



*Rejoicing in God  
Growing in the Gospel  
Pointing people to Jesus*

July 5, 2026

Welcome to First Congregational Church of Hamilton. For many years, people have gathered here to rejoice in the gift of life, hope, and comfort we have through Jesus Christ. We hope as you gather with us today, you will encounter his beauty, mercy, and wisdom for your life, no matter who you are or what you're going through.

### New To Our Church?

**Welcome!** We're glad you chose to join us this morning! If you have questions, please ask an usher.

**For families**, we have the Nursery and Little People's Church (LPC) during the 10:00 am worship service.

- **Nursery:** Check-in/ drop-off starts at 9:50 am in the Meetinghouse.
- **LPC:** Check in on arrival at the Ministry Center entrance. Following the Children's Message, children ages 4 to 7 will be escorted by adult leaders to the LPC room (Meetinghouse-lower level).
- **Moms' Alcove** in room 11 is available for nursing moms.
- **Sermon Notes** for children are available at the Welcome Desk.

**First time here?** Use the QR code on the back to let us know you visited.

**For large-print Bibles**, please see an usher.

**If you need of prayer after the service**, meet with an Elder and Deacon at the platform in the front.

**Join us for iced tea, lemonade, and popsicles outside on the lawn after the service.**

## PREPARING OUR HEARTS

### Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

Oli van Ruth

### Preparing Our Hearts:

*"I will give you hidden treasures, riches stored in secret places, so that you may know that I am the Lord, the God of Israel, who summons you by name." - Isaiah 45:3*

### \* Call to Worship: 1 Chronicles 16:34-36

Pastor Matt Schubert

Leader: Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out!

**People: "Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor?"**

Leader: "Who has ever given to God, that God should repay them?"

**Unison: For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen.**

## COMING WITH PRAISE

\* **Hymn:** Agnus Dei

\* **Invocation**

Pastor Matt Schuberth

\* **Song of Response:** What Can Wash Away My Sin?

**Children's Message**

Cec Horn

*Please accompany children forward for the message, then exit to the hallway where your child (ages 4 to 7) will be escorted across the parking lot to Little People's Church.*

## DRAWING NEAR FOR PRAYER

**Prayer for Missions and Our Church Family**

Phil and Leslie Masterson

**Musical Offering:** *He's Always Been Faithful*

Elena Lazaridou

\* **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

## PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

**Scripture Reading:** Colossians 1:24-2:5

Vick Best

**Sermon:** *"Contending for Renewal"*

Cece Gough

Colossians 1:24-2:5

\* **Song of Praise:** Jesus, I Come

## CELEBRATING THE LORD'S SUPPER

\* **Apostles Creed**

**Prayer of Renewal**

**Celebrating the Lord's Supper**

Pastor Matt Schuberth

\* **Song of Worship:** Yet Not I But in Christ Through Me

\* **Call to Prayer and Benediction**

Pastor Oli van Ruth

**Postlude**

*Our Ministry Leaders will be available at the front for prayer after the service:  
Vicki Best, Elder; Sarah Villa, Deacon*

## **Agnus Dei**

by Michael W. Smith

Alleluia, Alleluia,  
For the Lord God Almighty reigns.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!  
For the Lord God Almighty reigns.  
Alleluia!

*Holy, Holy are You, Lord God Almighty!*  
*Worthy is the Lamb!*  
*Worthy is the Lamb!*  
*Amen*

Alleluia, Alleluia,  
For the Lord God Almighty reigns.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!  
For the Lord God Almighty reigns.  
Alleluia!

*Holy, Holy are You, Lord God Almighty!*  
*Worthy is the Lamb!*  
*Worthy is the Lamb!*  
*You are holy!*

Holy are You, Lord God Almighty!  
Worthy is the Lamb!  
Worthy is the Lamb!  
Amen.

