

**First Church of Christ, Congregational,
United Church of Christ**

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost



October 18, 2026

CCLI #292978, and #20547245

CHURCH ORGANIZED ON AUGUST 18, 1778

Present building erected in North Conway Village 1884

**"No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are
welcome here!"**

WE GATHER

*Rise in body or in spirit

PRELUDE

Lighting of the Worship Candles - We invite you to use this time for silent prayer and reflection as we prepare for worship.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING SONG

CALL TO WORSHIP *(written by: Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay, UCC)*

One: Sing to the Holy One, all the earth. Declare God's glory!

All: Great is the Holy One, who made the heavens and the earth.

One: Sing a new song unto the Holy One. Join with all creation in praise and reverence!

All: We witness God's marvelous works among the peoples.

One: Worship the Holy One, all the earth! Declare God's sovereignty!

All: Rejoice and be glad! God is great!

MORNING PRAYER

One: Let us pray together.

All: Creator God, because you make all that draws forth our praise and the forms in which to express it, we praise you.

Because you make artists of us all, awakening courage to look again at what is taken for granted, grace to share these insights with other, vision to reveal the future already in being, we praise you. Because you form your Word among us, and in your great work embrace all human experience, even death itself, inspiring our resurrection song, we praise you. Yours be the glory! Amen.

*HYMN NCH #31

All Things Bright and Beautiful

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

WE PROCLAIM

SHARING THE SCRIPTURES

Psalm 92:1-4 (OT pew Bible p. 548)

Psalm 95: 1-2 (OT pew Bible p. 550)

Psalm 96: 1-3 (OT pew Bible p. 550)

At the end of the readings, the reader will say, "The word of God for the people of God." We invite your response to be, "Thanks be to God."

CHILDREN'S MOMENT *(Everyone sing!)*

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine;

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine;

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

2) Everywhere I go

3) All through the night

THE WORD IN MUSIC

How Can I Keep From Singing?

Choir

by Robert Lowry

MESSAGE

We Sing!

Helen Goss

WE RESPOND

PRAYER WITH JOYS AND CONCERNS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

One: Let us pray together.

All: 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.

INVITATION TO GIVING

*DOXOLOGY

Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God above ye Heavenly Host; Praise Father, Son, and
Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE GO FORTH

HYMN NCH #460

Be Not Dismayed
(God Will Take Care of You)

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG

(NCH #81)

God be with you till we meet again;
By his counsels guide, uphold you,
With his sheep securely fold you;
God be with you till we meet again.

POSTLUDE

The altar flowers are given by Mark & Sonya Porter, in loving memory of our precious daughter, Annika Faith; our parents Ruth & Robert Malcolm and Bob & Kay Porter.

Ushers: Trina Jones and Jay Donabedian

Faith Leader: Helen Goss

A friendly reminder to silence your cell phone upon entering the sanctuary, and please wear your name tag so that we may extend a warm welcome to one another.

Thank you!

Welcome to First Church of Christ! If you are visiting with us today, please note that there are two fire exits at the rear of the sanctuary and one at the back of the church through the kitchen. There are two unisex bathrooms; one downstairs off the front entrance and one off the kitchen at the rear of the building.

The doors to the church are locked at 10:10am on Sundays for everyone's safety. One of the doors in the back of the sanctuary is kept open for the Ushers to keep an eye out for any latecomers. Please knock on the glass if you need to get their attention.

Evelyn Porter is designated as The Coordinator of the Diaconates' Ministry of Greeting. If you would like her to send a card from the church to someone who is ill, grieving, celebrating, or who just needs a "pick-me-up" note; please call her at (603) 356-2881 or send her an email at hambru35@yahoo.com.

Mission Corner:

- **The Noisy Offering for September/October** will go to our own **Vaughan Learning Center**.
- **The 4th Quarter Mission Collection** is to support **Heifer International** which works to end world hunger and poverty in sustainable ways.
- **The Food Pantry welcomes non-perishable food and monetary gifts are most appreciated as they can be stretched further.** Pantry hours are shown in our *Week of Activities*. Checks can be made payable to: *Vaughan Community Service, Inc.* and placed in the collection plate.

Week of Activities:

Today: **Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost /Hymn Sing!!!**
Potluck Lunch/Brunch & "God is Good" discussion

Faith Leader – Helen Goss;

Neighbors in Need Offering all month

Revolving Closet – Free Teen Clothing 2:00-5:00pm

Monday: **November *Congregate Tidings* articles due**

AA Noon-1:00pm

Tuesday: Food Pantry Open 11:30am-1:45pm;

Wednesday: Mountain Top Community Orchestra Rehearsal

6:00-8:00pm

Thursday: Food Pantry Open Noon-2:15pm;

Choir Rehearsal 3:00-4:00pm;

Bell Choir Rehearsal 4:00-5:00pm;

Scouts of America Troop 150 & Pack 150 6:00-7:30pm

Friday: AA Noon-1pm

Sunday: **Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost**

Faith Leader – Steve Woodcock

Our **October** Newsletter is full of good stuff and important dates!
You'll find it in your mail, if requested, or by going online to our
website at:

<https://firstchurchnc.com/Newsletters/October2026.pdf>

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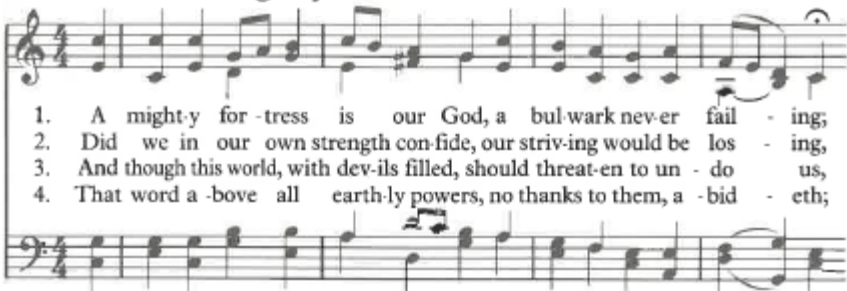
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Thank you for worshipping with us today!

