



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

July 26, 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 Matt Schuberth

Preparing Our Hearts (ESV)

"For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works." Titus 2:11-14

* Call to Worship: Psalm 95:1-3, 6-7a (ESV)

Priscilla Masterson

Leader: Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

People: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

Leader: For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

People: Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

Unison: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

COMING WITH PRAISE

* **Hymn:** 10,000 Reasons (Insert)

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

Pastor Oli van Ruth

* **Song of Response:** Gratitude (Insert)

Children's Message

Lisa Clay

Please accompany children forward for the message, then 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

Priscilla Masterson

Summer Serve Commissioning

Pastors Oli van Ruth and Matt Schuberth

Musical Offering: *Mismo Dios*

Summer Serve Team

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: Revelation 21:1-14

Jack Billings

Sermon: *"Captivating Stories. Part 2: Making a Name"*

Pastor Oli van Ruth

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* **Song of Worship:** This I Believe (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:
Priscilla Masterson, Elder; Kelly Lestage, Deacon

10,000 Reasons

by Matt Redman and Steve Angrisano

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
O my soul, worship His holy Name.
Sing like never before, O my soul.
I'll worship Your holy Name.

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning;
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass and whatever
lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes.

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger,
Your Name is great and Your heart is kind;
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing,
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

And on that day when my strength is failing,
The end draws near and my time has come;
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending,
Ten thousand years and then forevermore.

Gratitude

by Brandon Lake

All my words fall short
I got nothing new
How could I express
All my gratitude

I could sing these songs
As I often do
But every song must end
And You never do

Chorus

So I throw up my hands
And praise You again and again
'Cause all that I have is a hallelujah,
Hallelujah
And I know it's not much
But I've nothing else fit for a king
Except for a heart singing hallelujah
Hallelujah

Musical Offering

Mismo Dios/Same God

by Elevation Worship

Today I cry out to the God of Jacob
Hoy clamo al Dios de Jacob
Who has given his eternal love
Que ha dado su eterno amor
I know that you will keep your covenant
Sé que tú cumplirás tu pacto
Today I cry out to the God of Moses
Hoy clamo al Dios de Moisés
The same one who opened the seas
El mismo que abrió los mares
Today I need you to do it for me
Hoy necesito que lo hagas por mí

Chorus

Oh God I need you
Oh, Dios, te necesito
Oh God I need you today
Oh, Dios, te necesito hoy
I need you today
Te necesito hoy
Oh God, my eternal rock
Oh, Dios, mi roca eterna
I trust in your faithfulness
Confío en tu fidelidad

Today I cry out to the God of Mary
Hoy clamo al Dios de María
That gives favor to the humble
Que da favor a los humildes
With you everything is possible
Contigo todo es posible

Today I cry out to the God of David
Hoy clamo al Dios de David
What made a boy brave?
Que hizo de un niño, un valiente
And although Goliath does not face
Y aunque a Goliath no enfrente
I have my giants
Yo tengo mis gigantes

Chorus

You heard us yesterday
Nos escuchaste ayer
And you listen to us today
Y nos escuchas hoy
you are the same
Eres el mismo
you are the same
Eres el mismo

You answered us yesterday
Nos respondiste ayer
And you still answer today
Y aún respondes hoy
you are the same
Eres el mismo
you are the same
Eres el mismo

You provided for us yesterday
Nos proveíste ayer
And you provide for us today
Y nos provees hoy
you are the same
Eres el mismo
you are the same
Eres el mismo

This I Believe

by Hillsong Worship

Our Father everlasting
The all creating One
God Almighty
Through Your Holy Spirit
Conceiving Christ the Son
Jesus our Saviour

Our Judge and our Defender
Suffered and crucified
Forgiveness is in You
Descended into darkness
You rose in glorious life
Forever seated high

I believe in God our Father
I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit
Our God is three in One
I believe in the resurrection
That we will rise again
For I believe
In the Name of Jesus

I believe in You
I believe You rose again
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord

I believe in life eternal
I believe in the virgin birth
I believe in the saints' communion
And in Your holy Church
I believe in the resurrection
When Jesus comes again
For I believe in the Name of Jesus

SERMON TEXT

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.

Revelation 21:1-14 (ESV)

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. 2 And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. 4 He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

5 And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." 6 And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. 7 The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son. 8 But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death." 9 Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, "Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb." 10 And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, 11 having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. 12 It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed—13 on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. 14 And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

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:** Playoffs start tomorrow, July 27, with a game at 8:00 pm at the Green Street field in Gloucester. FCCH finished the season in seventh place and will play the number-two seed.
- **Visit the Summer Serve Team:** Pastor Oli will be visiting the Summer Serve team at NEU in Central Falls, RI on Wednesday, July 29. If you are interested in joining, contact Pastor Oli at ovanruth@fcchamilton.org. The group will leave FCCH at 2:30 pm and return by 10:00 pm.
- **Friday Hangs:** Calling all college students (or soon to be)! Thanks to LuBeth Kuemmerle, we're having a cookout at Great Neck in Ipswich on Friday night, July 31! We'll carpool from FCCH at 5:00 pm. If you plan to attend or have questions, please contact Oli at ovanruth@fcchamilton.com. Invite your friends!

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

- 26 **Summer Serve Week** | Youth serving with NEU in Central Falls, RI
- 29 **Visit to NEU** | Leaving FCCH at 2:30 pm
- 31 **College Group Cookout** | Great Neck, Ipswich at 5:00 pm

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*
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