Colossians 1:15-20

• **Song of Praise** Christus Victor

New Members Induction Elders

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

Postlude

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

by Christian H. Bateman

Come, Christians, join to sing,
Alleluia, Amen!

Loud praise to Christ our King,
Alleluia, Amen!

Let all with heart and voice
Before his throne rejoice;
Praise is his gracious choice;
Alleluia, Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high;
Alleluia, Amen!

Let praises fill the sky;
Alleluia, Amen!
He is our Guide and Friend;
To us he'll condescend;
His love shall never end;
Alleluia, Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again;
Alleluia, Amen!

Life shall not end the strain;
Alleluia, Amen!

On Heaven's blissful shore
His goodness we'll adore,
Singing forever more,
Alleluia, Amen!

In Christ Alone

by Stuart Townend, Keith Getty

In Christ alone, my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone, who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
'Til on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
**No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
**Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand (*repeat)*

Christus Victor

by Cochren & Co., Keith & Kristyn Getty

O Most High, King of the ages
Great I AM, God of wonders
By the blood You have redeemed us
Led us through mighty waters
Our strength, our song, our sure salvation

*Now to the Lamb upon the throne
Be blessing, honor, glory, power
For the battle You have won
Hallelujah. Amen.*

O Most High, dwelling among us
Son of Man sent for sinners
By Your blood You have redeemed us
Spotless Lamb, mighty Savior
Who lived, who died, who rose victorious

Chorus
*Now to the Lamb upon the throne
Be blessing, honor, glory, power
For the battle You have won
Hallelujah*
*With every tribe and every tongue
We join the anthem of the angels
In the triumph of the Son
Hallelujah. Amen.*

O Most High, King of the nations
Robed in praise, crowned with splendor
On that day who will not tremble?
When You stand, Christ the Victor
Who was, and is, and is forever

Chorus
Amen, amen, amen.
Amen, amen, amen.
Amen, amen, amen.

Chorus

Induction of New Members

In presenting yourself for membership:

Do you affirm your faith in Jesus Christ? (*I do*)

Do you intend to be His disciple, to obey His Word, and to show His love? (*I do*)

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord? (*I will*)

Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, giving of yourself in every way, and will you seek the fellowship of the Church wherever you may be? (*I will*)

Church Covenant

The covenant by which this Church exists as a distinct body, and which every member accepts, is as follows:

Acknowledging Jesus Christ to be our Savior and Lord, and accepting the Holy Scriptures as our rule of faith and practice, and recognizing the privilege and duty of uniting ourselves for Christian fellowship, the enjoyment of Christian ordinances, the worship of God, and the advancement of his kingdom in the world, we do now in the sight of God and invoking his blessing, solemnly covenant and agree with each other to associate ourselves to be a Church of the Lord Jesus Christ, as warranted by the Word of God.

We agree to maintain the institutions of the gospel, to submit ourselves to the orderly administration of the affairs of the Church, and to walk together in brotherly love.

And this we do, depending upon the aid of our heavenly Father, who so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son for our salvation, and of Jesus Christ, who has redeemed us with his blood, and of the Holy Spirit, our comforter and guide. Amen

Welcome New Members



Susan Doughty



Noah Peabody



Marlee Lestage



Liz Isaac



Nancy Fuller



Mary Jo Ficocello



Lisa & Keith Welch



Carol Francis





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ANNOUNCEMENTS

June 21, 2026

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

Signup for events



DATES TO REMEMBER

- Today - Church Picnic, 11:15 am
- Today - Summer Worship Night, 6:00 pm
- June 23 - Summer Something begins, 10:00 am
- June 24 - Beach Nights begin, 6:00 pm
- June 25 - Summer Something begins, 7:00 pm
- June 27 - Move For Amirah Event, 10:00 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 Little People's Church (LPC). The church nursery and LPC are available for children at the 10:00 am worship service.

- The church nursery is open for drop-off beginning at 9:45 am.
- Remember to register your child for LPC at the check-in station on arrival. Following the children's message, parents of children age 3 to grade 1 will go to the Ministry Center hallway to meet an adult leader, who will then escort the children to the lower level classroom in the church building.

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

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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.

Download our app



CHURCH PICNIC TODAY

- For the first few Sundays this summer, we'll be wearing name tags. With everyone worshipping together in one service, it's a wonderful opportunity to reconnect and get to know one another better.
- Join us for our church picnic on the lawn immediately following today's service! Keep an eye out for our new members and make sure to give them a warm welcome.

SUMMER WORSHIP NIGHT

Join us in the Barn this evening, 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.

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.

THANK YOU, JAY FOSS!

We are very grateful for the expertise and leadership that Audio Visual Manager Jay Foss has brought to FCCH. Jay, along with his volunteer team (Larry Coates, Karis Duck, Chris Guay, Chris Kwong, Bill McDonough, and Amy Watson), has made significant improvements in the quality of our sound and livestream. Jay will be ending his tenure as AV Manager on Sunday, June 28. During the next two weeks, Jay will be working with John Bigus, who, we are pleased to announce, will assume the position of Audio Visual Manager.

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 22, at 6:30 pm at Green Street Field #1 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.

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 on the front page.

BAPTISM AND PROFESSION OF FAITH SERVICE

We will have a baptism and confirmation service at 3:00 pm on Sunday, August 2, at Gull Pond at Gordon College. 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, or if you were baptized as an infant and would like to confirm your baptism, please attend either of two interest meetings on July 12 and July 19, from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm in the Meetinghouse Chapel. Call (978-468-1940) or email (info@fcchamilton.org) the office for more information.

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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

We have 100 students registered for VBS! Join the fun and be a volunteer the week of July 13-17. We are looking for two adult leaders. 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 intermittently in the nursery and LPC. If you're able to join our team, please contact Chrysa Bliati at cbliati@fcchamilton.org.
- **The LifeShare Baby Bottle Fundraiser:** A heartfelt thank-you to all who contributed to Your Options Medical in support of its lifesaving work. Forgot to bring your bottle? Please bring it during the next two weeks and place it in the collection box in the Ministry Center.
- **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.

EXPLORE!

- Students entering grades 6, 7, and 8 are invited to register 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 has reserved a table at the church picnic today. Grab some food and come find us at our table—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** started this week. We have eight young leaders training in faith, character, and leadership! If you are interested in joining, contact Pastor Oli van Ruth at ovanruth@fcchamilton.org.

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

If you signed up and are not receiving it, check your spam folder and add info@fcchamilton.org to your address book.

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