



Order of Service October 12, 2025

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Preparation

*“because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has
set you free from the law of sin and death.”
- Proverbs 4:7*

* **Call to Worship:** Psalm 147:1-5

Leader: Praise the Lord. How good it is to sing praises to our God, how pleasant and fitting to praise him!

People: The Lord builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the exiles of Israel. He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

Leader: He determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name.

Unison: Great is our Lord and mighty in power; his understanding has no limit.

* **Hymn:** Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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

* **Song of Response** The Church's One Foundation

The Church's one foundation	Elect from every nation,
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;	Yet one o'er all the earth;
She is His new creation	Her charter of salvation—
By water and the Word.	One Lord, one faith, one birth.
From heav'n He came and sought her	One holy name she blesses,
To be His holy bride;	Partakes one holy food,
With His own blood He bought her,	And to one hope she presses,
And for her life He died.	With every grace endued.

Children's Message Lauren Sager

Scripture Reading Luke 6:20-27

Looking at his disciples, he said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied.

Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, when they exclude you and insult you and reject your name as evil, because of the Son of Man.

"Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

"But woe to you who are rich, for you have already received your comfort. Woe to you who are well fed now, for you will go hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you will mourn and weep. Woe to you when everyone speaks well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

"But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you.

Story of Grace Christina Solis

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory: *Amazing Grace* FCCH Choir, NSCBC Choir

* **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

Sermon: *Reimagining "the Good Life"* Oli van Ruth
Luke 6:20-27

• **Song of Worship** Yet Not I, but Through Christ in Me

• **Call to Prayer and Benediction**

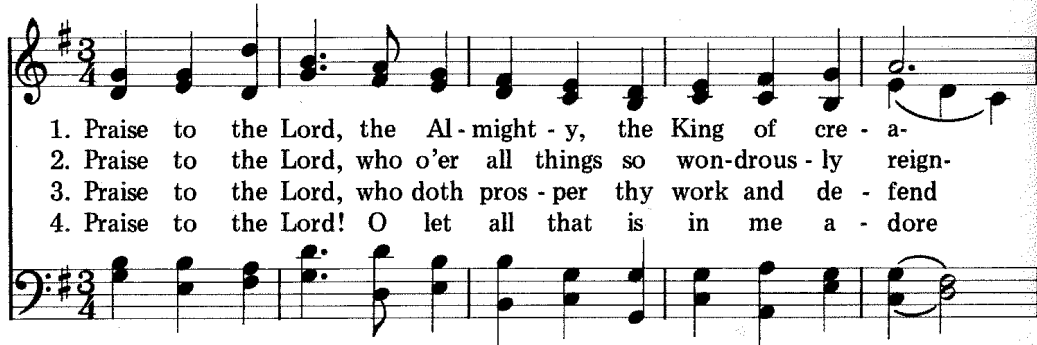
Postlude

43 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

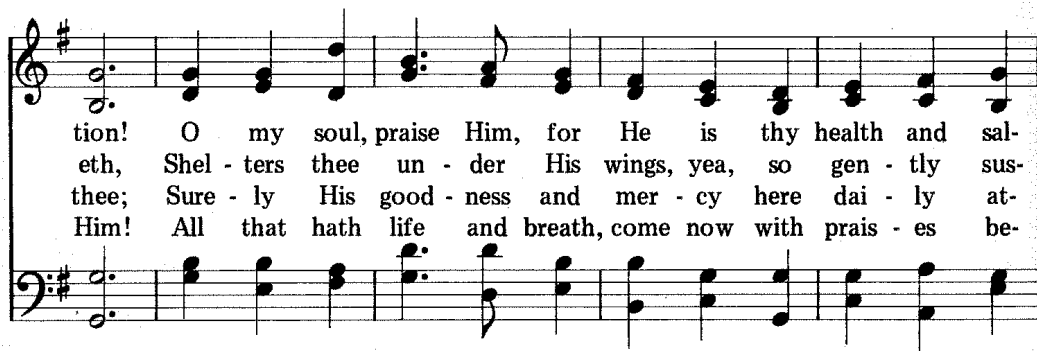
For then shalt thou have thy delight in the Almighty. Job 22:26

