

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 28, 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

Now is the Time by Hafiz

Now is the time to know That all that you do is sacred.

Now, why not consider

A lasting truce with yourself and

God.

Now is the time to understand That all your ideas of right and

wrong

Were just a child's training wheels

To be laid aside

When you finally live

With veracity And love.

Hafiz is a divine envoy Whom the Beloved

Has written a holy message upon.

My dear, please tell me,

Why do you still

Throw sticks at your heart

And God?

What is it in that sweet voice

inside

That incites you to fear?

Now is the time for the world to

know

That every thought and action is

sacred.

This is the time

For you to compute the

impossibility

That there is anything

But Grace.

Now is the season to know That everything you do

Is sacred.

WORDS OF WELCOMEBarbara Callaghan & David C Clark

APRIL CELEBRATIONS

FLOWER OFFERINGS



Today's flowers are given by Bob and Priscilla Thayer with thanks and appreciation for their niece Cailyn Dezotell

CALL TO WORSHIP. Here and Now. . by Mary Kay Beall and John Carter



INTRODUCTION TO THE PROCLAMATION......Barbara Callaghan

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD Barbara Callaghan & David C Clark

Acts 18:1-4

AFTER this Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. There he found a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had ordered all Jews to leave Rome. Paul went to see them, and, because he was of the same trade, he stayed with them, and they worked together—by trade they were tentmakers. Every sabbath he would argue in the synagogue and would try to convince Jews and Greeks.

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

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you should be in agreement and that there should be no divisions among you, but that you should be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, 'I belong to Paul', or 'I belong to Apollos', or 'I belong to Cephas', or 'I belong to Christ.' Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

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

Many: Thanks be to God!

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE	
Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen! Loud praise to Christ we bring: Alleluia! Amen!	Let all with heart and voice, With hymns of thanks rejoice; Praise we with grateful choice: Alleluia! Amen!
*PASSING OF THE PEACE	Barbara Callaghan
One: The Peace of Christ be with you Many: And also with you!	
GATHERING SONG	Guide 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	Katie Brown-Bright

THE MORNING OFFERING		
This week our offering will go to NOAH. To learn more, please go to noahcdc.org. For more information about how to give, please see page 9.		
OFFERTORY Lo! What An Entertaining Sight tune: TOPSFIELD, by Jacob Kimball (1761-1826) Note: Jacob Kimball was one of the earliest truly American composers. He lived in Topsfield and participated in the Battle of Lexington, which took place across the street.		
Lo! What an entertaining sight are kindred who agree; Whose hands with cheerful hearts unite in bonds of piety. When streams of love from Christ the spring Descend to ev'ry soul, And heav'n-ly peace with balmy wing, Shades and be-dews the whole. *DOXOLOGY	'Tis like the oil, divinely sweet, On Aa-ron's rev'-rend head, the trick-ling drops perfum'd his feet, and o'er his garments spread. 'Tis plea-sant as the morning dews that fall on Zion's hill, Where God His mildest glory shows, And makes his grace dis-til.	
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		
CALL TO PRAYER		
All: Holy, holy, holy, Holy is the Lord, Holy, holy, holy Everywhere adored.	Who, from the beginning, reigns from shore to shore; Holy, holy, holy now and evermore	

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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 Divine Goodness arr. by Alice Parker Chancel Choir Give to the winds thy fears, wait thou His time, so shall this night hope and be undismayed; soon end in joyous day. God hears thy sighs and counts thy tears; God shall lift up thy head. Far, far above thy thought His counsel shall appear Through waves and clouds and storms, when fully He the work hath wrought, He gently clears the way; that caused thy needless fear. POSTLUDE Chorale Prelude: Nun Danket Alle Gott. by S. Karg-Elert

Walk Our Spiritual Paths Together

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE: ALMOST THERE!

Thank you for your additional pledges to Hancock's capital campaign. We have received sufficient pledge commitments towards a ground source geothermal system that it is clearly within reach, and we will proceed to the design stage. The more detailed design will allow us to develop more accurate cost estimates, and we will report back to the congregation at that point. Our hope is that current pledges will suffice, but if not we will consider how best to cover the gap.

