

# First Congregational Church of Pelham United Church of Christ

*An Open and Affirming Church - Sharing What God's Love Looks Like*

**May 31, 2026 "Fill My House with Hoping"**

*+Please rise in body or spirit.*

TOLLING THE HOUR

PRELUDE

WELCOME

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

In this world of striving, **we feel the yearn to earn.**

The world measures our worth in those earnings. **But Jesus had different ideas.**

Where they perceived that things had run out and dripped dry,

**he saw the possibility for transformation.**

When we feel our own resources are lacking,

**we can view our lives and practices again from the economy of Jesus.**

+HYMN

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

#243

PRAYER OF APPROACH

**God of Abundance, we come to you today, lifting to you our emptiness, our longing, our hoping for a better world. In the midst of our fear, remind us of your transforming and overflowing love and the jars of plenty out of which we can live abundantly in service to all people, especially those who are struggling in body, mind, and spirit. Amen.**

+SINGING PRAISES TO GOD

"Gloria Patri"

#558

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;***

***As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen***

SCRIPTURE

John 2: 1-11

BELL ANTHEM

"On Eagle's Wings"

Michael Joncas/arr. Dan Edwards

REFLECTION

REMEMBERING OUR COVENANT

**We covenant one with another to seek and respond to the Word and Will of God. It is our purpose to walk together in the ways of the Lord, made known and to be made known to us. We hold it to be the mission of this church to be witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ in all the world, while worshiping God, and striving for truth, justice and peace. As did our ancestors, we depend on the Holy Spirit to lead and empower us. We pray for the coming of the Realm of God, and we look with faith toward the triumph of righteousness and eternal life.**

+HYMN

"Fill My Cup, Lord"

#534

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

SUNG CALL TO PRAYER

"Just As I Am, Without One Plea"

#325 vs 1

SILENCE

SHARING OUR PRAYER REQUESTS

PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (SUNG) #412

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD  
INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"All Things Bright and Beautiful"

arr. Sondra Tucker

+SUNG RESPONSE

"The Doxology"

#563

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below;  
Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ and Spirit, One. Amen.***

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**God of new life, out of the abundance of our lives, we offer these gifts to you. Through your blessing and our willingness to share, may what we offer be used to proclaim your love and bring healing and hope to all who are in need. Amen.**

+HYMN

"Blessed Assurance"

#359

+BENEDICTION

+SUNG BENEDICTION

"Blessed Assurance"

#359

***"Praising my Savior all the day long."***

POSTLUDE

Ministers: All Members of the Church

Pastor: Rev. Carlos Jauhola-Straight

Director of Music: Tom Seniow

Accompanist: Carolyn (Sue) Howard

Bell Choir Director: Sharon Hone

Administrator: Stephanie Noel

Sexton: Lupe Nava

Deacons: Paula Fowlie and Alice Galuppo



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