## **What Can Wash Away My Sin?**

by Robert Lowry

What can wash away my sin?  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
What can make me whole again?  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

*O precious is the flow*  
*That makes me white as snow*  
*No other fount I know*  
*Nothing but the blood of Jesus*

For my pardon this I see  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
For my cleansing this my plea  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

*O precious is the flow*  
*That makes me white as snow*  
*No other fount I know*  
*Nothing but the blood of Jesus*

## Jesus, I Come

by Greg Thompson

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night,  
Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;  
Into Thy freedom, gladness and light,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my sickness into Thy health,  
Out of my want and into Thy wealth,  
Out of my sin and into Thyself,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss,  
Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;  
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.  
Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm,  
Out of life's storms and into Thy calm,  
Out of distress to jubilant psalm,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride,  
Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;  
Into Thy blessed will to abide,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.  
Out of myself to dwell in Thy love,  
Out of despair into raptures above,  
Upward for aye on wings like a dove,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb,  
Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;  
Into the joy and light of Thy home,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.  
Out of the depths of ruin untold,  
Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,  
Ever Thy glorious face to behold,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.

## 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.*

# Yet Not I But in Christ Through Me

by CityAlight

What gift of grace is Jesus, my Redeemer  
There is no more for Heaven now to give  
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom  
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus  
For my life is wholly bound to His  
Oh, how strange and divine, I can sing, "All is mine"  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken  
For by my side, the Savior, He will stay  
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing  
For in my need, His power is displayed

To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me  
Through the deepest valley, He will lead  
Oh, the night has been won, and I shall overcome  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven  
The future's sure, the price, it has been paid  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon  
And He was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold, my sin has been defeated  
Jesus, now and ever is my plea  
Oh, the chains are released, I can sing, "I am free"  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

With every breath, I long to follow Jesus  
For He has said that He will bring me home  
And day by day, I know He will renew me  
Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus  
All the glory evermore to Him  
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat  
"Yet not I, but through Christ in me"



## Announcements

Signup for events



- **Opportunities to Serve:** Volunteer in the nursery/LPC this summer, at VBS, for our Meals and Rides ministries or campus monitors, or join our AV team. Use the QR code to sign up to serve.
- **Beach Nights:** Wednesdays from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at Singing Beach in Manchester-by-the-Sea. Look for the large red umbrella. Park in town or pay to park in the beach lot. Canceled if raining.
- **FCCH Softball:** Cheer on the FCCH Softball Team on Monday nights. The next game is Monday, July 6, at 8:00 pm at Green Street Field #2 in Gloucester.
- **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. If you want to know more about baptism or confirming your baptism, please attend either of two interest meetings on July 12 and July 19, from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm. Use the QR code for more information.
- **Friday Hangs:** This summer, the College-Age Ministry will meet every Friday at 5:30 pm for games, movies, sports, and conversations. For weekly updates, sign up for our group chat at [fcchamilton.org/college](http://fcchamilton.org/college).

## July Events | For details scan the QR code above

- 6 **Summer Date Nights Begin** | 7:00 to 9:00 pm, Post Restaurant
- 11 **Spiritual Heritage Tour** | 8:30 am to 2:00 pm, Church parking lot
- 12 **Missions Meet & Greet with Jamie Burt** | 11:00 am, Ministry Center Lawn
- 12 **Baptism/Confirmation class** | 11:30 am to 12:30 pm, Meetinghouse Chapel
- 13 **VBS & Explore Week** | 9:00 to noon, Ministry Center and Barn
- 18 **Poetry Night** | 7:00 pm, Meetinghouse Chapel
- 19 **Baptism/Confirmation class** | 11:30 am to 12:30 pm, Meetinghouse Chapel
- 26 **Summer Serve Week** | Youth serving with NEU in Central Falls, RI

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Kevin Baird, *Lead Pastor of Care & Outreach*  
Oliver van Ruth, *Lead Pastor of Preaching & Teaching*  
Matthew Schuberth, *Pastor of Youth & Young Adults*  
Chrysa Bliati, *Children's Ministry Director*  
Lisa Clay, *Women's Ministry Director*  
Cece Gough, *Executive Director*

Hana Lee, *Music Director*  
Jay Foss, *Audio-Visual Manager*  
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Phil Best, *Facilities Manager*  
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