If you have questions about any aspect of the Capital Campaign, contact one of the committee members for more information: Carol Bukys, Al Bukys, Joan Rutila, or David Zenk.

SENIOR PICNIC: RSVP TODAY

RSVP at the link: https://rb.gy/tpwa5q, or scan the QR code on the invite below. Please refer to the Hancock Weekly for more details.



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

This week's mission partner is Neighborhood of Affordable Housing (NOAH). Climate change affects our communities with high temperatures, flooding, and rising tides. Our neighbors in East Boston are particularly vulnerable, due in part to the scarcity of healthy trees and open space. This part of the city is considered a "heat island" and has only 7% tree canopy coverage, compared to Boston's city-wide average of 27% and Lexington's 60%. Trees help lower temperatures, clean the air, and offer shade, habitat, and beauty. NOAH in East Boston is a non-profit dedicated to addressing housing scarcity, food insecurity, air pollution, and climate change. Our offering today will support NOAH's climate change focus, helping to establish a healthy tree canopy by planting, watering, and protecting trees. NOAH's tree campaign is spearheaded by its youth leadership program, which provides local teens with experience in leadership, community organizing, and environmental stewardship. In addition, this Sunday a team of Hancock volunteers will go to East Boston to work with NOAH on trees and plantings and to make strong connections with our NOAH neighbors. Contact Linda Kilner Olivier at lakilner@aol.com to join us in the outing! See (noahcdc.org) for more information. Please refer to the Hancock Weekly for more details.

Upcoming Offerings:

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Thank you for your continued support of these important organizations.

Build Community in a Diverse World

#PracticingRescurrection

In the 50 days following Easter we get to linger in the glow of new life. The season is called Eastertide. This is a great chance to practice co-authoring our own resurrection story with God. How are you finding resurrection in these days? Share with us your own ways of practicing resurrection now. See the video below and email your own resurrection practices. Send your story to bethany@hancockchurch.org. We'd love it if you included a picture or a video, if you're so inclined. As a community, let's see how we are doing this together. As Wendell Berry said, "Be like the fox who makes more tracks than necessary, some in the wrong direction.

Practice resurrection." Try new things, don't be afraid to be imperfect, experiment, be a little daring, have fun.

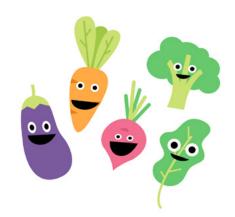
Peace, Barbara

Walk Our Spiritual Paths Together

Come after Church on May 5th — two big events! Stay for one or both

COME ONE, COME ALL, FOR A VEGETARIAN FEAST! SUNDAY, MAY 5TH, RIGHT AFTER CHURCH, IN THE DINING ROOM

Hey, Hancock Eaters! What do Mac-and-Cheese, Jambalaya with Impossible Sausage, Vegetarian Moussaka, Spinach Lasagna, Mujadara (a Middle Eastern rice and lentil dish) and luscious salads and desserts of all types have in common? These, and many more equally-delicious dishes are vegetarian and will be part of the upcoming Vegetarian Lunch on Sunday, May 5th, right after church. Hancock cooks and bakers, partnering with members of HEAT, are joining forces to show how you can eat really well and eat less meat -- a very good thing for the climate, and for you.



Please plan on coming. If you would like to join in the fun of cooking/baking, please let Sally Wyman

(scwyman@gmail.com) know -- but, again, come with or without bringing anything, just for the fun, yum, recipes and community of enjoying a meal together!



SAVE THE DATE - SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2024 AT 12:00 PM IN THE DINING ROOM

On May 5th, Florence Reed, Founder of Sustainable Harvest International, will be visiting Hancock!! She will bring us news of the impactful agricultural development work that we have sponsored in La Concepcion, Honduras. On that day, please plan to join the vegetarian lunch directly after church and followed by a short SHI program and meet and greet and with Flo at noon.

Flo will share her remarkable success in alleviating hunger in Central American communities in a sustainable way that conserves precious rainforests and restores valuable ecosystems.

We are hoping that SHI's work will inspire you to consider participating in an upcoming SHI service trip to Honduras where we plan to celebrate with the La Concepcion community their graduation from SHI's program.

