

**BE  
THE COURAGE  
YOU WISH  
TO SEE IN THE  
WORLD**

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

March 17, 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](https://www.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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# Service of Worship

## MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

*Second Sex Conference in New York, 1979* by Audre Lorde

“When I dare to be powerful – to use my strength in the service of my vision, then it becomes less and less important whether I am afraid.”

PRELUDE. . . . . *Prelude on an Old Irish Melody* . . . . . by C.V. Stanford  
Ian Watson, organ

WORDS OF WELCOME . . . . . Barbara Callaghan

### CALL TO WORSHIP

I will al - ways bless the Lord, praise His name and love His word.

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Hum - ble folk will fill with joy, as in God I glo - ry

### PRAYER OF INVOCATION

\*OPENING HYMN. . . . . *Be Thou My Vision* . . . #445 (please see page 10)

INTRODUCTION TO THE PROCLAMATION. . . . . Barbara Callaghan

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD . . . . . Katie Brown-Bright  
Mark 13: 1-8, 24-37

*The ministers will be reading from The Voice Biblical Translation*

As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.”

\*Congregation standing—some may wish to remain seated

# Service of Worship

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

"But in those days, after that suffering,  
the sun will be darkened,  
and the moon will not give its light,  
and the stars will be falling from heaven,  
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

"Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels and gather the elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert, for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake, for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening or at midnight or at cockcrow or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

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 . . . *Christ Beside Us* . . . . . by Mark Morgan



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



foot - steps as we fal - ter through our night to end - less day.

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE . . . . . Barbara Callaghan

ONE: The Peace of Christ be with you

**MANY: And also with you!**

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**

CHILDREN'S TIME. . . . . Katie Brown-Bright

THE MORNING OFFERING . . . . . Wendy Tanahashi-Works

*This week our offering will go to GBIO. To learn more, please go to [gbio.org](http://gbio.org). For more information about how to give, please see page 9.*

OFFERTORY . . . . . *I Bind Unto Myself This Day* (ST PATRICK'S BREASTPLATE)

Chancel Choir

Irish melody adapted by C.V. Stanford with DIERDRE

Irish melody adapted by Ralph Vaughan Williams

*I bind unto myself today the strong name of the Trinity,  
By invocation of the same, the Three in One, the One in Three.*

*I bind this day to me forever, by power of faith, Christ's incarnation;  
His baptism in the Jordan river; his death on cross for my salvation,  
His bursting from the spiced tomb; his riding up the heavenly way;*

*Hi coming at the day of doom:*

*I bind unto myself today.*

\*Congregation standing—some may wish to remain seated

# Service of Worship

*I bind unto myself today the power of God to hold and lead,  
His eye to watch, his might to stay,  
His ear to hearken to my need; the wisdom of my God to teach,  
His hand to guide, his shield to ward;  
The word of God to give me speech,  
His heavenly host to be my guard.*

*Christ be with me, Christ within me,  
Christ behind me, Christ before me,  
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,  
Christ to comfort and restore me;  
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,  
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,  
Christ in hearts of all that love me,  
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.*

*I bind unto myself today the strong name of the Trinity,  
By invocation of the same, the Three in One, the One in Three.  
Of whom all nature hath creation,  
Eternal Father, Spirit, Word;  
Praise to the Lord of my salvation,  
Salvation is of Christ the Lord.*

\*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 . . . . . Barbara Callaghan

CALL TO PRAYER . . . . . *Hear Our Prayer, O God . . . . . #278 (please see page 11)  
The Choir will sing this first. Please join in singing the second time.*

PASTORAL PRAYER . . . . .

TIME OF SILENT PRAYER

\*Congregation standing—some may wish to remain seated

# Service of Worship

## 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 . . . . . *Be the Courage You Wish to See in the World.* . . . Barbara Callaghan

\*CLOSING HYMN . . . . . *We Shall Go out with Hope Of Resurrection* . (please see page 8)

\*BENEDICTION. . . . . Barbara Callaghan

## BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Taste and see that God is good. Know your yearnings un - der - stood,  
9 find your true se - cur - i - ty, be God's ho - ly peo - ple

*Our worship has ended!*

*We invite any who wish to stay for the postlude to move forward. Those looking for conversation and fellowship should move to the narthex or coffee hour in the dining room.*

