PHE MERCY YOU WISH TO SEE IN THE WOORLD

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

February 25, 2024, 10:00 a.m.

Hancock United Church of Christ, Congregational • 1912 Massachusetts Avenue, Lexington, MA

Vision, Mission, and Values

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 this Sunday and are strengthened by your participation in our service! If you would like to watch us virtually, you can visit our youtube page via youtube.com/hancockchurch.



Given the continuing decline of covid cases, masks will no longer be required in any areas of the building or services. Individuals are always encouraged and supported in their decisions to wear masks as they need to given their own situation.

Infant and toddler care is available each Sunday. Today, it will begin at 9:30am in the nursery and toddler room.

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MOMENT FOR REFLECTION Mary Lou Kownacki, OSB, She Who Is

Mother of dark soil,
Morning star

And vast ocean,

Mother who births plants,

Winged creatures,

Fishes,

And four-footed beasts-

Mother who nurses the stars,

The planets,

The black universe-

Mother who suckles the children of earth— Mother who holds creation in strong arms,

Rocking it through the ages

With the lullaby of life-

Show us your face, O Divine Mother.

Show us your face.

WORDS OF WELCOME Barbara Callaghan & David C Clark

FEBRUARY CELEBRATIONS Barbara Callaghan & David C Clark

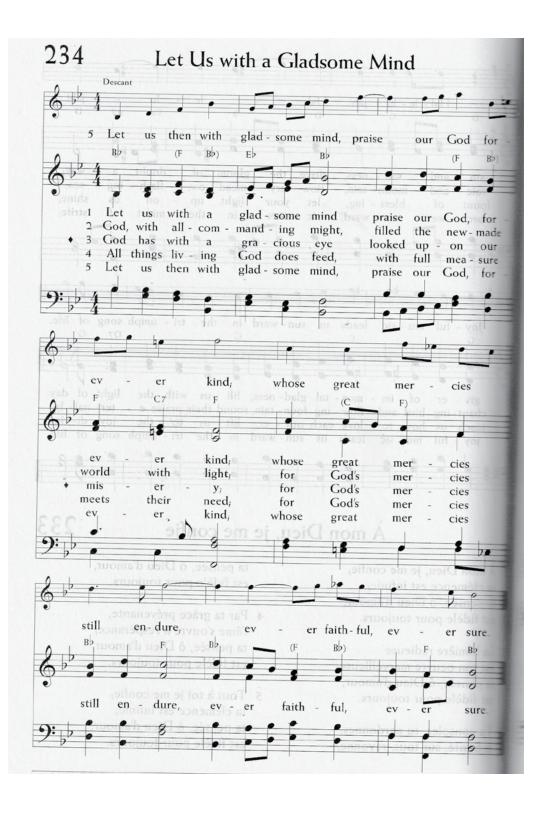
CALL TO WORSHIP





PRAYER OF INVOCATION......Barbara Callaghan

*OPENING HYMN..... Let Us With a Gladsome Mind..... please see page 4



PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD Katie Brown-Bright & Barbara Callaghan Mark 10:32-52

They were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them; they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. He took the twelve aside again and began to tell them what was to happen to him, saying, "Look, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death; then they will hand him over to the gentiles; they will mock him and spit upon him and flog him and kill him, and after three days he will rise again."

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Appoint us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized you will be baptized, but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to appoint, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; instead, whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give his life a ransom for many."

They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

One: The Word of God, for the People of God.

Many: Thanks be to God!

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE . . Christ Beside Us by Mark Morgan



Christ be - side us, God be - fore us, Spi - rit guide us on our way,



ONE: The Peace of Christ be with you Many: And also with you!

Walk with me, I will walk with you And build the land that God has planned Where love shines through

This week our offering will go to Christian Community of Katowice, Poland for their humanitarian aid for Lviv, Ukraine. For more information about how to give, please see page 9.

