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PREPARING OUR HEARTS

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements Cece Gough

Preparing Our Hearts

"He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. The grace of the Lord Jesus be with God's people. Amen." - Revelation 22:20-21

* **Call to Worship:** Psalm 85:6-7, 12-13 John Rendall (8:30), Vicki Best (11:00)

Leader: Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?
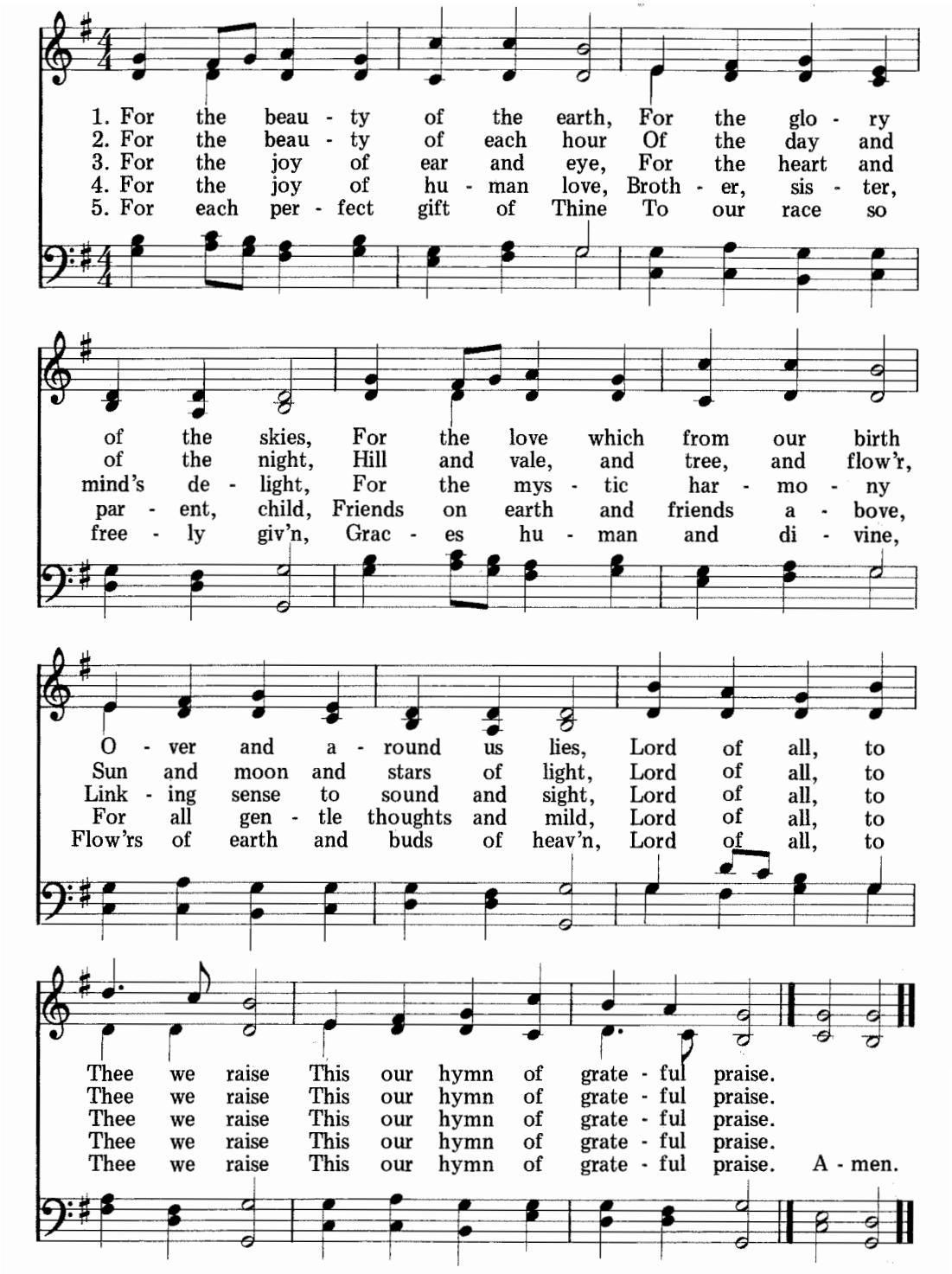
People: Show us your unfailing love, Lord, and grant us your salvation.