Sustainable Harvest

Build Community in a Diverse World

JOIN US THIS SUNDAY FROM 1:45PM-4:00PM IN EAST BOSTON TO FIGHT CLIMATE CHANGE

Join the team from Hancock going to East Boston this Sunday, April 28, to help our mission partner NOAH's efforts of greening East Boston! In celebration of Earth Day and Arbor Day we



will join in caring for trees and cultivating their community garden. NOAH is dedicated to alleviating climate change impacts in East Boston. NOAH's high school team will lead us in the event. They are a fun group. It will be a fun way to get to know new folks from Hancock, too!

We'll arrive at 1:45 at the Condor Street Urban Wild, 300 Condor St., (East) Boston on the harbor, where there is plenty of parking. Dress

for the weather, bring work gloves if you have them, a hat, and a water bottle. We may celebrate our work together with Peruvian ice cream afterwards! For signing up or questions contact Tom or Linda Olivier at 781-775-0291 (or use the QR code below to sign up). And thank you, for joining with our community to make a difference!





Walk Our Spiritual Paths Together April Celebrations



Edwin Cox celebrated his 94th birthday on April 3rd.



Bruce and Sue Stone celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary on April 1. Bruce grew up in Lexington and has never been a member of any other church.



Bob Thayer celebrated his 90th birthday on April 25th.

Charlie Freeman celebrates his birthday on April 29.



Gerry and Rosemarie Sauermann celebrate their 66th Wedding Anniversary, and 58th anniversary as Hancock members

Sadie Martin turned 14 on April 15th

WELCOMING COMMITTEE TO HOST HANCOCK INFORMATION SESSION TODAY

Are you a visitor or have been joining us for worship regularly and are interested in learning more about Hancock? Would you like to find out about what becoming a member of Hancock means? Then plan to come to the Welcoming Committee's next information session on Sunday, April 28, at 11:15am in the Wilson Room. The ministers and members of the Welcoming Committee will be there to share information and answer your questions. 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. Coffee and pastries will be served, and children are welcome. If you would like to attend this session or have any questions, please call CeCe Potter at (781) 812-8534. We look forward to seeing you there!

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NEW MEMBER BIOGRAPHIES

MIKE CALLAGHAN

I was born a long time ago in Columbus Ohio; educated at Harvard College & Harvard Law School; after I retired I received an ALM at Harvard in American History. I lived most of my adult life in Cambridge and practiced law at a large firm in Boston. My father's family was Episcopalian, and I was baptized as a child in his church in NY & confirmed at Christ Church Cambridge when in college, but rarely went to church. I have three adult children, one of whom, Kate is known to you as Barbara's wife, as are their three children. My other daughter and husband with two young children live in Cambridge, my son in Western Massachusetts. My children and grandchildren are central to my life. My principal interests are reading, learning, sometimes teaching, art & collecting art, and at least in the past, travel, mostly in Europe.

BECKY AND PAUL LINTON

Becky and Paul Linton have lived in Lexington for 32 years, and are delighted to be joining Hancock Church. They have one son, Andrew, age 24. In June of 2022, Becky retired from 35 years of teaching kindergarten, 25 of which were in the Lexington Public School system. Last April, Paul retired from a career in electrical engineering after working at a variety of places, including Lincoln Labratory, Data General, and Raytheon. Becky and Paul both enjoy

choral singing and walking their four-year-old Labradoodle named Scout.

MARILYN AND WARREN HOLLINSHEAD

Marilyn was born in Montevideo, Minnesota, grew up in Rochester, Minn., where she met Warren, who was originally from Durham, NC. She attended the University of Minnesota and Free University of Berlin, while he was at Amherst College. They were married for Warren's years at Harvard Law School, lived outside New York for ten years where



Warren practiced law and joined the Westinghouse International Law Department. After four years in London, they returned to Pittsburgh. Eventually Warren became CFO of Westinghouse, while Marilyn, after earning her MA at Pitt, opened a children's bookstore. In retirement they moved to Martha's Vineyard, keeping a residence in Boston. They now live in Brookhaven in Lexington. They have four children, five grandchildren and one great grandchild. They are glad to join the community at Hancock.

