TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
August 14, 2022, 10:00 a.m.
Hancock United Church of Christ, Congregational • 1912 Massachusetts Avenue, Lexington, MA
OUR VISION:

Inspired by the life and teachings of Jesus, we are changing the world through love, compassion, and courage.

OUR MISSION:

In the revolutionary spirit of our Christian faith, we invite you to join us as we
- worship God with all our hearts and minds
- walk our spiritual paths together
- cherish one another
- build community in a diverse world
- protect the earth
- work for the common good

OUR VALUES:

faithfulness inclusion compassion gratitude integrity generosity humility vulnerability courage

WELCOME TO HANCOCK

We are delighted that you chose to worship with us today and are strengthened by your participation in our service! We are blessed to be able to worship in a meaningful way, both in-person and virtually. If you would like to watch us virtually, you can visit our youtube page via youtube.com/hancockchurch.

Masks are currently optional in all spaces of the church except the sanctuary balcony, church school classrooms, and for adults in child care areas. These spaces continue to be mask-required areas for the comfort and safety of all. Please see an usher for help finding one of these areas. Masks are available at all church entrances.

If you find the sanctuary is too hot and humid but you still want to attend worship, for the duration of summer the air conditioned Wilson Room will be set up to watch the worship stream on Sunday mornings. This is for anyone at any point in the service to retreat to a cool place to beat the heat. Try it out and don’t sweat unnecessarily!

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MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

"By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things." - Galatians 5: 22-23

Theologian Marcus Borg suggests there are four “kinds” of faith in Christianity: Faith as belief, faith as trust, faith as commitment, and faith as a way of seeing the world. Of these four, the first, faith as belief, is “head centered,” meaning it is an intellectual endeavor. The rest are “heart centered,” meaning they operate primarily in terms of relationship, specifically with God & God’s works. Seeing faith as this umbrella of expressions points to a reality where our relationship with God grows and deepens (or does not) primarily with how we choose to conduct our relationships, earthly and divine. We know faith is not an either/or: head or heart. It is a way of thinking, seeing, loving, and living. A blended faith that supports our growth in this life as we work, everyday, to step closer and closer to God.

PRELUDE ........ Adagio & Allegro from violin sonata #3 in F ........ G.F Handel
Mike Sortor, Viola & Laurence Carson, piano (1685-1759)

WORDS OF WELCOME .............................................................. David C Clark

CALL TO WORSHIP ................................................................. Rachel Barton

One: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel. You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh. Stir up your might, and come to save us!

Many: Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

One: O Lord God of hosts, you brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it. It took deep root and filled the land. The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with its branches; it sent out its branches to the sea and its shoots to the River.

Many: Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

One: Turn again, O God of hosts; look down from heaven and see; have regard for this vine, the stock that your right hand planted. Let your hand be upon the one at your right hand, the one whom you made strong for yourself.

All: Then we will never turn back from you; give us life, and we will call on your name. Amen.

*Congregation standing—some may wish to remain seated
**Service of Worship**

*OPENING HYMN ............. *How Firm a Foundation.................#237

1. How firm a foundation,
   O saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in God's excellent word!
   What more can God say
   than to you has been said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

2. “Fear not, I am with you,
   O be not dismayed,
for I am your God, and will still give you aid;
   I'll strengthen you, help you,
   and cause you to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

3. When through the deep waters
   I call you to go,
the rivers of woe over you shall not flow;
   for I will be near you, your troubles to bless,
   and sanctify to you
   your deepest distress.

4. “When through fiery trials
   your pathway shall lie,
my grace, all sufficient shall be your supply:
   the flame shall not hurt you; I only design
   your dross to consume
   and your gold to refine.

5. “The souls that on Jesus
   have leaned for repose
I will not, I will not desert to their foes;
   those souls, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
   I’ll never, no, never, no, never forsake!”

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD .................David C Clark**

Ephesians 2:1-10

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else.