Leader: The Lord will indeed give what is good, and our land will yield its harvest.

Unison: Righteousness goes before him and prepares the way for his steps.

COMING WITH PRAISE

* **Hymn:** For The Beauty of the Earth



Invocation, Confession of Sin, and Assurance of Pardon Pastor Kevin Baird

* **Song of Response:** Lord, I Need You

Lord I come, I confess
Bowing here, I find my rest
Without You, I fall apart
You're the one that guides my heart

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You
Every hour, I need You
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are, Lord, I am free
Holiness is Christ in me

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You
Every hour, I need You
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You

Children's Message (8:30 am) Mary Bigus

Please accompany children forward for the message, then take the elevator to the lower-level classroom to check into Little People's Church (ages 4 to grade 1).

DRAWING NEAR FOR PRAYER

Scripture Reading: Habakkuk 3:1-15 (ESV) John Rendall (8:30 am), Vicki Best (11:00 am)

1 A prayer of Habakkuk the prophet according, to Shigionoth.

2 Lord, I have heard the report of you, and your work, O Lord, do I fear. In the midst of the years revive it; in the midst of the years make it known; in wrath remember mercy. **3** God came from Teman, and the Holy One from Mount Paran. *Selah*

His splendor covered the heavens, and the earth was full of his praise. **4** His brightness was like the light; rays flashed from his hand; and there he veiled his power. **5** Before him went pestilence, and plague followed at his heels. **6** He stood and measured the earth; he looked and shook the nations; then the eternal mountains were scattered; the everlasting hills sank low. His were the everlasting ways. **7** I saw the tents of Cushan in affliction; the curtains of the land of Midian did tremble. **8** Was your wrath against the rivers, O Lord? Was your anger against the rivers, or your indignation against the sea, when you rode on your horses, on your chariot of salvation? **9** You stripped the sheath from your bow, calling for many arrows. *Selah*

You split the earth with rivers. **10** The mountains saw you and writhed; the raging waters swept on; the deep gave forth its voice; it lifted its hands on high. **11** The sun and moon stood still in their place at the light of your arrows as they sped, at the flash of your glittering spear. **12** You marched through the earth in fury; you threshed the nations in anger. **13** You went out for the salvation of your people, for the salvation of your anointed. You crushed the head of the house of the wicked, laying him bare from thigh to neck. *Selah*

14 You pierced with his own arrows the heads of his warriors, who came like a whirlwind to scatter me, rejoicing as if to devour the poor in secret. **15** You trampled the sea with your horses, the surging of mighty waters.

* **Song of Worship:** Forever (Give Thanks to the Lord)

Give thanks to the Lord our God and King
His love endures forever
For He is good, He is above all things
His love endures forever

Sing praise, sing praise

With a mighty hand and outstretched arm
His love endures forever
For the life that's been reborn
His love endures forever

Sing praise, sing praise
Sing praise, sing praise

Forever God is faithful
Forever God is strong
Forever God is with us
Forever and ever, Forever.
From the rising to the setting sun

His love endures forever
By the grace of God we will carry on
His love endures forever

Sing praise, sing praise
Sing praise, sing praise

Forever God is faithful
Forever God is strong
Forever God is with us
Forever and ever, Forever.
For the Lord, our God, the Almighty reigns

Pastoral Prayer Pastor Matt Schuberth

Offertory: *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* Aidan Lowther, Hana Lee
One piano, four hands

