



SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 12, 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

Pulpit and Choir Exchange with Temple Isaiah

MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

“Your task is not to seek for love, but merely to seek and find all the barriers within yourself that you have built against it.” Rumi

PRELUDE *Nimrod* Edward Elgar

WORDS OF WELCOME Barbara Callaghan & David C Clark

INTROIT *Let There Be Love* By Aronson
Hancock and Temple Isaiah Choirs

Let there be love and understanding among us, Hashkiveinu, Adonai eloheinu
Let peace and friendship be a shelter in Hashkiveinu l’shalom.
life’s storms.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

OPENING HYMN *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* #26

INTRODUCTION TO THE PROCLAMATION Barbara Callaghan

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD Barbara Callaghan

LEVITICUS 19:17-18

You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

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

**The God of Abraham praise,
All praise the eternal name,
Who was, and is, and is to be, for-
e'er the same**

**Our God the great I AM, ere aught that
now appears;
The First and Last: beyond all thought,
Through timeless years!**

*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 Meg Weston

*This week our offering will go to CPO. To learn more, please go to concordprisonoutreach.org.
For more information about how to give, please see page 8.*

OFFERTORY *In Darkness* Words and Music by

Cantor Lisa Doob,
arranged by Mark Morgan
Hancock and Temple Isaiah Choirs

O my people, be a light to the nation
Turn your face to the tired and poor.
In this moment, please reach out your hand.
Divided we stand, though weary and sore.

In darkness be a light...

O, my people, hold on to your soul.
The twilight's last gleaming may lead
to the dawn.
In this moment, please open your eyes.
In this land of spacious skies,
Let us join as one.

In darkness...

*Congregation standing—some may wish to remain seated

Service of Worship

*DOXOLOGY

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!
Alleluia!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Barbara Callaghan

CALL TO PRAYER *Holy, Holy, Holy* #274

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

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 *What Does it Mean to Love Your Neighbor?* Rabbi Karen Thomashow

CLOSING HYMN *Let All Things Now Living* #529

Service of Worship

BENEDICTION Rabbi Karen Thomashow

BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Hal'lu*
English music and lyrics by Lisa Levine
Hancock and Temple Isaiah Choirs
Based on Psalm 133

Hal'lu, hal'lu, amein.
Behold how good it is to be together,
Mother, father, sister, brother, neighbor and friend.
Reaching out, find a way, building bridges for tomorrow,
Mending hearts, making peace
Begins with us to today.

Hal'lu, amein.

Hineih mah tov umah naim
Shevet achim gam yachad.

Hal'lu, amein.

Worship has ended! We invite anyone who'd like to stay for the postlude to move forward. Those leaving for coffee hour, meetings, and fellowship, feel free to leave as you need to.

POSTLUDE *Allegro from Organ Concerto in F* GF Handel

FLOWER OFFERINGS



Given in loving memory of
their mothers, Margery
Milne Battin and Margaret
Belinfante Jernigan, by
Daryl and Tom Battin.
And special wishes for all
mothers on this Mother's Day!

*Congregation standing—some may wish to remain seated

Our Mission Is To...

Walk Our Spiritual Paths Together

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN - CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – MAY 19TH

Please stay after church on May 19th for a short congregational meeting to approve the overall scope of the capital campaign including the ground source heating system. This is needed to move onto the next steps of the campaign including: engaging the architect and energy consultants to create design documentation and hire contractors for completing the project; identifying the scope of the project including the ground source heating system; authorizing Standing Committee to enter into a construction contract; and authorizing the borrowing to fund the expenses of the entire construction project in excess of contributions in hand, prior to receiving rebates for energy efficient modifications to our building. We will not have any additional plans to share at that time as we will begin the design phase after approval. We will bring designs to the congregation for discussion when appropriate in the process. We need a quorum of 75 people to be in the sanctuary or on zoom on May 19th. Please plan to attend.



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, 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

Concord Prison Outreach (CPO) is a non-profit organization in Concord, Massachusetts. It dates back to 1968 and is independent, volunteer driven, and maintains an active steering committee and board of directors. CPO operates with the support of approximately 35 Massachusetts faith-based organizations, as well as with the support of individuals from around the state. At any given point of time, the organization maintains over 100 working volunteers in the Massachusetts prisons. CPO reports that their programs are meant to challenge, change and improve the lives of participants. The organization's list of program offerings includes: anger management, personal and emotional improvement, basic adult education and high school equivalency, ESL, managing money, parenting groups, the "Read to me Daddy" program, library services, computer skills, art for the community, job search skills, re-entry support, writing skills, book discussion groups, math for college placement, book drives for children of inmates, and other outreach projects.

Mission Partner Update

- 4/21/24 Lexington Food Pantry \$760
- 4/28/24 NOAH \$703

Thank you for your continued support of these important organizations.

Our Mission Is To...