But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

**ONE:** The Word of God, for the People of God

**MANY:** Thanks be to God!

*Congregation standing—some may wish to remain seated*
**Service of Worship**

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE . Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! . #10, verse 1

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty;
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

GATHERING SONG. ................................................................. Walk With Me

Walk with me
I will walk with you
And build the land that God has planned
Where love shines through (2x)

CHILDREN’S TIME ............................................................. Rachel Barton

THE MORNING OFFERING

This week our offering will go to HOMES, Inc. flood relief efforts in Neon, KY. To learn more about the program, visit www.homesincorporated.org. For information about how to give, please see page 7.

OFFERTORY .......... Largo from viola concerto ................. G.P Telemann

Mike Sorter, viola & Laurence Carson, piano (1681-1767)

*DOXOLOGY ........ From North and South and East and West .......... S-29

From north and south and east and west,
May God’s eternal name be blessed.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Til’ everywhere beneath the sun
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION ....................................................... David C Clark

CALL TO PRAYER .................. Just as I Am ......................... #410

1. Just as I am, without one plea
But that your blood was shed for me,
And that you called inviting me,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

2. Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

*Congregation standing—some may wish to remain seated
3. Just as I am, you will receive,  
   Will welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
   Because your promise I believe,  
   O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

4. Just as I am, your love unknown  
   Has broken ev’ry barrier down;  
   Now to be yours, and yours alone,  
   O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

PASTORAL PRAYER .......................................................... David C Clark

A TIME OF SILENT PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

THE SERMON ................. Faith & Faithlessness ................. David C Clark

*CLOSING HYMN ...... We Walk by Faith and Not By Sight ................. #424

1. We walk by faith and not by sight;  
   No gracious words we hear  
   From Christ who spoke as none e’er spoke,  
   Who still we know is near.

2. We may not touch Christ’s hands and side,  
   Nor follow where Christ trod;  
   But in confessing we rejoice:  
   Our savior and our God!

3. Help then, O Christ, our unbelief;  
   And may our faith abound  
   To call on you when you are near  
   And seek where you are found:

4. That, when our life of faith is done,  
   In realms of clearer light  
   We may behold you as you are,  
   With full and endless sight.

*BENEDICTION & PASSING THE PEACE ......................... David C Clark

POSTLUDE ............... Presto from viola concerto ............... G.P Telemann  
   Mike Sortor, viola & Laurence Carson, piano

(1681-1767)

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Worship God With All Our Hearts and Mind

MORNING OFFERING

Each week at Hancock we accept an offering of gifts for two purposes:

Mission Partner of the Week: Each Sunday we accept gifts for one of our mission partners, a select organization doing God's work in the world. Many are local or regional organizations whom we've worked with for years; all are effective organizations making a difference in people's lives. These donations are passed directly to the organization and are in addition to the donations included in Hancock's budget.

Sustaining Hancock's Vision: Gifts are also welcome in the Sunday offering plate for Hancock Church that supports our staff, our building, community outreach and all of the worship and programs at Hancock.

You may make a gift for either in one of three ways:

• Through our website. Go to www.hancockchurch.org, click on the Give button in the upper right, and follow the instructions to make a gift by credit or debit card or ACH bank transfer. Be sure to indicate in the dropdown menu whether the gift is for “Mission Partner” or “Hancock Church.”

• Send a check. Make it payable to Hancock UCC, and note on the memo line either “Mission Partner” or “Hancock.” Our address is 1912 Massachusetts Ave., Lexington MA 02421.

• Text to give. From your smart phone or tablet, text the dollar amount along with "Mission" or “Hancock” to 781-386-0866 and tap the link to enter your credit card information.

