



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

July 12, 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: In Christ Alone

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Matt Schuberth

Preparing Our Hearts:

"So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness." - Colossians 2:6-7

* **Call to Worship:** Psalm 1:1-3

Josh Denoronha

Leader: Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers,

People: **but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night.**

Unison: ***That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither—whatever they do prospers.***

COMING WITH PRAISE

* **Hymn:** O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

* **Invocation**

Dr. Sean McDonough

* **Song of Response:** In Christ Alone

Children's Message

Lauren Sager

*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

Story of Grace

Jamie Burt

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Matt Schuberth

Musical Offering: *Prince of Peace*

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 2:6-15 (ESV)

Dr. Sean McDonough

Sermon: *"Contending for Renewal"*
Colossians 2:6-15

Pastor Oli van Ruth

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* **Song of Worship:** All Must Be Well

* **Call to Prayer and Benediction**

Pastor Oli van Ruth

Postlude

Our Ministry Leaders will be available at the front for prayer after the service:
Dr. Sean McDonough, Elder; Josiah Coffey, Deacon

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus 229

Having loved His own . . . He loved them unto the end. John 13:1

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Thomas J. Williams, 1890

S. Trevor Francis, 1834-1925

1. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus, Vast, un - meas-ured, bound-less, free!
 2. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus, Spread His praise from shore to shore!
 3. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus, Love of ev - ery love the best;

Roll - ing as a might - y o - cean In its full - ness o - ver me,
 How He lov - eth, ev - er lov - eth, Chang-eth nev - er, nev - er - more;
 'Tis an o - cean vast of bless-ing, 'Tis a ha - ven sweet of rest,

Un - der-neath me, all a - round me, Is the cur - rent of Thy love;
 How He watch - es o'er His loved ones, Died to call them all His own;
 O the deep, deep love of Je - sus, 'Tis a Heav'n of Heav'ns to me;

Lead - ing on-ward, lead-ing home-ward To my glo-rious rest a-bove.
 How for them He in - ter - ced-eth, Watch-eth o'er them from the throne.
 And it lifts me up to glo - ry, For it lifts me up to Thee. A-men.

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)*

Musical Offering

Prince of Peace

by Daniel Barta

Jesus, Holy One, Immanuel
Jesus, Prophet, Word of life
Shepherd, Son of Man, Lamb of God
Master, Mediator, King
Dayspring, Rose of Sharon
Morning Star, Savior, Wonderful Redeemer
Alpha and Omega
Lord of lords!!
Jesus, Counselor, Prince of Peace.

All Must Be Well



Through the love of God our Sav - ior all will be well;
Though we pass through trib - u - la - tion, all will be well;
We ex - pect a bright to - mor-row, all will be well;



Free and change-less is His fav - or, all _ is well;
Ours is such a full sal - va - tion, all _ is well;
Faith can sing through days of sor - row, all _ is well;



Pre-cious is the blood that healed us, Per-fect is the grace that sealed us,
Hap - py still in God con - fid - ing, Fruit-ful if in Christ a - bid - ing,
On our Fa - ther's love re - ly - ing, Je - sus ev - 'ry need sup - ply - ing,



Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us, all must be well.
Stead-fast through the Spir - it's guid - ing, all must be well.
Yes in liv - ing and in dy - ing, all must be well.

SERMON TEXT & NOTES

Colossians 2:6-15 (ESV)

6 Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, **7** rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

8 See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. 9 For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, 10 and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. 11 In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, 12 having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. 13 And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, 14 by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. 15 He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

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Announcements

Signup for events



- **The rose at the pulpit** this morning is to welcome Leah Ruth Hijeck, born on Wednesday, July 8, to Abbie and Greg Hijeck!
- **Opportunities to Serve:** Volunteer in the nursery /LPC or VBS this summer, or for our year-round Meals and Rides ministries, campus monitors, or 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. Canceled if raining.
- **FCCH Softball:** The next game is Monday, July 13, at 8:00 pm at Green Street Field #2, Gloucester.
- **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.
- **Baptism and Profession of Faith Service:** If you want to know more about baptism or confirming your baptism, please attend either of two interest meetings: one today and the other on July 19; both are from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm. We will have a baptism and confirmation service at 3:00 pm on Sunday, August 2, at Gull Pond at Gordon College. 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.

July Events | For details, scan the QR code above.

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| 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 am 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 |

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*

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