

# Happening @ Hanover

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

### Worship Today, February 21, 2021 First Sunday of Lent

Prelude: *Down at the Cross*, Franklin Ritter

#### Announcements

Call to Worship: (In unison)

Creator and Sovereign, our world and our lives are often full of threat. We return to you in this place today to be reminded that you do not abandon us to the hard realities of our lives. You are the one who saves us. You are the one who faithfully teaches us your life-giving ways. You are the one who instills courage within us to stand up from the waters of our baptism and to walk your path. Enter our hearts and lives for your powerful purposes, in the name of our Jesus and the soaring Spirit. Amen.

Hymn: # 347 *Spirit Song*

Scripture Lesson 1: **Genesis 9: 8-17**

<sup>8</sup> Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him: <sup>9</sup> "I now establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you <sup>10</sup> and with every living creature that was with you—the birds, the livestock and all the wild animals, all those that came out of the ark with you—every living creature on earth. <sup>11</sup> I establish my covenant with you: Never again will all life be destroyed by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth."<sup>12</sup> And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all generations to come: <sup>13</sup> I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth. <sup>14</sup> Whenever I bring clouds over the earth and the rainbow appears in the clouds, <sup>15</sup> I will remember my covenant between me and you and all living creatures of every kind. Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life. <sup>16</sup> Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth."<sup>17</sup> So God said to Noah, "This is the sign

of the covenant I have established between me and all life on the earth."

The word of God for the people of God  
**Thanks be to God!**

Call to Offering: (In unison)

Because you are the God who saves us, we give you these gifts. Take our lives and our gifts and use them to save our world. We put our hope in you. Amen.

Offertory: *Adagio*, Cesar Franck

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Scripture Lesson 2: **Mark 1: 9-15**

At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup> Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. <sup>11</sup> And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."<sup>12</sup> At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness, <sup>13</sup> and he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted<sup>[a]</sup> by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him.<sup>14</sup> After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. <sup>15</sup> "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!"

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Sermon: *Here's Your Sign*

Sending Forth: (In unison)

God continues to tear open the heavens of our world and our lives, calling out with a voice of love: "You are my beloved children, whom I love deeply." God continues to tear open the heavens of our world and our lives, sending us onto new paths and missions. "Now is the time! Here comes God's Kingdom!" We are Jesus people. We are kingdom people. Now is the time! Amen.

Postlude: *Jesus Shall Reign*, David Paxton

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*We will be worshipping online only until further notice. To participate in the Zoom Devotion time, see details under the Fellowship tab on our website. The weekly bulletin and hymn for each Sunday can be found at <https://www.hanoverinumc.org/bulletin>*

**Organist:** David Hottel  
**Pianist:** Yvonne Davis  
**Praise Team:** Jacob DeAtley, Deano Crafton and Jeff Croxton

**No Music by Yvonne this Week**  
Due to the inclement weather, we will not be having music from Yvonne Davis this Sunday afternoon. We apologize for the inconvenience and look forward to having her back next week.



**HAPPENING IN FEBRUARY**

Sun	21	8:00 am	Facebook Live
		9:30	Zoom Fellowship and Devotions
Tue	23	6:00 pm	Finance
		7:00	Ad Council
Wed	24	7:00	Lenten Bible Study via Zoom
Thu	25	10:00 am	Food Truck
Fri	26	9:00-11 am	Food Pantry
Sun	28	8:00 am	Facebook Live
		9:30	Zoom Fellowship and devotion

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**MOUNTAIN MISSIONS**

The Mountain Mission truck will be here on Wednesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Items needed are:

- Men's and children's summer clothes
- Socks and underwear
- Children's summer shoes
- Good pots and pans
- Good used furniture.
- And any other good usable items

**Puzzling!**

Do you enjoy putting a puzzle together? Do you have some jigsaw puzzles that you would like to donate or exchange for a different puzzle? You can pick up or drop off puzzles in the Fellowship Hall. Have fun!



**Lenten Bible Study Begins this Week**  
Join Pastor Harley for the next five Wednesday evenings as he leads us in an online Bible Study called *Reconciliation*. The study is from the Biblical Association of the Church of Ireland. For the materials and Zoom link go to <https://www.hanoverinumc.org/lent>.