Upcoming offerings:
August 21: Women’s Lunch Place

Mission Update:
July 31: Concord Prison Outreach $ 359

THE WEEKLY OFFERING

This week our offering will be donated to HOMES in Neon, KY. Housing Oriented Ministries Established for Service, Inc. (H.O.M.E.S., Inc.), provides affordable and efficient housing solutions to distressed communities in eastern Kentucky through new construction, home repair, solar system installations, and rental opportunities. It is a non-profit organization. Former members of HYG and adult volunteers remember their Hancock spring trips to Neon, Kentucky, where they spent a week working on construction and home repair with H.O.M.E.S.

A member of Hancock Church has generously offered to match donations collected on Sunday up to a total of $1500.

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Worship God With All Our Hearts and Mind

Help Hancock Be On Your Team

Here at Hancock, we walk our spiritual paths together, and cherish each other. This summer, our Congregational Care Team want to know how we can be supporting you. How we can be praying for you, supporting you practically, and walking alongside you better? Fill out the form below and someone from the Congregational Care Team will get in touch.

Let us know by filling out this form: CONGREGATIONAL CARE FORM

Sunday Volunteer Opportunity: Help Run Audio/Video in Sanctuary!

We are in need of volunteers to help during our Sunday morning service. Volunteers would be responsible for running the projector when video clips are being shown and also monitor the sound system during the service using the iPad. This could be filled by one or two people each week and can rotate among a group of volunteers. Training will be provided.

If you would like more information or are interested, please contact David Clark: david@hancockchurch.org

Save the Date: October 1st @ 7:00pm: Inaugural Coffeehouse Concert

This fall brings a new Coffeehouse Concert series to Hancock with the Harmony on the Green Coffeehouse Concerts. The series will feature a wide range of acoustic music from varying traditions from October through May. There will also be coffee, tea, cider, and baked goodies served!

The inaugural concert will feature Grammy nominated winning singer songwriters Alastair Moock and Reggie Harris. Moock, who is white, and Harris, who is African American, will present their program Race and Song, an exploration of history and current events through the lens of race -- and using the powerful tool of music. They rely on their years’ old friendship to discuss complicated issues of race, class, gender and history with intentionality and generosity of spirit. Together in musical conversation, they open up to each other and frame their lived experiences through music and the use of historical and family photos. Singers Meg Stone and Mark Morgan will open the show with a range of original and traditional acoustic music.

More information about tickets and pricing will be coming soon!
Cherish One Another

All Church Retreat, November 11-12

Hancock Friends! Please save the date for an All Church Retreat at the Craigville Retreat Center in Centerville, MA! Barbara and David would like to offer all church programming, as well as separate programming for women and men. This retreat will take place November 11-12. We have space for 74 people. More details to come!

Save the Date: Interfaith Conversation about Housing

Housing prices and rents are sky high and young people, families and seniors are struggling. Come to an interfaith event with fellow GBIO members Hancock Church, Temple Emunah, and Temple Isaiah to learn about affordable housing, why we don't have enough of it, and what we can do about it.

Wednesday, September 14th, 8 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. by Zoom.

Register here, or check out next week's Weekly email!

For more information contact Tom Battin (tombattin@gmail.com) or Ruth Ladd (wetlandmom@aol.com), Hancock’s GBIO Housing Team.

Sign Up for Hancock’s New Lay Minister Program!

Grow personally and spiritually in community!

Apply today to join Hancock's new lay-minister program! Lay ministers will be trained, equipped, and supported to provide prayer, care, and support to other members of the Hancock community! Our first training session is on September 25th.

Interested? Apply here or on the Weekly! If you have any questions, please contact barbara@hancockchurch.org, or rachel@hancockchurch.org

Lexington Food Pantry August Wish List

Donations for the Lexington Food Pantry can be dropped off at Stop & Shop on Bedford St., Lexington, between registers 1 & 2 (accessible when store is open).