Joachim Neander, 1680
Trans. by Catherine Winkworth, 1863

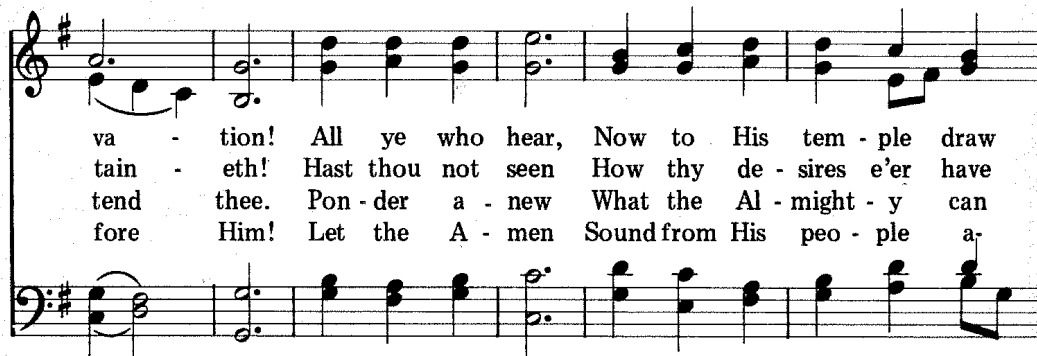
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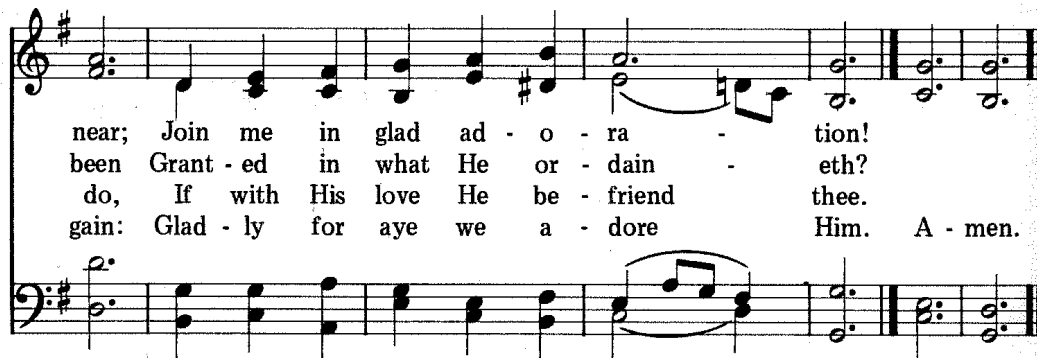
1. Praise to the Lord, the Al-might-y, the King of cre-a-
2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous-ly reign-
3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros-per thy work and de-fend
4. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a-dore



tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and sal-
eth, Shel-ters thee un-der His wings, yea, so gen-tly sus-
thee; Sure-ly His good-ness and mer-cy here dai-ly at-
Him! All that hath life and breath, come now with prais-es be-



va-tion! All ye who hear, Now to His tem-ple draw
tain-eth! Hast thou not seen How thy de-sires e'er have
tend thee. Pon-der a-new What the Al-might-y can
fore Him! Let the A-men Sound from His peo-ple a-



near; Join me in glad ad-o-ra-tion!
been Grant-ed in what He or-dain-eth?
do, If with His love He be-friend thee.
gain: Glad-ly for aye we a-dore Him. A-men.

GOD THE FATHER

Yet Not I, but Through Christ in Me

by Cityalight

What gift of grace is Jesus, my Redeemer
There is no more for Heaven now to give
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to His
Oh, how strange and divine, I can sing, "All is mine"
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken
For by my side, the Savior, He will stay
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need, His power is displayed
To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley, He will lead
Oh, the night has been won, and I shall overcome
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven
The future's sure, the price, it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And He was raised to overthrow the grave
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated
Jesus, now and ever is my plea
Oh, the chains are released, I can sing, "I am free"
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

With every breath, I long to follow Jesus
For He has said that He will bring me home
And day by day, I know He will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to Him
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat
"Yet not I, but through Christ in me"

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———— SERMON TEXT & NOTES ————

Luke 6:20-27

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 12, 2025

Our mission is to rejoice in God, grow in the gospel, and point people to Jesus.

