

SCOUT SUNDAY

February 4, 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 and will be available through today's January Meeting.

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MOMENT FOR REFLECTION Stay by Rev. Steve Garnaas-Homles

Stay by Rev. Steve	Jarnaas-Homles
Sometimes the call is to stay.	May the Steady One be with you,
Not to head off on some new adventure	sustain you in your work,
but to work through where you're at,	companion you in your challenges,
to make peace, to mend a relationship,	and grant you strength, wisdom,
to endure a struggle, to fulfill faithfulness.	perseverance,
Sometimes Jesus needs you most crucially	love, beauty and courage.
right where you are, to be his vessel	If you are in Christ
in exactly what you're doing, with new	then where you are is holy ground.
love,	God bless you deeply,
to accompany him where you always go,	and increase your delight.
to do the same old thing with new light,	
to bear grace, even at home.	
PRELUDEPrelude in E 1 Ian Watson, piano	Major J.S. Bach
WORDS OF WELCOME	Barbara Callaghan & David C Clark
CALL TO WORSHIP	
The Lord is my light, my light and sal-v	a-tion: in God I trust, in God I trust.
PRAYERS OF INVOCATION Katie Brown-Bright	
*OPENING HYMN	
INTRODUCTION TO THE PROCLAMATIONBarbara Callaghan	

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORDNatalie Bielat, Ayush Kumar Mark 5:1-20 NLT & Barbara Callaghan

So they arrived at the other side of the lake, in the region of the Gerasenes. When Jesus climbed out of the boat, a man possessed by an evil spirit came out from the tombs to meet him. This man lived in the burial caves and could no longer be restrained, even with a chain. Whenever he was put into chains and shackles—as he often was—he snapped the chains from his wrists and smashed the shackles. No one was strong enough to subdue him. Day and night he wandered among the burial caves and in the hills, howling and cutting himself with sharp stones. When Jesus was still some distance away, the man saw him, ran to meet him, and bowed low before him. With a shriek, he screamed, "Why are you interfering with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? In the name of God, I beg you, don't torture me!" For Jesus had already said to the spirit, "Come out of the man, you evil spirit."

Then Jesus demanded, "What is your name?" And he replied, "My name is Legion, because there are many of us inside this man." Then the evil spirits begged him again and again not to send them to some distant place. There happened to be a large herd of pigs feeding on the hillside nearby. "Send us into those pigs," the spirits begged. "Let us enter them." So Jesus gave them permission. The evil spirits came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the entire herd of about 2,000 pigs plunged down the steep hillside into the lake and drowned in the water. The herdsmen fled to the nearby town and the surrounding countryside, spreading the news as they ran. People rushed out to see what had happened.

A crowd soon gathered around Jesus, and they saw the man who had been possessed by the legion of demons. He was sitting there fully clothed and perfectly sane, and they were all afraid. Then those who had seen what happened told the others about the demon-possessed man and the pigs. And the crowd began pleading with Jesus to go away and leave them alone. As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon possessed begged to go with him. But Jesus said, "No, go home to your family, and tell them everything the Lord has done for you and how merciful he has been." So the man started off to visit the Ten Towns of that region and began to proclaim the great things Jesus had done for him; and everyone was amazed at what he told them.

One: The Word of God, for the People of God. Many: Thanks be to God!

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE. . Alleulia, God Is Still Speaking. . . by Mark Morgan

Alleluia! Alleluia! God is still speaking, alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! God is still speaking, alleluia!

PASSING OF THE PEACEBarbara Callaghan	
ONE: The Peace of Christ be with you MANY: And also with you!	
GATHERING SONGGuide My Feet	
Guide my feet, while I run this race (3 times) For I don't want to run this race in vain. Hold my hand, while I run this race (3 times) For I don't want to run this race in vain.	
CHILDREN'S TIME Dan Belin	
THE MORNING OFFERING	
OFFERTORY Don't You Let Nobody Turn You 'RoundAfrican American Spiritual Chancel Choir; Tim Jarrett, soloist arr. by Lena McLin	
Refrain: Don't you let nobody turn you 'round Turn you round, turn you 'round Don't you let nobody turn you 'round, Keep the straight and the narrow way.	
At the river of Jordan baptism was at hand And John baptized the multitude for to save the sinner man. [Refrain]	
Some they come to by water and some they come by land, But when we get to heaven we will shake each other's hand. [Refrain]	
*DOXOLOGYFrom North and South and East and West	
From north and south and east and west May God's eternal name be blessed! Alleluia! Alleluia! Till everywhere beneath the sun Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!	