This month’s “Wish List” is:

Hearty Soups

Click here for the: LEXINGTON FOOD PANTRY WISHLIST (Amazon)
Dear Hancock family,

This summer we invite you to join other Hancock folks in reading Bill McKibben's latest book, *The Flag, The Cross, and The Station Wagon: A Graying American Looks Back At His Suburban Boyhood, and Wonders What the Hell Happened*. It's a wonderful book, in which Bill reflects on his childhood in Lexington in light of major societal shifts across the country in recent decades. This book is highly relevant to our own mission, vision and values and we believe you'll find it both delightful as well as insightful.

In September we will offer several times for people to come together, some in person, and some virtually, to discuss the book. And on Sunday, September 11, Bill will preach in the morning worship service.

The book is available from Amazon as well as more local book sellers. Maxima Books in Lexington Center is carrying it for $27.99. We will also order a few copies for the church, which can be borrowed as needed. If you need assistance obtaining the book please let one of the ministers know and we will help you. We are excited to share this book with you and look forward to our discussion.

Happy reading! - Barbara & David

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**LEXINGTON INTERFAITH GARDEN**

From Amy's Garden Report: It’s been a while since I last helped and wow, it has filled in a lot! Fortunately, it wasn’t as hot as last Saturdays. I worked along with other members of Hancock Church, First Baptist, the Chinese Bible Church of Boston and other friends of the Garden. Like most Saturdays, the focus was on harvesting early and fast so we could deliver to the Pantry in time for them to organize the fresh produce donations and distribute that morning.

My quick total was ~ 115 lbs. –including potatoes, onions, cucumbers, zucchini, peppers, green beans, roman beans, pole beans, eggplant, bok choy, parsley, basil, beets, radishes, cherry tomatoes and chard. Come and join this wonderful effort! Thank you so very much!

**HANCOCK OPENING** - you will be part of a team!

Saturday, 8/20, 8 to 9:30am

[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e054bacaf29abfc1-hancock3](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e054bacaf29abfc1-hancock3)
Walk Our Spiritual Paths Together

**Book Discussion In-Person and via Zoom**

Dates have been set for Book Discussion group for *The Flag, the Cross, and the Station Wagon* by Bill McKibben. Please pick a time that works for you and mark your calendars!

**Sunday, August 28, after worship**  
Pearson Room, in-person gathering

**Monday, August 29, 7:00pm via Zoom**

Join Zoom Meeting  
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86970703049?pwd=RVI5dFlxRkcwdVlzVRWVnlzNUwxUT09  
Meeting ID: 869 7070 3049  
Passcode: 849665

**Thursday, September 8, 1:00pm via Zoom**

Join Zoom Meeting  
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84151596112?pwd=aktuWi9hYm5oY2FhaWRBYU9rbFptUT09  
Meeting ID: 841 5159 6112  
Passcode: 166608

**Family Book Discussion - We Are Better Together**

Parents and children are invited to one of two family book reads! Bill McKibben wrote *We Are Better Together* to help parents and kids think about what communities can get done when we support each other and work together. We’ll gather for conversation and share our thoughts on this great book!

**Sunday, August 21, 11:00 - 12:00pm via Zoom**

Join Zoom Meeting  
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89744982660?pwd=REZ4WWZETjNZc1NnOUhqekhmeGsrQT09  
Meeting ID: 897 4498 2660  
Passcode: 034189

**Tuesday, August 30, 5:00 - 6:00pm, in person**

At the church with activities and pizza dinner  
Please RSVP for this event:  
https://hancockchurch.breezechms.com/form/29454c
We welcome all who seek to know God.

We believe that, although we are many members, we are one body in Christ.

We have been called as well as challenged by God to respect and reconcile our differences.

We recognize and love each individual as a child of God.

We welcome, respect, support, and lovingly encourage people of every race, ethnicity, creed, class, gender, sexual orientation, age, and physical and mental ability to join us on our journey of faith.

The faith journey indeed calls Hancock Members not to be silent in the face of prejudice, injustice, and exclusion, but to express our faith, in word and deed, for justice and inclusiveness for all humanity.

As Paul wrote in Galatians, “In Christ there is no longer Jew or Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for all are one...”

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