



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

July 19, 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

Pastor Oli van Ruth

Preparing Our Hearts

"Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves." - Romans 12:9-10

* Call to Worship: Isaiah 43:1-3a

John Rendall

Leader: But now, this is what the Lord says—he who created you, Jacob,
he who formed you, Israel:

People: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine.

Leader: When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you.

People: When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze.

Unison: For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior."

COMING WITH PRAISE

* **Hymn:** Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (Insert)

* **Invocation, Confession of Sin, and Assurance of Pardon**

Pastor Matt Schuberth

* **Song of Response:** Be the Centre (Insert)

VBS Song & Celebration

Immediately following the VBS song, exit to the hallway where children (ages 4 to 7) will be escorted across the parking lot to Little People's Church.

DRAWING NEAR FOR PRAYER

Prayer for Our Church Family

John Rendall

Musical Offering: Blessed Are the Ones

Grace 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

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: Genesis 11:1-9

Lisa Clay

Sermon: "Captivating Stories. Part 1: Devices, Data, Disposables"

Pastor Oli van Ruth

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* **Song of Worship:** There Is One Gospel (Insert)

* **Call to Prayer and Benediction**

Pastor Oli van Ruth

Postlude

Our Ministry Leaders will be available at the front for prayer after the service:
John Rendall, Elder; Kathie Sweeney, Deacon

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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Charles Wesley, 1747

Rowland H. Prichard, c. 1830



1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down;
2. Breathe, O breathe Thy lov - ing Spir - it, In - to ev - ery trou - bled breast!
3. Come, Al - might - y to de - liv - er, Let us all Thy life re - ceive;
4. Fin - ish, then, Thy new cre - a - tion; Pure and spot - less let us be.



Fix in us Thy hum - ble dwell - ing; All thy faith - ful mer - cies crown!
Let us all in Thee in - her - it; Let us find the prom - ised rest.
Sud - den - ly re - turn and ne - ver, Nev - er - more Thy tem - ples leave.
Let us see Thy great sal - va - tion Per - fect - ly re - stored in Thee;



Je - sus, Thou art all com - pas - sion, Pure un - bound - ed love Thou art;
Take a - way our love of sin - ning; Al - pha and O - me - ga be;
Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, Serve Thee as Thy hosts a - bove,
Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, Till in heav'n we take our place,



Vis - it us with Thy sal - va - tion; En - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
End of faith, as its Be - gin - ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
Pray and praise Thee with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in Thy per - fect love.
Till we cast our crowns be - fore Thee, Lost in won - der, love, and praise.

Be the Centre

by Kathryn Scott, Michael Frye, and Vineyard
Worship

Jesus, be the centre
Be my source, be my light
Jesus

Jesus, be the centre
Be my hope, be my song
Jesus

Be the fire in my heart
Be the wind in these sails
Be the reason that I live
Jesus, Jesus

Jesus, be my vision
Be my path, be my guide
Jesus

Musical Offering

Blessed Are the Ones

by Rend Collective

When you're splitting at the seams
Cracks are spreading and you
just can't mend them
You've got nothing much to bring
It's the humble hearted who are welcome
So don't you hide in the dark
Come now just as you are

Blessed are the ones
who can't fix themselves
Blessed are the ones
who know they need help
Blessed are the ones
who don't have it all together
They're going to see You come through
They're going to see You come through

If you're hungry come and eat
There's no cover charge at heaven's table
If you're thirsty come and drink
Streams of mercy you don't have to pay for
Come now just as you are

At the end of my rope, I'll find You
At the end of my hope, I'll call on You
I will empty myself and make some room

I'm going to see You come through

There is One Gospel

by CityAlight

There is one Gospel on which I stand
For all eternity
It is my story my Father's plan
The Son has rescued me
Oh what a Gospel, oh what a peace
My highest joy and my deepest need
Now and forever, He is my light
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

There is one Gospel to which I cling
All else I count as loss
For there where justice and mercy meet
He saved me on the cross
No more I boast in what I can bring
No more I carry the weight of sin
For He has brought me from death to life
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

There is one Gospel where hope is found
The empty tomb still speaks
For death could not keep My Savior down
He lives and I am free
Now on my Savior I fix my eyes
My life is His and His hope is mine
For He has promised I too will rise
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

And in this Gospel the church is one
We do not walk alone
We have His Spirit as we press on
To lead us safely home
And when in glory still I will sing
Of this old story that rescued me
Praise to my Savior, the King of life
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

SERMON TEXT & NOTES

Genesis 11:1-9

1 Now the whole world had one language and a common speech. 2 As people moved eastward, they found a plain in Shinar and settled there. 3 They said to each other, "Come, let's make bricks and bake them thoroughly." They used brick instead of stone, and tar for mortar. 4 Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves; otherwise we will be scattered over the face of the whole earth." 5 But the Lord came down to see the city and the tower the people were building. 6 The Lord said, "If as one people speaking the same language they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them. 7 Come, let us go down and confuse their language so they will not understand each other." 8 So the Lord scattered them from there over all the earth, and they stopped building the city. 9 That is why it was called Babel—because there the Lord confused the language of the whole world. From there the Lord scattered them over the face of the whole earth.

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Announcements

Signup for events



- **Opportunities to Serve:** Volunteer in the nursery /LPC, 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 20, at 6:30 pm at Green Street Field #2, Gloucester.
- **Baptism and Profession of Faith Service:** If you want to know more about baptism or confirming your baptism, please attend an interest meeting today from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm in the Chapel. 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.
- **High School Movie Night:** High schoolers join us for a movie night on the Ministry Center lawn on Monday, July 20 at 7:00 pm. Snacks provided.
- **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.

- 19 **Baptism/Confirmation class** | 11:30 am to 12:30 pm, Meetinghouse Chapel
- 20 **High School Movie Night** | 7:00 pm, Ministry Center lawn
- 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*
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