OFFERTORY by Robert Ray Chancel Choir; Tim Jarrett, soloist; Drew Duncan, bass:

Mark McGettrick, percussion

In the name of the Father, in the name of the Son.

> In the name of the Holy Spirit, The blessed three in one.

O Lord have mercy, kyrie eleison O Lord have mercy on me. Send us your Savior, set my soul free. Give us Your word and teach us to pray.

I want to praise and serve you always. Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob Look down, have mercy upon us.

Oh Christ have mercy, christe eleison. Oh Christ have mercy on me. Send us Your comfort, grant us Your peace. You are the way, the truth, and the light.

^{*}Congregation standing—some may wish to remain seated

I love you more each day and each night.

Jesus the rock of salvation,

The Light of the world,

Have mercy upon us.

O Lord have mercy...

*DOXOLOGY Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God from whom all blessings flow Praise God all creatures here below Praise God above, ye heavenly host Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION David C Clark

PASTORAL PRAYER......Barbara Callaghan

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.

ANTHEM Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling. . . . by Will L. Thompson Chancel Choir

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me; see, on the portals he's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.

Refrain: Come home, come home; you who are weary come home; earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, O sinner, come home!

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading, pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies, mercies for you and for me? [Refrain]

O for the wonderful love he has promised, promised for you and for me!

Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me. [Refrain]

*CLOSING HYMN ... It's Me, It's Me O Lord ... #437

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Taste and see that God is good. Know your yearn-ings un - der-stood,



FLOWER DEDICATION

Today's flowers are Given in memory of loved ones by the Kelley Family.

WORSHIP AT THE WELL TONIGHT

Worship at the Well is Hancock's Sunday evening service at **5:00pm**. For this season of Lent, services will be in the chapel.

WELCOMING COMMITTEE INFORMATION SESSION

The ministers and members of the Welcoming Committee will have a Welcoming Session today at 11:15am in the Wilson Room. You'll hear about the faith journeys that that brought some of our members to Hancock and learn what it means to be a member of our faith community. A light lunch will be served, and children are welcome. If you would like to attend this session or have any questions, please email Welcoming@HancockChurch.org or stop by the Welcoming Table in the narthex on Sunday mornings. We look forward to seeing you there!

^{*}Congregation standing—some may wish to remain seated

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 with 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 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 support 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.

THE WEEKLY OFFERING

February 24 is the second anniversary of the Russian invasion of Ukraine. There was hope last summer that Ukraine could mount a successful counteroffensive. But Russia is wearing Ukraine out and gaining ground.

Hancock has been sending humanitarian aid via a church in Poland (Christian Community of Katowice) allied with churches in Lviv, the westernmost city in Ukraine. Huge numbers of Ukrainians have been displaced. All these people need basic supplies: toiletries, feminine hygiene products, blankets, essential foodstuffs. Lately there has been a shortage of over-the-counter medicines, pain and cold relievers (the military has priority on what is available). Everyone is exhausted, sleep-deprived from constant sirens warning of missiles.

The fighting in Gaza competes for our attention, but this is not the time for donor fatigue. The Polish church will be carrying a caravan of supplies to Lviv in the spring. Let us contribute to making it an ample one.

Mission Partner Update:

2/4/24 MBA Scholarship Fund in honor of David Clark's Installation \$ 782
2/11/24 LGBT Asylum \$658
2/18/24 Household Goods \$793

Upcoming Offerings:

3/3/24 Rise Above

Thank you for your continued support of these important organizations.

Walk Our Spiritual Paths Together

15TH ANNUAL LEXINGTON CHORAL FESTIVAL

Seven choral ensembles from Lexington will be raising their voices together in the **15**th **Annual Lexington Choral Festival on Sunday, March 10 at 3:00pm** hosted by Pilgrim Congregational Church. This year's Festival features over 100 singers participating from 7 area churches, temples, and religious communities. This will be the first festival concert in 4 years due to covid. Admission is free and open to the public. There is free parking, and a reception will follow the concert. The church is handicap accessible. The concert will take place at Pilgrim Congregational Church, 55 Coolidge Ave. in Lexington. Further information can be found at www.hancockchurch.org or by calling 781-862-4220.