Signup for events



DATES TO REMEMBER

- Today - Pastoral Candidate Q&A, 12:30 pm
- Today - College Age Study Session at Gordon College, 6:00 pm
- October 14 - High School Youth Group Service Night, 7:00 pm
- October 18 - Spiritual Heritage Tour, 8:30 am
- October 19 - Missions Sunday!
- October 22 - Zoom Informational Meeting, 7:00 pm
- October 25 - Front Porch Stories, 7:00 pm
- October 26 - Newcomers Sunday Dessert, 6:30 pm

NEW TO OUR CHURCH?

Welcome! We are glad you chose to join us this morning! If you have questions please ask an usher.

For families we provide children's church. During our 8:30 am service, our supervised Nursery is for infants through age 3, and our Little People's Church (LPC) program is for children age 4 through 1st grade. LPC meets following the Children's Message. During the 11:00 am service, the Nursery room is staffed as a combined space for infants and toddlers.

Sunday School for all ages at 9:45 am

- Infants, preschool and kindergarten age children gather in the Meetinghouse
- Elementary age children meet in the lower level of the Ministry Center
- Middle schoolers meet in the Ministry Center, Room 11
- High schoolers meet in the Barn
- Adult classes:
 - *Living the Journey* with Dr. David Horn, Chapel
 - *Study of 1 Corinthians* with Dr. Eckhard Schnabel, MC 21
 - *Disability Ministry: It's more than just a ramp* with Heather LaBudde, MC 22
 - *The People of God in a Digital World* with Oli van Ruth, MC 23/24

Download our app



Additional resources: We have the Deacons fund, prayer chain, helping hands ministry, meals ministry, pastoral counseling, and other resources to help. Contact us at info@fcchamilton.org.

PASTORAL CANDIDATE Q&A - TODAY!

The FCCH Pastoral Search Committee is delighted to announce and present Oli van Ruth for consideration as our next Lead Pastor of Preaching and Teaching. Today, at 12:30 pm in Heritage Hall, we will host a time for all to gather, ask questions, and hear from Oli. A congregational vote will be held on Tuesday, October 28, at 6:30 pm in the Meetinghouse sanctuary on a motion to officially appoint Oli van Ruth as our new Lead Pastor of Preaching and Teaching.

MISSIONS SUNDAY - REACHING YOUTH NEAR AND FAR

Missions Sunday is next Sunday, October 19. We'll have a full day of missions presentations, from guest preacher Mollie Clark of InterVarsity, to an all-adult Sunday School with Jaclyn Wescott Carrier of Cru. The day ends with our Missions Dinner, catered by the Pepin's at 5:00 pm. If you plan to attend, please register using the QR code above. This will be helpful for the Missions Committee, the events sponsor. Register children needing childcare, (infant-to-age-5) or attending the children's program (K - 5th grade).

ZOOM INFORMATIONAL MEETING

In preparation for the FCCH Annual Meeting, we'll have an informational Zoom session on Wednesday, October 22, at 7:00 pm. Questions related to the FCCH Annual Report and proposed 2026 budget will be addressed, in addition to any questions related to Oli van Ruth's candidacy. The Annual Meeting will take place on Monday, November 17, at 7:00 pm in Heritage Hall.

SUNDAY DESSERT

We are welcoming those new to our church to a Sunday Dessert on October 26 at 6:30 pm, hosted by Blair & Sarah Villa at their home in Wenham. This gathering is a time to get better acquainted with our church and vice versa! If you know someone new to our church and would like to invite them to attend, please contact the church office, info@fcchamilton.org, so we can invite you both.

FRONT PORCH STORIES

Join us for Season 6, Episode 1 of Front Porch Stories! It's a night of live and true stories from people like you, on Saturday, October 25, at 7:00 pm in the Barn. Enjoy coffee, dessert, and connecting with friends. \$5 suggested donation at the door. Intended for adults and children 13+. Sign up using the QR code on the front.