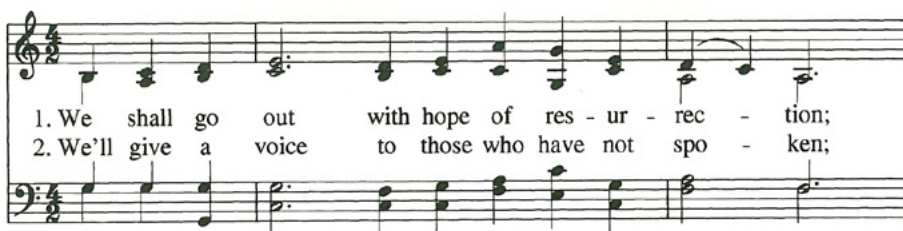
POSTLUDE . . . . . *Postlude in D minor.* . . . . . by C.V. Stanford  
Ian Watson, organ



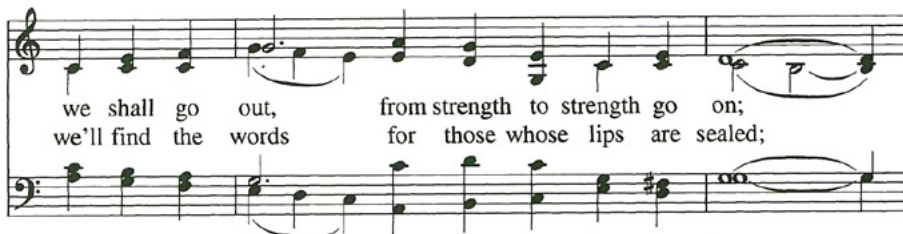
## FLOWER OFFERING

Given in loving memory of our mother,  
Nancy Widmer Madden, by her family

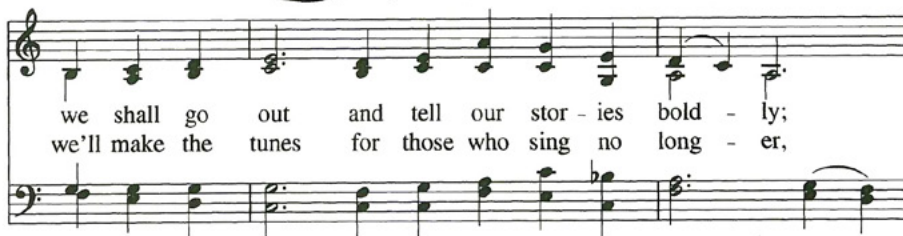
## S-28 We Shall Go Out with Hope of Resurrection



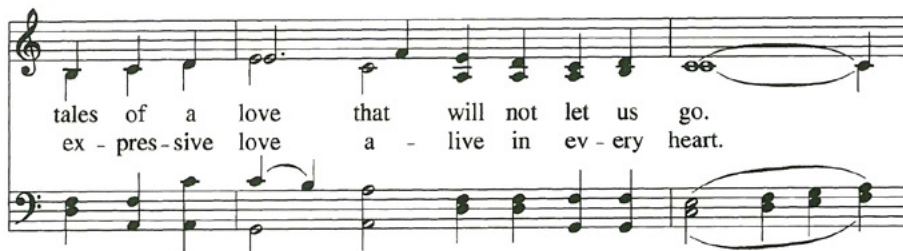
1. We shall go out with hope of res - ur - rec - tion;  
2. We'll give a voice to those who have not spo - ken;



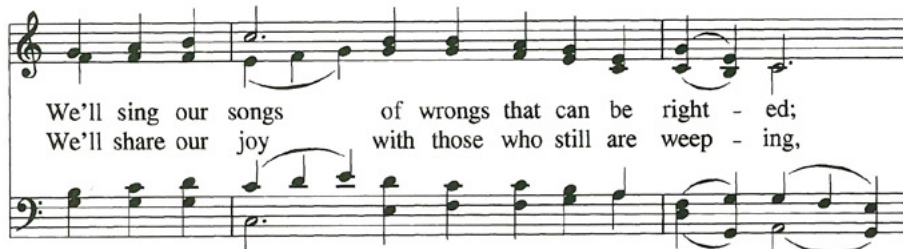
we shall go out, from strength to strength go on;  
we'll find the words for those whose lips are sealed;



we shall go out and tell our stor - ies bold - ly;  
we'll make the tunes for those who sing no long - er,



tales of a love that will not let us go.  
ex - pres - sive love a - live in ev - ery heart.



We'll sing our songs of wrongs that can be right - ed;  
We'll share our joy with those who still are weep - ing,

WORDS: June Boyce-Tillman (b. 1943)  
MUSIC: Traditional Irish melody, arr. John Barnard (b. 1948)  
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we'll dream our dreams of hurts that can be healed;  
raise hymns of strength for hearts that break in grief,

we'll weave a cloth of all the world u - ni - ted  
we'll leap and dance the re - sur - rec - tion sto - ry,

with - in the vi - sion of new life in Christ.  
in - clud - ing all in cir - cles of our love.