Build Community in a Diverse World

#PracticingResurrection

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

MAY WISH LIST FOR THE LEXINGTON FOOD PANTRY

- Lima beans
- Condensed soups, such as cream of chicken, cream of mushroom, chicken noodle soup, and vegetable beef
- Shelf-stable milk (whole or low-fat) and handled paper bags are always needed.

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Walk Our Spiritual Paths Together



The Vegetarian Lunch, held right after church on May 5th, brought many of us together to explore meatless dishes from around the world. The huge spread offered great options for reducing our individual carbon footprints by eating less meat. Thank you so much to the many wonderful cooks and bakers who fed us (several of whom couldn't even attend, yet delivered their dishes for the rest of us to enjoy) and to the intrepid Parish Life Team, who provided such essential support. If you would like to learn

more or get recipes from this event, please reach out to Sally Wyman (scwyman@gmail.com).

A promotional graphic for Hancock 2024 Vacation Bible School. The background is light blue with a textured, paper-like appearance. In the top left corner is a yellow sun with a smiling face. In the top right corner is a blue paper airplane with a dashed line trailing behind it. The text "Hancock 2024" is in a bold, blue, sans-serif font. Below it, "VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL" is written in a larger, bold, blue, sans-serif font. Underneath that, "AUG 19-23" is in a smaller, bold, blue, sans-serif font. At the bottom, there is a white rounded rectangle containing text: "Save the Date! Hancock is running a VBS this summer the week of August 19-23 for grades K-5. More info including theme, cost, and registration coming soon!" and "If you have any questions or would be interested in volunteering, contact Katie Brown-Bright at katie@hancockchurch.org".

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SEEKING POTTER LIBRARY EXHIBITORS



Hancock Church is blessed with many creative members and friends. The Potter Library committee hopes that some of you will agree to display your work in the library for others to enjoy. Do you paint, quilt, do needlework, knit or crochet, take photos, do ceramics or woodworking, make jewelry? Please let me know (Lynn McClaine: lhmccaine@rcn.com) if you are willing to share your work. The library is only unlocked when the building is staffed.

The LEGO mini figure photos now on display were taken by Mandy McClaine who grew up at Hancock and works at Cary Memorial Library.

VOLUNTEER IN THE NURSERY!

The nursery could use some volunteer assistants! Help is needed both short term while Debbie, our childcare worker, is recovering from surgery and long term on a monthly basis. Volunteer assistants help the childcare lead with what is needed and help make sure that all the kids are safe. Most importantly volunteers get to spend time playing with cute little ones! If you are interested in volunteering or have any questions, reach out to Katie Brown-Bright at katie@hancockchurch.org.

DONATE TO A GRUBHUB GIFT CARD FOR DEBBIE

Follow this paypal link to donate to a Grubhub gift card for our long-time childcare worker, Debbie Cherfils. She is currently taking a leave of absence to recover from surgery and, we want to ensure that she feels the love and care of our church family. If you have any questions, reach out to Katie Brown-Bright at katie@hancockchurch.org

VISIT THE LINK TO DONATE: <https://rb.gy/8pvhky>

Forgotten Treasures



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

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

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Walk Our Spiritual Paths Together

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!

Forgotten Treasures



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

The Week Ahead

SUNDAY, MAY 12

9:30am Infant and Toddler Care Available in CE Commons

9:40am Prayers with Choir

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

10:00am Pulpit Exchange

10:15am Church School in CE Commons

11:00am Fellowship Hour in Dining Room

11:15am Junior Youth Organization

11:15am Children's Choir in Room 212

11:15am Welcoming New Members Info Session in Wilson Room

3:30pm Band Rehearsal in Clark Hall

5:00pm Worship at the Well in Clark Hall

MONDAY, MAY 13

OFFICES CLOSED ON MONDAYS

12:00pm Hancock Weekly and Bulletin Submission Deadline

7:30pm Well Rehearsal in Choir Room

TUESDAY, MAY 14

9:00am Moderator's Meeting via Zoom

10:15am Staff Meeting

7:00pm Lexington Pops Chorus in Clark Hall

7:00pm Meeting Night 2 via Zoom

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

12:00pm Hancock Weekly Sent Out

1:00pm Pastor's Class

7:00pm Hancock Carillon Rehearsal

7:30pm Well Rehearsal in Clark Hall

THURSDAY, MAY 16

9:30am Security Team in Conference Room

6:30pm Scout Troop Merit Badges

6:30pm Pack 137 Meeting in Clark Hall

7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

7:30pm Scout Troop Meeting in Clark Hall

FRIDAY, MAY 17

9:30am Morning Glory Rehearsal

SATURDAY, MAY 18

10:00am A Joyful Noyse Dress Rehearsal in Sanctuary

10:00am AA Meeting

1:00pm AA Meeting

3:30pm Plaster Posaunes Brass Group

SUNDAY, MAY 19

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 Narthex

11:00am Congregational Meeting re: Capital Campaign in Sanctuary

11:15am Junior Youth Organization

11:15am Children's Choir

2:00pm A Joyful Noyse Concert in Sanctuary

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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