

# Order of Worship

October 5, 2025  
Communion Sunday

## Gathering Call

*Preparing our hearts and minds for worship*

## Announcements

*Hearing the news of the church*

## Song of Worship, Hymn #130, *Here I Am to Worship*\*

*Responding to God in praise*

## Scripture Reading, Matthew 25: 14-30

*Hearing the word of God*

## Song of Worship, Hymn #446, *Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine*\*

*Responding to God in praise*

## 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.

## 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\**

## Sermon, "Faith or Fear," Pastor Scott Lambert

*Drawing closer to God through His word*

## Respond and Reflect

*Making room for God to speak to our hearts*

## The Nicene Creed

*Confessing the faith with the family of God*

## The Lord's Supper

*Partaking in Christ's Salvation together*

Leader: Christ has died.

People: Christ is risen.

**Together: Christ will come again.**

**Song of Worship**, Hymn #473, *Just a Closer Walk With Thee*\*  
*Responding to God in praise*

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

Scott Lambert, Interim Pastor  
Ivan Beckman, Prayer Leader  
Danielle Fedele, Lay Reader

### **Prayers**

*Prayers we have received*

- Susan Hardy, who is undergoing new tests for cancer, and whose brother died last week
- Becky and John's nephew Mickey -- prayers for peace and comfort
- Marjorie's friend Ellen
- Beverly Balch -- prayers for peace and comfort
- Prayers for our youth group and Sunday school and its leaders
- Meg Colton, who is having leg problems
- Myrtle Rich, who is having a second knee replacement
- Krista's cousin Zebulon (and his parents, Winnie and Mike). Zeb is in intensive care.
- Preston Parsons, who is training and raising money to compete in the 2026 winter olympics
- Praises that Rosie has graduated to crutches after foot surgery
- Christine and Don Bartolucci, Alex's mom and stepdad, were married on September 6th

### **Announcements and Coming Events**

For more information, check out our events calendar at  
[www.etnahanovertcenterchurch.org/events](http://www.etnahanovertcenterchurch.org/events)

**Bible Discussions: Spend some time in the Word with friends.**

Our **Sunday morning** Bible discussion group is meeting 9 - 9:45 a.m. in Trumbull Hall. Danielle Fidele will be leading a discussion of Second Corinthians in Trumbull Hall.

Our **Wednesday morning** Bible discussion group meets weekly at **10 a.m.** in Trumbull Hall to talk about Sunday's scripture reading and sermon.

Our Bible discussions are lively, provocative, and Spirit-led. They also offer coffee and snacks! Please join us whenever you are able to do so. No previous experience required!

**Church of Hanover Center Chicken Pie Supper:** This year's supper will be a sit-down family-style dinner. The supper will be **Saturday, Oct 25th** with seatings at 5:00, 6:00 and 7:00 p.m. Come and enjoy chicken pot pie, potatoes, squash, coleslaw, and boiled onions. We also will have delicious homemade pies for dessert. Reservations required, so call Elaine Hawthorne (603-359-7455) to reserve your spot. And if you'd like to help with the dinner, let Elaine know.

**Sharing His Faith and Going for Gold:** Preston Parsons, who attends our church, gave a moving presentation last Sunday on his hard work to become part of the U.S. bobsled team in the Winter Olympics in February. As he prepares and works with others, he shares his faith. We learned that bobsled contenders must pay for all their expenses to compete and Preston therefore has set up a Go Fund Me page. If you would like to contribute, please go to <https://www.gofundme.com/f/serving-america-on-ice-backing-my-olympic-run>