Participating this year are choirs and ensembles from the Church of Our Redeemer Episcopal, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, First Parish Unitarian Universalist, Hancock United Church of Christ, Pilgrim Congregational Church, Temple Emunah and Temple Isaiah. This year's festival encompasses a wide array of Jewish, Christian, and Unitarian communities. The concert will feature music from a wide variety of traditions, from western classical to contemporary Jewish and many in between. Each community shares songs of its own choice, then all will join together as one massed choir.

MAR 2, HARMONY ON THE GREEN PRESENTS: ANTJE DUVEKOT!

Antje Duvekot has solidified her reputation as one of Boston's top singer songwriters with "Big Dream Boulevard," her debut studio release, and "the Near Demise of the Highwire Dancer" and "New Siberia," her follow-up albums. The debut CD was produced by Seamus Egan, founder of the Irish super group SOLAS, and the project was released on songwriter Ellis Paul's label and quickly attracted international attention for Antje.

Opening the show is eclectic singer-songwriter and pianist Eva Gertz who hails from Melrose, MA, and was raised by artsy parents. Introspective, honest lyrics and a moody Joni Mitchell-informed writing style flow expressively like the characteristic Jewish curls atop her head. For more information, please go to HancockChurch.org/coffeehouse.

This concert is Saturday, March 2 at 7:30pm in Clark Hall at Hancock Church. Tickets are \$20 or pay what you can.

MUSIC ADMIN HELP NEEDED!

An Hour or Every So Often--Our music program needs some help with basic admin needs like filing. If you have an hour, a few hours, or an hour every few weeks, we could use you! Please contact Mark Morgan at **Mark@HancockChurch.org**.

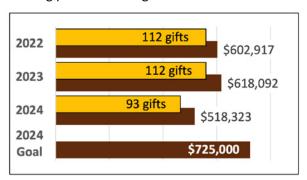
Work for the Common Good

GIVING STATEMENTS MAILED

Giving Statements for calendar year 2023 were mailed the week of February 5. If you have not received yours, please contact Suzie at **Suzie@HancockChurch.org** or 781-862-4220 x60 for a copy.

UPDATE FROM THE ANNUAL GIVING COMMITTEE

Thanks to so many of you, the annual gifts that fund all of our good work and worship for the coming year are flowing in.



Here is where the giving campaign is as of Friday 2/9/24

Total # of Pledges received = 93 made as follows:

- Pledges Online = 27
- Pledges on Giving Sunday = 38
- Pledges by Mail = 24
- Pledges made by phone = 3
- Pledges made by email = 1

Total Amount Pledged: \$518,323 or 71% of goal (\$725,000)

The bar chart above captures commitment data as of Dec. 29, 2023. The numbers are good, but we are hoping for better. You will see that for 2024 we are lagging behind 2023 and 2022, both in number of gifts and the amounts committed in each year. The goal we need to meet this year is \$725,000. We are currently about \$221,000 short of that.

PASTOR'S CLASS BIBLE STUDY

Pastor's class meets via Zoom every Wednesday at 1:00pm. This class reads and discusses the scripture for the following Sunday. For the Zoom link, contact Jane Park to join the class reminders email list at Office@HancockChurch.org.

LEXINGTON FOOD PANTRY

For January/February, we are requesting donations of **whole or 2% shelf-stable milk**, such as Parmalat. Refugees who are being housed at the Element and Aloft hotels in Lexington are now accessing the food pantry. Food donations are being collected at the front and back of the church. Please note that expired dates are not accepted. To get more information, or to volunteer, you can contact Carolyn Wortman at **CarolynWortman@icloud.com**.

