

Hodgdon UMC-Houlton UMC-Mars Hill UMC

June 8, 2025, 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM
Pentecost Sunday & Children's Sunday



Prelude Diane Ketchum [MH]
Susan Laurence & Chet Husted [HT]
Adagio from Toccata, Adagio & Fugue (BWV 564), J.S. Bach
Antiphon: Grace Han, "Canticle of the Holy Trinity (Te Deum Laudamus), UMH #80

Hymn of Praise Congregation's Pick [MH]
"Holy, Holy, Holy" #64 (1, 4) [HT]

Welcome & Announcements Pastor Joyce [MH]
Pastor Victor [HT]

Centering Words
*Jesus called the children to him and said,
"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them,
for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." (Lk 18:16)*

*Call to Worship Psalm 100

*Opening Hymn "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" #334 [MH]
"Jesus Loves Me" #191 [HT]

Children's Moment Pastor Joyce [MH]
Bob Cowperthwaite [HT]

Special Music Children's Handbell Choir

Celebration Time

Anthem MHUMC Choir [MH]
"Spirit Song" Pick-up Choir #347 [HT]

Scripture Acts 2:37-47 Children & Youth [MH]
Acts 2:42-47 Riley Matson [HT]

Message "Happy Birthday, Church!" Pastor Joyce [MH]
"Thick or Thin" Pastor Victor [HT]

Unison Prayer/ A Prayer of Confession

Passing the Peace of Christ (Sign Language)

Offertory, *Doxology (# 95) & *Offertory Prayer

*Closing Hymn "We Are the Church" #558 [MH]
"Blest Be the Tie That Binds" #557 [HT]

*Benediction

Postlude
Fugue from Toccata, Adagio & Fugue (BWV 564), J.S. Bach [HT]

Call to Worship: Psalm 100

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

People: We will worship the Lord with gladness!

Leader: Come into God's presence with singing.

People: We come with songs of joy and thanks!

Leader: Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us,
and we are his.

People: We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts
with praise.

People: We give thanks to him and bless his name!

Leader: For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures
forever,

People: And his faithfulness to all generations. Amen!

Responsive Prayer

Leader: Dear God, you sent the Holy Spirit like fire
and wind to fill the hearts of Jesus' friends long ago.

People: Send your Holy Spirit to us today!

Leader: Just like you gave power to the first
believers, give us joy, courage, and love too.

People: Help us share your love with everyone!

Leader: Fill our hearts with the good news of Jesus.
Let us carry it with care and joy.

People: Let the whole world hear about Jesus!

Leader: Bless all who teach and serve in your
Church— pastors, parents, teachers, and friends.

People: Help them lead with kindness and truth.

Leader: Let children and adults praise you together.
Let our voices rise like one great song.

All: We love you, Lord! Thank you for your Spirit!

Amen. (*Book of Worship. Alt.*)

Welcome!

We're so glad you're here with us today. Whether
you're visiting for the first time or looking for a
church family, we hope you feel at home and
experience God's love and grace in a meaningful
way.

Special Services in June

June is filled with special moments of worship and
celebration:

We'll celebrate **Children's Sunday** on:

♥ June 8 at Houlton UMC and Mars Hill UMC

♥ June 15 at Hodgdon UMC

Pentecost Sunday (June 8) invites us to rejoice in the
Holy Spirit.

Father's Day (June 15) is a time to give thanks for
fathers and mentors.

On **June 29 (10 AM)**, all three churches will gather at Houlton UMC for a **Combined Worship Service** to celebrate Pastor Joyce’s new appointment. Join us for worship and a **Love Feast Potluck** to bless her next chapter.

Outreach Opportunities

- ♥ **Hodgdon** – Let’s show appreciation to the **Hodgdon Fire Department** for their faithful service.
- ♥ **Houlton & Mars Hill** – We stand with **Hope School** in Bethlehem, West Bank—a Christian school offering love and learning to children in need, even in the midst of conflict.

730 Prayer Movement

We invite all three of our churches to join in prayer **each day at 7:30 a.m. or 7:30 p.m.**, whichever fits your schedule.

Each Thursday from 7:30–7:58 p.m., we gather for prayer—in person at Houlton UMC or online via Zoom. (*Why 7:30–7:58? Houlton & Hodgdon share the zip code 04730, and Mars Hill’s is 04758!*)

This week’s prayer focus:

- ♥ *Our graduates – for guidance, vision, and purpose*
- ♥ *Families in need*
- ♥ *School leadership and staff*

Life Review Project – “Faithbook”

Take a moment to read and be encouraged by testimonies of God’s work among us. Helen Wood’s story will be posted soon.

- ♥ Visit: faithbook2025.blogspot.com

We’d love to hear your story too—what has God done in your life? To share, please contact Pastor Victor.

Worship Servants

		Hodgdon	Houlton	Mars Hill
June 8	Greeters	Duane & Bonnie Quint	Bob & Angela Cowperthwaite	Children & Youth
	Coffee Hour		Marion Collins & Sharon Lyons	
June 15	Greeters	Carolyn Benn & Sandra Malone	Marion Collins & Sharon Lyons	Children & Youth
	Coffee Hour	Donald & Jennifer Metzger	Cynthia Hillman-Forbush	

- ♥ June 13 – Outreach Committee [HT], 10 AM
- ♥ June 15 – Father’s Day & Children’s Sunday [HD]
- ♥ June 15 – Gardiner Music Service, 2 PM
- ♥ June 16 – Community Chorus [HT], 6 PM
- ♥ June 17 – Trustees [HT], 6 PM
- ♥ June 18–21 – New England Annual Conference
- ♥ June 20 – “Love & Meals” (Senior Meals) [HT], 11:30 AM
- ♥ June 20 – Lend A Hand Supper [HD], 4–6 PM
- ♥ June 28 – Admin Council [HT], 9 AM
- ♥ July 9 – The Good Book Club @ Co-Op, 9 AM

Prayer List

Dennis Anderson, Nathan Anderson, Janie Andrews, Bob & Jo-Ann Barton, Carolyn Benn, Debbie & Anthony Benn, Blanchard family, London Booker, Reita Briggs, Sue Carr, Lorinda Cushman, Duane Eldridge, Foley family, Ann Folsom, Jack Galda, Brian Ketchum, Austin McAfee, Jean Merritt, Beverly Nickerson, Richard Sherwood, Dotty Smith, Tina Smith, Mark and Abby Swallow, John Trask, Melanie Wilson, Debbie Wordwell, Karen Young

Happy Birthday! Happy Anniversary!

June 10 Bonnie Quint June 8 Jerry & Melanie Wilson
June 10 Bob & Sharon Lyons

Ministry & Mission (M&M) Calendar

- ♥ June 7 – Donna Brewer Funeral [MH], 2 PM
- ♥ June 8 – Pentecost & Children’s Sunday [MH & HT]
- ♥ June 12 – 7:30 Prayer, 7:30 PM
- ♥ June 13 – Staff Parish [HT], 9 AM