* **Doxology**

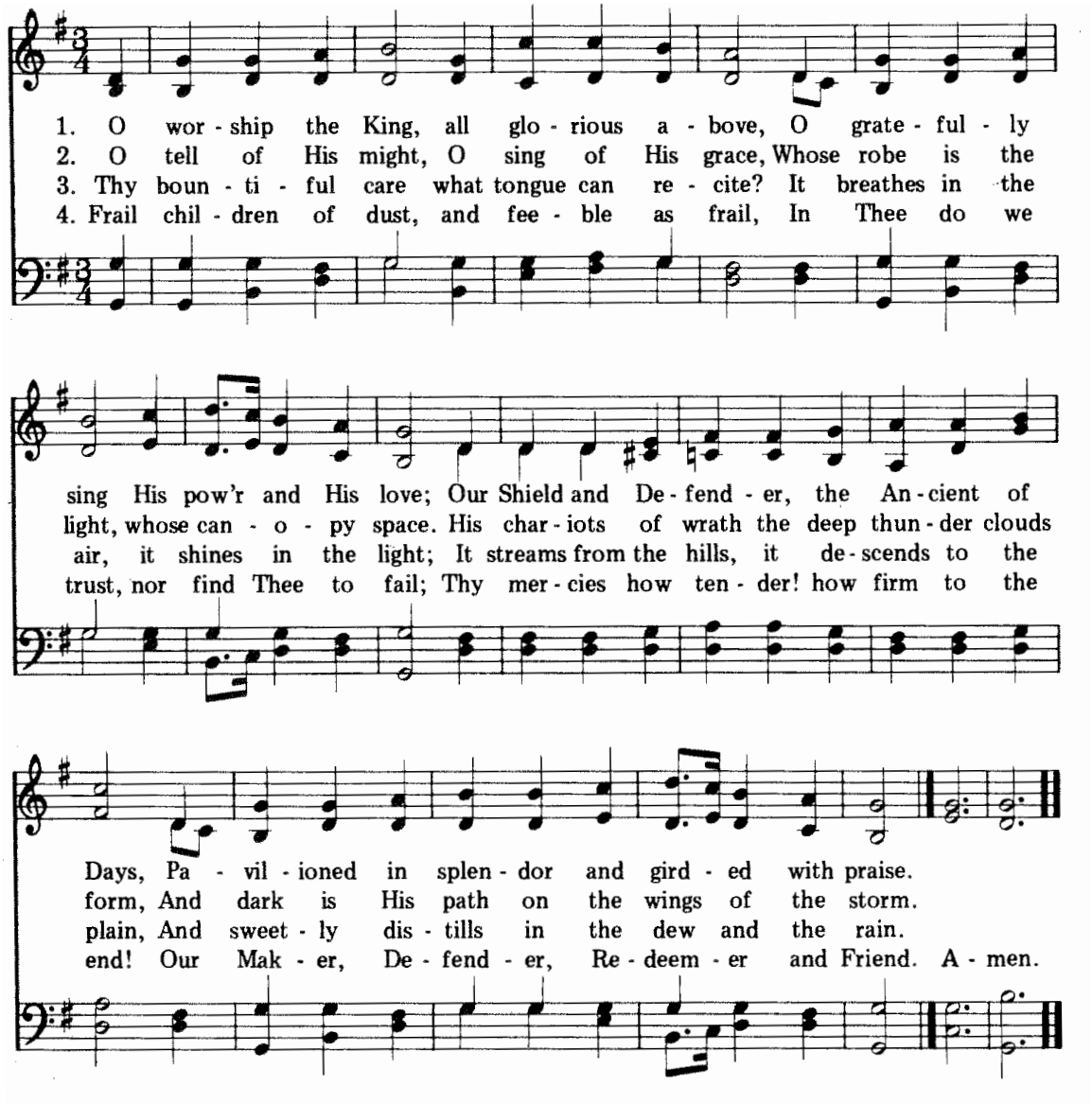
Praise God from Whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost
Amen

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Sermon: *"The Prophet Prayer"* Pastor Oli van Ruth
Habakkuk 3:1-15

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* **Hymn:** O Worship the King, All Glorious Above



* **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 (8:30) and Vicki Best (11:00), Elders
Sarah Villa (8:30) and Ted Cornell (11:00), Deacons

