

Order of Worship

July 5, 2026

Communion Sunday & Independence Day Weekend

Gathering Call

Preparing our hearts and minds for worship

Announcements

Hearing news of the church

Song of Worship, Hymn #641, *America, the Beautiful*

Receiving the ministry of music

Scripture Readings, Jeremiah 31: 31-34 and Luke 5: 17-26

Hearing the word of God

Song of Worship, Hymn #249, *Jesus Paid It All*

Receiving the ministry of music

Offering

Giving to God as an act of trust and worship

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.

*Doxology**

Blessing & Dismissal of Our Kids

One generation blessing the next

Congregational Prayer

Praying together in the Presence of the Holy Spirit

Our Father who is in heaven
Hallowed be your name
Your kingdom come, your will be done
On earth as it is in heaven
Give us this day our daily bread
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil
For yours is the kingdom and power and glory forever. Amen.

Sermon, "The Most Powerful Force in the World," Craig Parker,

Guest Preacher

Drawing closer to God through His word

Respond and Reflect

Making room for God to speak to our hearts

The Lord's Supper

Partaking in Christ's Salvation together

Leader: Christ has died.

**People: Christ has risen.
Together: Christ will come again.**

Song of Worship, Hymn #646, *My Country, 'Tis of Thee**
Responding to God in praise

Benediction*
Receiving a blessing as we leave to be a blessing to the world

*Mark Hardy, Facilitator
Jane Womack, Lay Reader
Mark Hardy, Prayer Leader*

Prayers

Prayers we have received

- Our Pastoral Search Committee
- Praises for Camp Sentinel and God's work being done through them, especially the lives of Karsyn and his family. He's there and having a great time. Praise also that the Angel Tree fund will be happy to cover his camp expenses next year.
- Prayers for Susan's brother Rob for his upcoming biopsy to see if his bladder cancer has returned
- Continued prayers for Jane Patch's friend's son Chris who is beginning chemotherapy for a recurrence of his brain tumor. He'll subsequently have treatment at Dana Farber.
- All those with longterm illnesses

Announcements and Coming Events

For more information, check out our events calendar at
www.etnahanovercenterchurch.org/events

Today's Message: We welcome Craig Parker, a staff representative with the Navigators, serving staff and volunteer leaders who minister among various constituencies in greater Boston.

Craig has worked for the Navigators for 46 years, including military and collegiate staff assignments in Virginia, Germany, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts. He served as a campus minister at Dartmouth College for 19 years, as a campus minister at Boston University for 10 years and as the Navigators Boston City Leader for eight years. Craig is a founding board member and former Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Lwala Community Alliance, a healthcare initiative founded by Milton and Fred Ochieng (Dartmouth '04, '05), with more than 1,300 employees offering clinical care and public health awareness among 400,000 people in Western Kenya. Craig has also engaged in community development in Honduras, Croatia, Morocco, Mexico, and in 9 U.S. cities. He has led numerous workshops on a Christian response to systemic injustice.

Since 2017 Craig has been ministering among inmates in county and state facilities in Massachusetts. He is part of a team seeking to build a coalition of churches to serve incarcerated individuals and their families in Massachusetts. Craig and his wife, Nancy, live in Arlington, Massachusetts.

Bible Studies: Spend some time with the Word and friends.

Our **Wednesday Bible discussion** meets at 10 a.m. in Trumbull Hall, where we talk about last Sunday's scripture reading and sermon.

The **Sunday Bible Study**, a study of the book of Isaiah, meets at 9 a.m., also in Trumbull Hall. Coffee and snacks available at each.

LISTEN Dinners: A team mostly from our church will be helping to prepare and serve dinner at the WRJ LISTEN Center on Monday, July 6th. Please pray for our ministry there to staff and diners alike.

The Church Care Team welcomes knowing of anyone in our church community who might need a visit or phone call from one of its members. Contacts are below. We encourage your involvement, as well. Thank you for being a caring community.

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