Forgotten Treasures



Opera arias from 18th century Hamburg Featuring Handel, Telemann, Keiser and others Lerformed on period instruments by A **Joyful Noyse**

Sunday, May 19, 2024 at 2:00PM. Hancock Church, 1912 Mass. Ave., Lexington \$15 Donation to support the Hancock Music Program

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Thank you for your gifts to Hancock! Your generous donations to the continuous operation of Hancock sustain our church as your community of spiritual support and a force for change in the world.

Along with your commitments last November, you also gave us your beautiful words to remind us how we experience the generosity and abundance of Hancock every time we walk through these doors. This word cloud collects the many dozens of comments that you pinned to the honeycomb board on Celebration Sunday. Our work is not done! Our commitments to date have achieved 78% of our goal for funding Hancock's weekly operations through the program year.

If you have not yet communicated your giving plans, it's not too late. Please scan the QR code below, or speak with Suzie Barry at the church office.





Walk Our Spiritual Paths Together

MARK MORGAN FEATURED IN HOORAY FOR HOLLYWOOD ON SATURDAY, MAY 4

Hooray For Hollywood! A Century of Songs for the Silver Screen will be performed here at the church in our chapel on Saturday, May 4th at 7:30 p.m. The show features Mark Morgan, baritone, Jean Danton, soprano, and Joe Stroup, piano. This cabaret style show features songs and stories from movies like Singin' in the Rain, Casablanca, Beauty and the Beast, and many more!

Tickets are pay-what-you-can, with a suggested price of \$25. They can be purchased at www.applauseconcerts.com.



A JOYFUL NOYSE ON MAY 19!

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. \$15 suggested donation at the door.



Do you love show tunes? Come sing for Broadway Night at The Well!

We will be winding up our season of Worship at the Well on Sunday, May 19th with a night of Broadway music! There's lots of music from Broadway shows from across the decades that have themes and lyrics appropriate for worship, and we're looking for folks to come sing them with us and the band. There will be 2 rehearsals, plus the rehearsal and service on the 19th. Looking for ensemble or solo singers. Singers do NOT need to be members of Hancock--spread the word to anyone you know who might be interested!

For more information or to sign up, contact Mark Morgan at mark@hancockchurch.org

The Week Ahead

SUNDAY, APRIL 28 9:30am Infant and Toddler Care Available in CE Commons

9:40am Prayers with Choir

10:00am Morning Worship In-Person & Live Broadcast

10:15am Church School in CE Commons

11:00am Fellowship Hour in Dining Room

11:15am Welcoming New Members - Information Session in Wilson Room

11:15am Junior Youth Organization

11:15am Children's Choir

3:30pm Band Rehearsal

5:00pm Worship at the Well

7:00pm First Parish use Parking Lot for overflow

Monday, April 29
Offices Closed on Mondays
12:00pm Hancock Weekly and Bulletin
Submission Deadline

Tuesday, April 30 9:00am Moderator's Meeting via Zoom 10:15am Staff Meeting 7:00pm Lexington Pops Chorus in Clark Hall

Wednesday, May 1 12:00pm Hancock Weekly Sent Out 1:00pm Pastor's Class 7:00pm Hancock Carillon Rehearsal

THURSDAY, MAY 2
9:30am Security Team in Conference Room
6:30am Scout Troop Merit Badges
6:30am Pack 137 Meeting in Clark Hall
7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:30pm Scout Troop Meeting in Clark Hall

FRIDAY, MAY 3
9:30am Morning Glory Rehearsal
7:30pm Hooray for Hollywood Concert:
Mark Morgan and Friends

Saturday, May 4
10:00am AA Meeting
1:00pm AA Meeting
3:30pm Plaster Posaunes Brass Group

SUNDAY, MAY 5
7:30am The Outdoor Church - lunch provisions pickup
9:00am Hancock Newcomer Coffee with the Pastor
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 in Dining Room
11:00am Vegetarian Potluck Lunch in Dining Room
11:15am Junior Youth Organization
11:15am Children's Choir

3:30pm Band Rehearsal5:00pm 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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