Test 202 tag YOU WISH TO SEE IN THE WORLD

MONDAY MORNING PRAYER ZOOM Monday mornings from Feb. 26 - Mar. 25 from 7:30 - 7:45 AM

Join Pastor David on Zoom each Monday morning of Lent for a time of prayer and centering before the week begins. You are welcome to join with your camera and microphone on or off as David shares prayer and a short devotional to start the work week well.

MONDAY NIGHT SMALL GROUP Monday evenings from Feb. 26 -Mar. 25 from 7 - 8 PM

Barbara & David will lead a small group Bible study on the Gospel of Mark using short video teachings from Amy Jill-Levine. Levine is a Jewish scholar of the New Testament, and brings a new and fresh understanding to this book of the Bible that we are using in our worship services throughout Lent. You do not need to be at each meeting, just come as you are able.

Wednesday Noontime Concerts

Free noontime classical concerts are back for the season of Lent! Concerts are a half-hour, and you are welcome to bring your lunch.

FEB 28 Ian Watson
MAR 6 Ian Watson, organ
MAR 13 A Joyful Noyse Early Music
MAR 20 Ian Watson, organ
MAR 27 Shi Chen, piano

WORSHIP SERVICES

FEB GENEROSITY SUNDAY

18 Be the generosity you wish to see in the world

FEB MERCY SUNDAY

Be the mercy you wish to see in the world

MAR FAITHFULNESS SUNDAY

Be the faithfulness you wish to see in the world

MAR COMPASSION SUNDAY

Be the compassion you wish to see in the world

MAR COURAGE SUNDAY

17 Be the courage you wish to see in the world

MAR PALM SUNDAY

Process with palms and celebrate with the Handbell and Chancel choirs.

MAR MAUNDY THURSDAY, 6:00 PM

This service has a shared meal and acoustic music by the River Rock Band in the Dining Room.

MAR GOOD FRIDAY, 7:00 PM

A contemplative service in the chapel with renaissance motets sungy by a chamber choir.

EASTER SUNDAY

6:15 AM Easter Sunrise Service at the Old Belfry

10:00 AM Traditional Easter Service with music for Choir, brass, organ and percussion by Vaughan Williams, Handel, and a world premiere by Mark Morgan.

This service is live broadcast via LexMedia and Youtube. com/HancockChurch.

11:00 AM Stay for a special coffee hour and Easter egg hunt in Clark Hall for the kids!

Cherish One Another

SING WITH US FOR EASTER!

Everyone 9th grade through adult, in all voice parts, are invited to join the choir in singing for our Easter service! We are singing a range of beautiful music including a stunning Appalachian song, a rousing chorus by the English composer Vaughan Williams, a premiere of a new piece by Mark Morgan, and, of course, the Hallelujah Chorus! We will be accompanied by organ, brass quintet, and percussion. It's absolutely thrilling to be part of this, and we encourage you to join!

You can also spread the word to any non-Hancock folks that would like to join us--it's available to anyone who would like to sing, regardless of denomination, faith, or lack thereof. We will be rehearsing on **Thursday evenings starting February 28 at 7:00pm**. There will be a dress rehearsal on **Saturday, March 30 from 9:30-11:30am**. If interested, please contact Mark Morgan at **Mark@HancockChurch.org**.

CALLING NEW USHERS! Hancock seeks to replenish usher teams in February!

Please consider involving yourself as a Hancock usher. The commitment is minimal, the impact is significant. Here's what you need to know:

We run five rotating usher teams. Every five weeks, you will receive an email from your usher team leader to see if you are available to usher/greet on the following Sunday. If you can help that week, we would ask that you return an affirming email and arrive at Hancock by 9:30am for set up, and stay for 10 minutes after the service to help with the service clean up. There are No usher meetings, No usher phone calling.....just the important role of greeting your church family and getting to know your Hancock community on a deeper level.

If you can help out, please contact Brian Keeping at **BCKeeping72@gmail.com** or 781-953-3162. Thank you!