PRAYER OF DEDICATION David C Clark	
PASTORAL PRAYERDavid C Clark	
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.	
SERMON	
COMMUNION HYMNI Come with Joy#313 Verse 1: Donna Kim, soloist Verse 2: Choir Verse 3-5: ALL	
Celebration of Communion	
GATHERING WORDS (responsively)	
ONE: We gather now at the table of Christ, seeking mercy, forgiveness, joy and peace. We	

ONE: We gather now at the table of Christ, seeking mercy, forgiveness, joy and peace. We remember that this is his table, and so we say, Come from the north and come from the south, come from the east and come from the west. Come regardless of age or race or sex or creed or orientation or identity. Come not because you must, but because you may.

MANY: Come because it is our Lord's table, and he bids us come.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ONE: For those times, O God when we have taken the gifts you give us for granted, MANY: in your mercy, forgive us, we pray.

ONE: For those times, O God, when we let the worries of life drown out the wonder of being alive, **MANY: in your mercy, forgive us, we pray.**

ONE: For those times, O God, when we have taken one another, or any of your children, for granted, MANY: in your mercy, forgive us, we pray.

ONE: Restore in our hearts a childlike wonder that might awaken us to the gift of each day, and the beauty of all of creation.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (responsively)

ONE: We remember that on the night He was betrayed, Jesus sat at table with His disciples, and when they had eaten, He took the bread, and He blessed it and broke it, and He gave it to them saying,

MANY: "Take and eat. This is my body, broken for you. Eat of this bread as often as you will, and remember me."

ONE: After they had shared the bread, He took a cup, and He blessed it, and He gave thanks to God, and He poured it out for them and said,

MANY: "This is the cup of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sin. Whenever you drink of it, remember me."

ONE: These are the gifts of God...

MANY: ... for the people of God. Come, let us share the feast!

ONE: Come Holy Spirit Come. Open our eyes to the mystery of Christ's presence in these ordinary things in our ordinary lives. May they fill us with the awareness of the Christ in our midst. Through the broken bread...

MANY: We participate in the body of Christ.

ONE: Through the cup of blessing...

MANY: We participate in the new life Christ gives.

COMMUNION

God's Communion table is open to any and to all who are in need of the gifts of healing and hope, of mercy and peace. Even if you have never shared Communion before, you are welcome to join us this day. We celebrate with juice and bread. Gluten free options are available at the table. Please process forward down one of the center aisles to receive bread and cup. Then return to your seat and after all are served we'll all eat together in peace.

COMMUNION ANTHEM Beneath the Forms of Outward Rite . Lyrics by James Blaisdell Chancel Choir; Lea Peterson, soloist Music by Hugh Wilson

> Beneath the forms of outward rite thy supper, Lord, is spread In ev'ry quiet upper room where hungry souls are fed.

> The bread is always consecrate which we divide with friends; And ev'ry act of charity repeats thy feast again.

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

Women's Lunch Place, a unique day shelter community for women experiencing poverty and homelessness, provides healthy meals, and one-on-one assistance and advocacy. A nutritious breakfast and lunch, seasonal gear, toiletries, and other basic necessities are always available at 67 Newbury Street. Boston. Free medical services are also available on-site from partners at Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program. They also offer legal counseling and rehoming services.

Their guests have been creating beautiful jewelry in their Therapeutic Expressions classes, and starting to sell them via WLP website. One hundred percent of the proceeds from each sale go to the artist. Earning money for their diligent, creative efforts is empowering for the guests--Check out their beautiful pieces here:

https://womenslunchplace.org/shop

Mission Partner Update: 12/24/23 10 am: UCC-Christmas Fund \$175 12/24/23 Christmas Eve: Hancock Church \$7, 264.50 12/31/23: Habitat for Humanity \$589

> Upcoming Offerings: 2/11/24: LGBT Asylum Task Force 2/18/24: Household Goods

Thank you for your continued support of these important organizations.



Please join us for the Installation Service of Rev. David C Clark as Associate Minister of Hanock Church of Christ, Congregational at 1912 Massachusetts Ave., Lexington, MA 02421 on Sunday, February 4, 2024 at 3:00 PM Bancock

A reception hosted by the Parish Life Committee will immediately follow the service. Please RSVP to Office@HancockChurch.org.