# Be Thou My Vision

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*Unison*

1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
 2. Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
 3. Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,  
 4. High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

nought be all else to me save that thou art.  
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
 thou mine in - her - it - ance, now and al - ways;  
 may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav - en's Sun!

Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
 thou my Re - deem - er, my love thou hast won;  
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,  
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
 thou in me dwell - ing, and I with thee one.  
 Rul - er of heav - en, my treas - ure thou art.  
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

## Hear Our Prayer, O God

Hear our prayer, O God, hear our prayer, O God; in -

The first system of music consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The lyrics are written below the upper staff.

cline your ear to us, and grant us your peace.

The second system of music also consists of two staves in the same key signature and time signature as the first system. The lyrics are written below the upper staff.

WORDS: Psalm 143:1

MUSIC: George Whelpton, 1897

HEAR OUR PRAYER  
55.65

English-born George Whelpton came to the United States in 1851 as a child. He edited several hymnbooks.

*COMMUNAL PRAYER*

# Our Mission Is To...

## 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](http://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

Greater Boston Interfaith Organization (GBIO), founded in 1998, is a broad-based organization that works for the public good by coalescing, training, and organizing people across religious, racial, ethnic, class, and neighborhood lines. Membership consists of 60 dues-paying members in Greater Boston, representing more than 107,000 individuals. GBIO organizes people and institutions at neighborhood, city, and state levels.

GBIO for the past year has been focused on a Housing Justice Campaign to establish new affordable housing and improve the maintenance of existing affordable housing.

*Please refer to the Hancock Weekly for more details.*

#### Mission Partner Update:

- 2/11/24 LGBT Asylum \$658
- 2/18/24 Household Goods \$793
- 2/25/24 Poland Church for Ukraine \$1,488
- 3/3/24 Rise Above \$1,017

#### Upcoming Offerings:

- 3/24/24 Foodlink
- 3/31/24 Coat Boston

Thank you for your continued support of these important organizations.

# Our Mission Is To...

## Build Community in a Diverse World

### TODAY, CAPITAL CAMPAIGN INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Please join the capital campaign cabinet and building committee on **Sunday, March 17**, for an informational meeting and discussion. We will meet **directly after morning worship** in the sanctuary and also over Zoom if you would like to attend online. We will bring you up to date on our work with the architect and the plans that are developing. We will share preliminary cost estimates and discuss next steps.

### WORSHIP AT THE WELL TONIGHT AT 5:00PM

Worship at the Well meets in the chapel at 5:00 PM. Join in for a personal and powerful evening service with a focus on community and connection.

### STAFF UPDATE: WELCOME HANNAH MEZZINA



We are so excited to introduce Hannah Mezzina, our new Church Administrator! Hannah will be working with Jane during these next two weeks, and will officially start as Church Administrator on March 18. Hannah brings four years of Administrative and Marketing experience to Hancock Church. Please come by and say hello!

### POTTER LIBRARY COMMITTEE TO HOST OPEN HOUSE & BOOK DONATION DAY

Join us on **Sunday, April 7**, after worship, to celebrate **National Library Week**. Browse Potter's expanding collection, its latest additions, and learn more about the new user-friendly management system.

*Want to donate books on this special day?*

Eligible hardcovers and paperbacks must:

- Be unmarked, in good condition and published within the past five years, with certain exceptions.
- Focus on current collection categories, exploring Belief Systems (Christianity, Other Religions), Care of Self and Others, Social Justice, Spiritual Practices, and Hancock Church.

For a list of sub-topics within these categories, stop by the library or email Laurel Cooley, [cooley.laurel1@gmail.com](mailto:cooley.laurel1@gmail.com).

# Our Mission Is To...

## Walk Our Spiritual Paths Together

### SAVE THE DATE FOR A JOYFUL NOYSE ON MAY 19!

A Joyful Noyse performs Forgotten Treasures: Opera arias from 18<sup>th</sup> Century Hamburg featuring Handel, Telemann, Keiser, and more. Performed on period instruments by A Joyful Noyse at Hancock Church. \$15 suggested donation at the door.

### LEXINGTON FOOD PANTRY - MARCH

The food pantry wish list for March includes **toothpaste, 2% and whole shelf-stable milk, string handled bags**. We are also looking for a **volunteer who is versed in writing grants**. If you could help with grant writing, please contact Becky Linton via email, [Becky@Lintons.org](mailto:Becky@Lintons.org). Thank you!

### MAR. 18, MONDAY MORNING PRAYER ZOOM

Join Pastor David on Zoom each Monday morning of Lent from 7:30 - 7:45am. This is 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.

### MAR. 18, MONDAY NIGHT SMALL GROUP ZOOM

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. This class is Mondays from 7:00 - 8:00pm.