MAR 16, ALL CHURCH POT LUCK

Please save the date for an All Church Pot Luck Dinner on Saturday, March 16, 2024, from 5:00 - 7:00 PM. This event is hosted by the Welcoming Committee. Mark your calendars now!

May 19, A Joyful Noyse Concert

A Joyful Noyse performs Forgotten Treasures: Opera arias from 18th Century Hamburg featuring Handel, Telemann, Keiser, and more. Performed on period instruments by A Joyful Noyse at Hancock Church on Sunday, May 19 at 2:00pm. \$15 suggested donation at the door.



SUNDAY, MARCH 3RD, 3PM
ISLAMIC SOCIETY OF BOSTON CULTURAL CENTER
100 Malcolm X Blvd, Roxbury, MA 02120

Join us to push the Housing Justice Campaign across the finish line! Major action to call for the passing of the Affordable Homes Act and GBIO's budget and legislative asks to:

- Improve public housing,
- Expand affordable homeownership and rental, and
 - Improve housing access for Returning Citizens.

REGISTER: bit.ly/gbiomarch3

Are you interested in advancing GBIO's Housing Justice Campaign? Did you attend one of the two In-District meetings held at Hancock to obtain local legislator agreement and wondered what would be the next step? GBIO's next step is a Housing Justice Action gathering on Sunday, March 3 in Boston. We are considering car-pools or a bus for Hancock and other Lexington congregations to attend.

Contact Wendy Tanahasi-Works at **DWWorks@verizon.net** or Jim Weston at **JamesRWeston@gmail.com** for additional information and sign-up with the QR code.



The Week Ahead

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

9:30am Infant and Toddler Care Available

9:40am Prayers with Choir

10:00am Morning Worship & Livestream

10:15am Church School

11:00am Fellowship Hour

11:15am Welcoming Information Session

11:15am Junior Youth Organization

11:15am Children's Choir

3:30pm Band Rehearsal

5:00pm Worship at the Well

Monday, February 26

Offices Closed on Mondays

7:30am Monday Morning Prayer Zoom

11:00am LABBB Program

12:00pm Hancock Bulletin & Weekly Submission

Deadline

5:30pm Spanish Academy

6:30pm LCE: Zumba

7:00pm Monday Night Small Group

7:30pm Halalisa Singers

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

9:00am Moderators Meeting

10:15am Staff Meeting

11:00am LABBB Program

11:00am Gentle Yoga with Mary Wixted

4:30pm Spanish Academy

7:00pm Lexington Pops Chorus

7:00pm Standing Committee Meeting

HANCOCK WEEKLY

Stay updated on Hancock news, events, and volunteer opportunities! Visit hancockchurch.org or scan the <u>QR Code</u> to sign up!



WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

12:00pm Lent Noontime Concerts

12:00pm Hancock Weekly Sent Out

1:00pm Pastor's Class

7:00pm Hancock Carillon Rehearsal

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29

9:30am Security Team Meeting

6:30pm Scout Troop Merit Badges

6:30pm Pack 137 Meeting

7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

7:30pm Scout Troop Meeting

Friday, March 1

9:30am Morning Glory Rehearsal

10:00am LCE: Joyful Yoga

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

10:00am AA Meeting in Dining Room

1:00pm AA Meeting in Dining Room

2:00pm Plaster Posaunes Brass Group

7:30pm Harmony on the Green presents: Antje

Duvekot

SUNDAY, MARCH 3

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

7:30am The Outdoor Church - lunch provisions

pickup

9:30am Infant and Toddler Care Available

9:40am Prayers with Choir

10:00am Morning Worship & Livestream

10:15am Church School

11:00am Fellowship Hour

11:15am Junior Youth Organization

11:15am Children's Choir

3:00pm GBIO Housing Justice Action

3:30pm Band Rehearsal

5:00pm Worship at the Well

Hancock Covenant of Welcome

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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