Announcements

Signup for events

- **Family Room:** FCCH is excited to offer a Family Room for families with young children! The first-floor classroom (downstairs, across from the bathrooms) has been designated as a comfortable, welcoming space where families can enjoy worship together. The Family Room is available during both services: at 8:30 am, the livestream will air, and at 11:00 am, a recording of the service will be available.
- **College Group Meeting This Friday!** College students, you are invited to join us Friday, November 20, at 5:30 pm, for a home-cooked meal at 14 Bradford Rd., S. Hamilton. After dinner, we'll have some time for fun and a Bible study. Join the WhatsApp for updates—fcchamilton.org/college. We hope to see you there!
- **LifeShare Dresser Project**: This year's dresser project recipient is a mom, who is a full-time student in need of many items for her baby boy, born in June. Today is the last day to place your unwrapped gift in the dresser! Questions to LuBeth Kuemmerle, *lubethkuemmerle@gmail.com*.
- **Annual Meeting:** Our Annual Meeting is tomorrow, November 16, at 7:00 pm in Heritage Hall. We will begin with a time of prayer and worship at 6:30 pm. The proposed 2027 operating and missions budgets and the nominations slate will be voted on by the adult members of FCCH.
- F**ront Porch Stories:** Join us for Season 6, Episode 3 of Front Porch Stories! It's a night of live and true stories from people like you, on Saturday, November 21, at 7:00 pm in the Barn. Enjoy coffee, dessert, and connecting with friends. RSVP using the QR code above.
- **Women on Their Own (WOTO):** WOTO will host their annual "Friendsgiving" dinner on Saturday, November 21, at 4:00 pm, at the home of Linda Coonrod (47 Lincoln Ave., Hamilton). WOTO are single, widowed, or divorced women who come together monthly for fellowship, faith, and fun. Join us and bring a dish to share if you're able. For more information, please contact Linda Coonrod, *lcoonrod47@gmail.com*.

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

15	**LifeShare Dresser Project Ends**	Place your unwrapped gift in the dresser today!
16	**Annual Meeting**	7:00 to 8:30 pm, Ministry Center, Heritage Hall
20	**College Group Meeting**	5:30 pm, South Hamilton
21	**WOTO Friendsgiving**	4:00 pm, Home of Linda Coonrod **Front Porch Stories**	7:00 to 8:30 pm, Barn
23 30	**Alpha Course**	6:30 to 8:30 pm, Ministry Center, Heritage Hall
25	**Thanksgiving Eve Service**	7:00 pm, Meetinghouse Sanctuary

Warrant for the 2026 Annual Congregational Meeting

TO THE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF HAMILTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Greetings:

This year's meeting will be held Monday, November 16, at 7:00 pm at First Congregational Church of Hamilton in Heritage Hall to consider the following Articles:

Article 1: To receive the 2026 Annual Report of the Clerk

Article 2: To receive the 2026 Annual Reports of the Pastors, Ministry Directors, Officers, Boards, Standing Committees, and Ministry Teams of the Church

Article 3: To approve the slate of nominees to serve as Officers and as Members of Boards and Committees in 2027 presented by the Nominating Committee

Article 4: To approve the 2027 Missions Budget presented by the Missions Committee

Article 5: To approve the 2027 Operating Budget presented by the Stewardship Committee

Please note: Prayer and hymn singing will begin at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Walker Martin
Clerk

New to Our Church?

Welcome! We're glad you could join us this morning! If you have questions, please ask an usher or visit our Welcome Desk downstairs.

For families, we provide children's church. During our 8:30 am service, our supervised Nursery serves infants through age 3 (until their 4th birthday), and our Little People's Church (LPC) program serves children ages 4 through grade 1. LPC meets following the Children's Message in the lower level of this building. During the 11:00 am service, the Nursery room is staffed as a combined space for infants and toddlers.

Sermon Notes for children are available downstairs at the Welcome Desk.

Sunday School for all ages is at 9:45 am. Classes are found throughout our campus in this building (the Meetinghouse/MH), the Ministry Center (MC), and the Barn. The Barn and Ministry Center are located across the parking lot.

- Infants, preschool, and kindergarten-age children gather in the Meetinghouse downstairs.
- Elementary ages meet in the lower level of the Ministry Center.
- Middle schoolers meet in the Ministry Center Room 11.
- High schoolers meet in the Barn.
- Adults
  - *Economics and the Bible* with Dr. Sean McDonough, Dr. Glenn Butner, Dr. Robert Gough, Jr., Chapel (behind the sanctuary)
  - *The Church, the Spirit, and Union with Christ* with Dr. Jack Davis, MC Room 22
  - *Forgiveness* with Dr. Eckhard Schnabel, MC Room 21
  - *Exploring Your Marriage* with Priscilla Masterson, NP; Pastor Kevin Baird, Dr. David Horn, MC Room 23/24

For large-print Bibles, please see an usher.

If you need prayer after the service, an elder and a deacon are available to pray with you at the front.

Join us for coffee and tea after both services in Fellowship Foyer.

Scan to let us know you visited!

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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