### MAR. 20, PASTOR'S CLASS BIBLE STUDY ZOOM

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](mailto:Office@HancockChurch.org).

### MAR. 24, PALM SUNDAY VESPERS AT THE WELL

Come to a serene Holy Week vespers service, filled with music, reflection, and sung liturgy as we prepare our hearts together for the sacred days leading to Easter. All are welcome!

**MAR 24** Palm Sunday  
10 AM

Process with palms in the sanctuary for an uplifting service with the Handbell and Chancel Choirs.

**MAR 28** Maundy Thursday  
6 PM

Gather in community for this informal, spiritual service with a shared meal in the Dining Room. The River Rock Band plays acoustic folk music.



**MAR 29** Good Friday  
7 PM

Embrace the profound solemnity of Good Friday in a deeply contemplative service in the chapel with renaissance motets sung by a chamber choir.

**MARCH 31**  
**EASTER**

**6:15 AM** SUNRISE  
**10 AM** WORSHIP  
**11 AM** EGG HUNT

On Easter Day, experience the sun rise during an outdoor service at the Old Belfry at 6:15am. At 10:00am is a joyful Traditional Easter Service in the sanctuary with music by a vibrant ensemble of choir, brass, organ and percussion. Stay for a special coffee hour and exciting Easter Egg Hunt for the kids at 11:00am!

**APR 07** Easter at the Well  
5 PM

The River Rock Band is rolling away the stone with a dynamic Rock 'n' Roll evening service! Celebrate the Easter season!

### MAR. 20, LENTEN NOONTIME CONCERT SERIES

Come to our Lenten Concert Series on Wednesdays from 12 - 12:30pm in the Sanctuary. These 30 minutes concerts will feature an array of performers from around the area.

This week's concert on March 20, features our organist, Ian Watson.

The concerts are free and open to all.

There are two more concerts in this series!

**MAR 20** Ian Watson, organ

**MAR 27** Shi Chen, piano

# EASTER FLOWERS ORDER FORM

Please submit this form no later than Monday, March 24, 2024. Checks made out to Hancock Church, memo "Easter Flowers" can be delivered to the church office or left in the collection basket. Thank you for your lily order!

Office use:

Date

Check #

Initial

Name

Email address or Phone number

These flowers are given by:

These flowers are given in honor/memory of:

No. of plants \_\_\_\_\_ x \$15 (suggested donation) = \_\_\_\_\_ Total

## CHECK IF INTERESTED:

I am interested in making a delivery to another Hancock Member

I am interested in helping decorate the sanctuary on March 30

I would like to take my flowers home.

Please donate my flowers to another Hancock Member.

Other. Please clarify: \_\_\_\_\_



# The Week Ahead

## **SUNDAY, MARCH 17**

### **FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT - COMPASSION**

**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  
**11:30am** Capital Campaign Meeting  
**3:30pm** Band Rehearsal  
**5:00pm** Worship at the Well

## **MONDAY, MARCH 18**

### **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, MARCH 19**

**9:00am** Moderators Meeting  
**10:15am** Staff Meeting  
**11:00am** LABBB Program  
**4:30pm** Spanish Academy  
**7:00pm** Lexington Pops Chorus  
**7:00pm** Standing Committee Meeting

## **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20**

**12:00pm** Lent Noontime Concerts - Ian Watson  
**12:00pm** Hancock Weekly Sent Out  
**1:00pm** Pastor's Class  
**7:00pm** Vocamotion Rehearsal  
**7:00pm** Hancock Carillon Rehearsal

## **THURSDAY, MARCH 21**

**6:30pm** Eagle Board of Review  
**6:30pm** Scout Troop Merit Badges  
**6:30pm** Pack 137 Meeting  
**7:00pm** Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
**7:30pm** Scout Troop Meeting

## **FRIDAY, MARCH 22**

**9:30am** Morning Glory Rehearsal  
**10:00am** LCE: Joyful Yoga  
**4:00pm** Pack 137 Blue & Gold Dinner

## **SATURDAY, MARCH 23**

**10:00am** AA Meeting  
**1:00pm** AA Meeting  
**2:00pm** JIE Vocal Musical Studio  
**3:30pm** Plaster Posaunes Brass Group

## **SUNDAY, MARCH 24**

### **PALM SUNDAY**

**9:30am** Infant and Toddler Care Available  
**9:40am** Prayers with Choir  
**10:00am** Morning Worship & Livestream  
**10:15am** Church School  
**11:00am** Palm Sunday Lunch  
**11:00am** Fellowship Hour  
**11:15am** No Junior Youth Organization  
**11:15am** Children's Choir  
**3:30pm** Band Rehearsal  
**5:00pm** Worship at the Well - Palm Sunday  
Vespers





# 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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