SPIRITUAL HERITAGE TOUR

Back by popular demand, for those who couldn't join the tour this summer, David Horn will again lead a tour on Saturday, October 18. Take a short journey through our history on the Northshore, exploring colonial church life, The Great Awakening, George Whitefield, Sarah Bradstreet, Manasseh Cutler, and the Puritans. Meet at the church parking lot at 8:30 am and return around 2:00 pm. We will stop for lunch in Newburyport. RSVP directly to David Horn at dhorn@gcts.edu.

YOUNG LIFE BANQUET

FCCH supports Young Life North Shore, whose mission is to introduce adolescents to Jesus Christ and help them grow in their faith. Young Life North Shore serves students in Hamilton-Wenham, Beverly, Gloucester, and Marblehead. To learn how you can support this ministry, consider attending their free upcoming banquet on Monday, October 20, at 6:00 pm at the Danversport Yacht Club. To register, visit <https://bostonnorthshore.younglife.events/2025banquet>.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS

Interested in becoming a member of FCCH? We invite you to join our new members class, held in two sessions: Sunday, November 9, from 9:45 to 10:45 am, and Wednesday, November 12, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm in the Wigglesworth-Cutler House. Find out what it means to be a member of our FCCH community. Sign up using the QR code on the front page or email info@fcchamilton.org.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

- **Campus Monitor for the 11:00 am service:** We are looking for volunteers to serve as Campus Monitors, an important ministry that helps provide safety and peace of mind during worship. Monitors play a vital role in caring for the well-being of our congregation by keeping watch over the church building and surrounding campus. Their presence makes a tangible difference in protecting and supporting our church family—please prayerfully consider serving in this valuable role. To volunteer, please contact Campus Monitor Volunteer Coordinator, Bonnie Mower, at bonnie_mower@yahoo.com.
- **Nursery and LPC Volunteers:** Consider serving our youngest members at FCCH during Little People's Church and the Nursery. Four adult helpers are needed for the monthly rotation. We are also interested in having high school students join our team. Contact Chrysa Bliati at cbliati@fcchamilton.org to help.

MEN'S MINISTRY EVENT: DINNER AND CONVERSATION

All men of the community are invited for dinner and a presentation by Dr. Jack Billings on Thursday, October 30, from 6:00 to 8:30 pm in Heritage Hall. Jack will speak on *A Call for Christian Men*. He'll focus his talk on societal influences that negatively affect child growth and development, and the active role Christian men can play in detecting and countering them. The cost is \$10. Sign up using the QR code on the front page. Registration is due by October 26.

MUSIC MINISTRY

- **A heartfelt thank you** to the North Shore Community Baptist Church choir for joining the FCCH choir this week. It's a blessing to worship together as one body in Christ. We truly appreciate your presence!
- **Song Request Card:** Our Music Director, Hana Lee, wants to hear from you! Please complete the online Song Request Card to offer your suggestions. Scan the QR code to the right to access the form.



FRIDAY MORNING MOMS GROUP

Moms with little ones are invited to join us for an informal play date in the church nursery. We meet regularly on Friday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30 am. Drop-ins (and invited friends) are always welcome. Contact Janelle Deddo, janelle.deddo@gmail.com, for more details.

YOUTH MINISTRY

- **High School Youth Group** meets Tuesdays from 7:00 to 8:45 pm.
 - Our high school students will be meeting at the Hamilton Council on Aging for youth group on Tuesday, October 14, at 7:00 pm. For more details, scan the QR code on the front page.
- **Middle School Youth Group** meets Wednesdays from 7:00 to 8:30 pm.
 - Our middle school students will have a service night during youth group on Wednesday, October 29. They'll prepare goody bags for the folks at the Hamilton Council on Aging. Each student should bring candy to add to the bags. For more details, scan the QR code on the front page.

COLLEGE AGE MINISTRY

Join us tonight at Gordon College in the Academic Support Center for a study session from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Bring your notes and books while Pastor Matt brings the snacks. Contact Matt at mschuberth@fcchamilton.org with any questions.

*If you would like to receive our weekly email, sign up at fcchamilton.org, or the church office, info@fcchamilton.org.
If you signed up and are not receiving them, check your spam folder and add info@fcchamilton.org to your address book.
All submissions for the announcements must be received in the church office by Wednesdays at noon. Thank you!*