Walk Our Spiritual Paths Together

FLOWER DEDICATIONS



Today's flowers are given in grateful appreciation and memory of the many dedicated supporters of the Endowment and quasi-Endowment Funds, which serve as a solid foundation for the on-going work and missions of the Hancock United Church of Christ.

WORSHIP AT THE WELL

There is no Worship at the Well service tonight. Please join us at our next meeting on February 11 at 5:00pm in Clark Hall.

TODAY, GIRL SCOUT COOKIES!!!

To celebrate Scout Sunday, February 4, Troop #62580 will be hosting a Girl Scout cookie sale immediately after the service. Prepaid orders will be taken on February 4 for delivery the following Sunday, February 11. On February 11, immediately after the service, our Girl Scouts will also host a cookie booth for anyone who was unable to order the previous week.

If your daughter is a Girl Scout and would like to participate, please email Sadie's mom, Kendra Martin, **KendraMartin9@icloud.com**. If you would like to purchase delicious Girl Scout cookies, get your checkbooks ready! We will accept checks, Venmo, credit cards, and cash. If you would like to help out, but not bring home a package of cookies, we also accept donations which will be used to purchase boxes of cookies to donate to Arlington Eats. Cookies are \$6 per package this year.

SUNDAY MORNING ONLINE CHAT REACTIVATED

Become a Virtual Greeter! For all you folks that watch our Sunday Worship service from home, we're happy to report that the chat has been reactivated and we have recruited some new virtual greeters. Now you can use the online chat to once again be in touch with our church family.

We are delighted to have folks willing to help with this job and would welcome additional volunteers to be virtual greeters. This is an important ministry to keep our Hancock members and friends connected to the life of our church community. If you are a regular online viewer (or even an occasional viewer) and are willing to help, please contact CeCe Potter at **Hannah**. **Potter@verizon.net** or call at 781-812-8534 to learn more about what is involved in being a virtual greeter.

Work for the Common Good

Feb. 11, Youth Group Mardi Gras

On February 11, Hancock youth will be hosting a Mardi Gras party with nearby UCC youth groups. There will be mask decorating, games, snacks and, of course, a King Cake. For more info email **Katie@HancockChurch.org**.

Feb. 11, Mardi Gras Worship

Mardi Gras worship with New Orleans Jazz, gospel, and brass! Join us in hosting our neighbors from UCC Burlington for our yearly Mardi Gras worship 5pm in Clark Hall. Pastries and fellowship to follow!

Feb. 25, February Celebrations

On February 25, we will take time during worship to celebrate anybody who wants to mark a milestone in their life. Whether that be a birthday, an anniversary, retirement, or a promotion, you are welcome to share it with us! Please submit the form by Feb. 21, 2024.

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!

WED., PASTOR'S CLASS BIBLE STUDY

Every Wednesday at 1:00pm, Pastor's Class reads and discusses the scripture passage for the following Sunday. It is led by the week's preacher and there's no homework or extra reading required! This class meets via Zoom.

Wednesday, Feb. 7: Mark 7:1-23 Wednesday, Feb. 14: Mark 10:17-31

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

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.

UPDATE FROM PLACE OF PROMISE

On Sunday, January 28, Hancock members went to Place of Promise to share a meal with residents. According to Mike Bundy, "It was a very special time, made cozier by the snow falling outside, but especially by the delicious and plentiful food. There were enough leftovers for the residents to take back to their houses for another meal or two.

"It's always a challenge to convey what makes PoP remarkable, and a lot of it is in the small individual moments of honesty that residents arrive at there." When asked what made Place of Promise different from other treatment facilities, said one resident, "We have a place to put our pain."

Work for the Common Good

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. And, for that, thank you so much from the Giving Committee!

The bar chart, below, 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 the number of gifts and the amounts committed in each year. The goal we need to meet this year is \$725,000, and we are currently about \$221,000 short of that.

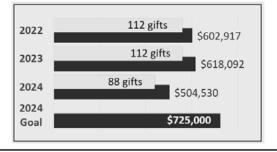
If you intend to give, and we very much hope you will, we would greatly appreciate your letting the church know of your plans for 2024. Your commitments make a huge difference in the church's ability to plan for the good work ahead. And, please remember that in addition to the good work you help fund within Hancock, these gifts also help support our mission partners beyond these walls throughout the year.

We recognize that for some it may be difficult to make a commitment of the size you might wish, and we understand that. We also understand that circumstances change through the year, and, if needed, adjustments can be made. Right now, in asking for your plans, we simply ask for you to place your financial gifts where your heart is in the good work, ministry and community of Hancock Church. If you are fortunate enough to be able to consider increasing your gift, that would be greatly appreciated.

As we wrap up the annual appeal next month, we ask you to let the church know of your giving plans for 2024 by selecting one of the following three giving options:

- on Hancock's website, click "give" and complete the 2024 commitment form
- or drop your completed 2024 commitment card in the secure box outside of Suzie Barry's office (commitment cards are available in the narthex)
- or email Financial.Administrator@HancockChurch.org

Together we are changing the world through love, compassion, and courage. Thank you!





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: <u>bit.ly/gbiomarch3</u>

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.

LENT 2024 YOU WISH TO SEE IN THE VORLD

HancockChurch.org/Lent-2024

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

- FFB GENEROSITY SUNDAY
- 18 Be the generosity you wish to see in the world
- FEB
- 25

MERCY SUNDAY

- Be the mercy you wish to see in the world
- MAR 03

FAITHFULNESS SUNDAY

- Be the faithfulness you wish to see in the world
- MAR COMPASSION SUNDAY
- 10 Be the compassion you wish to see in the world
- MAR COURAGE SUNDAY 17
 - Be the courage you wish to see in the world

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE TBA

ASH WEDNESDAY WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2024

DRIVE-THRU ASHES 6:30 - 7:30am 12:00 - 1:00pm

Drive around the back of the church to the exit driveway to receive ashes and blessing from a minister.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE 7:00 PM

Attend Ash Wednesday service in the chapel or virtually via pre-recorded broadcast. The service includes readings, a brief reflection, and an opportunity to receive a blessing.

MONDAYS STARTS FEBRUARY 19, 2024 MONDAY MORNING PRAYER ZOOM 7:30 - 7:45am

Join Pastor David on zoom each Monday morning of Lent from 7:30-7:45am for a time of prayer and centering before the week begins. You are welcome to join with your camera and microphone off or on as David shares prayer and a short devotional to start the work week well.

MONDAY NIGHT SMALL GROUP VIA ZOOM

Join a small discussion group on the Gospel of Mark with videos by scholar Amy-Jill Levine. This group is led by Barbara and David.

WEDNESDAYS STARTS FEBRUARY 21, 2024 LENT NOONTIME CONCERT SERIES

Wednesdays at noon, enjoy a free, 30-minute concert in the sanctuary. Each week features a different musician in our community. Bring your lunch and enjoy the music!

The Week Ahead

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4 SCOUT SUNDAY 7:30am The Outdoor Church - lunch provisions pickup 9:00am Hancock Newcomer Coffee 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 11:15am Lay Ministers Meeting 3:00pm Infant and Toddler Care Available 3:00pm Installation of Rev. David C Clark 4:00pm Reception for Installation 5:00pm No Worship at the Well 7:30pm LUSC Board Meeting

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5 Offices Closed on Mondays 11:00am LABBB Program 12:00pm Hancock Bulletin & Weekly Submission Deadline 2:00pm Graveside Service of Ann Hruby 5:30pm Spanish Academy 6:30pm LCE: Zumba 7:00pm Committee Night 7:30pm Halalisa Singers

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6 9:00am Moderators Meeting 9:15am Iyengar Yoga with Mary Wixted 10:15am Staff Meeting 11:00am LABBB Program 11:00am Gentle Yoga with Mary Wixted 4:30pm Spanish Academy 7:00pm Lexington Pops Chorus WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7 12:00pm Hancock Weekly Sent Out 1:00pm Pastor's Class 6:30pm LCE: Belly Dance 7:00pm Hancock Carillon Rehearsal

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8 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, FEBRUARY 9 9:30am Morning Glory Rehearsal 10:00am LCE: Joyful Yoga

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10 10:00am AA Meeting in Dining Room 1:00pm AA Meeting in Dining Room 2:00pm Plaster Posaunes Brass Group

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11 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 Children's Choir 11:15am Welcoming Session 3:30pm Junior Youth Organization - Mardi Gras 3:30pm Band Reherasal 5:00pm Worship at the Well



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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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