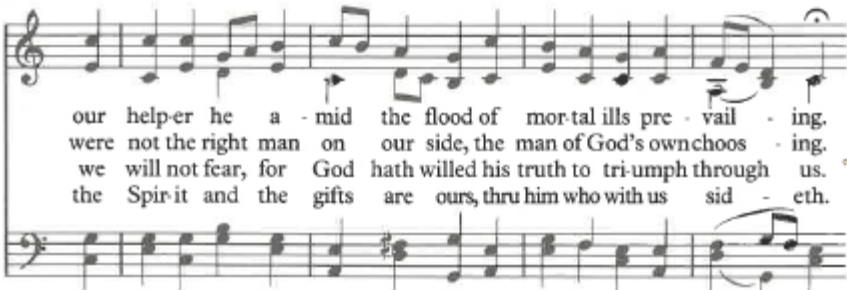


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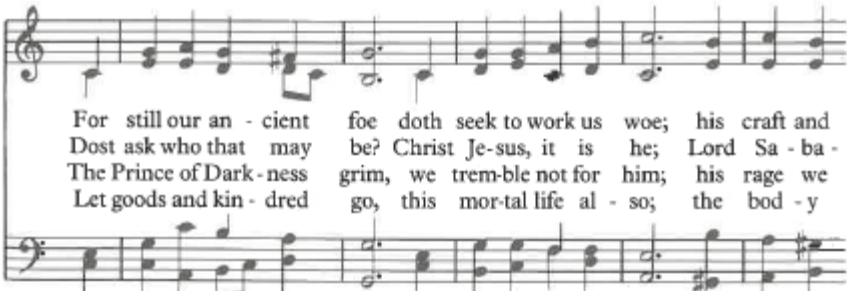
A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



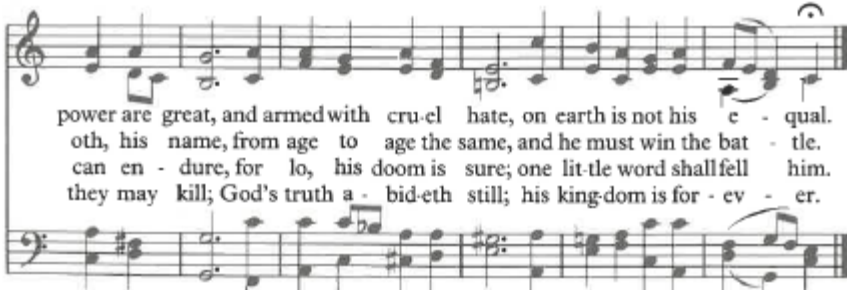
1. A might-y for-tress is our God, a bul-wark nev-er fail-ing;
 2. Did we in our own strength con-fide, our striving would be los-ing,
 3. And though this world, with dev-ils filled, should threat-en to un-do-us,
 4. That word a-bove all earth-ly powers, no thanks to them, a-bid-eth;



our help-er he a-mid the flood of mor-tal ills pre-vail-ing.
 were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choos-ing.
 we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to tri-umph through us.
 the Spir-it and the gifts are ours, thru him who with us sid-eth.



For still our an-cient foe doth seek to work us woe; his craft and
 Dost ask who that may be? Christ Je-sus, it is he; Lord Sa-ba-ba-
 The Prince of Dark-ness grim, we trem-ble not for him; his rage we
 Let goods and kin-dred go, this mor-tal life al-so; the bod-y



power are great, and armed with cru-el hate, on earth is not his e-qual.
 oth, his name, from age to age the same, and he must win the bat-tle.
 can en-dure, for lo, his doom is sure; one lit-tle word shall fell him.
 they may kill; God's truth a-bid-eth still; his king-dom is for-ev-er.

WORDS: Martin Luther, ca. 1529; trans. by Frederick H. Hedge, 1853 (Ps. 46)

MUSIC: Martin Luther, ca. 1529; harm. from *The New Hymnal for American Youth*, 1930

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The First Noel

D D Bm A Em D G D G D Em

1. The first No - el the an - gel did say Was to cer - tain poor
 2. They look - ed up and saw a star Shin - ing in the
 3. And by the light of that same star The Wise Men
 4. This star shone bright in the north - west, O'er Beth - le -
 5. Then en - tered in those Wise Men three, And bend - ing

D G Em D A7 D A D Bm A Em

shep - herds in fields as they lay; In fields where they lay
 east be - yond them far; And to the earth it
 came from coun - try far; To seek for a king was
 hem it seemed to rest; And there it did both
 low up - on their knee, They of - fered there in

D G D G D Em D G Em D A7 D

keep - ing their sheep, On a cold win - ter's night that was so deep.
 gave great light, And so it con - tin - ued both day and night.
 their in - tent, And to fol - low the star where - ev - er it went.
 stop and stay, Right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.
 great rev - 'rence, Their gold and myrrh and frank - in - cense.

A7 D Bm F#m D G D A Bm G D Em D A7 D

No - el, No - el, No - el, No - el, Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

WORDS: Traditional English carol, alt.

MUSIC: Traditional English carol; harm. from *Christmas Carols New and Old*, 1871

In the Garden

(I Come to the Garden Alone)



1. I come to the gar - den a - lone while the dew is
2. He speaks, and the sound of his voice is so sweet the
3. I'd stay in the gar - den with him though the night a -



still on the ros - es, and the voice I hear fall - ing on my ear,
birds hush their sing - ing, and the mel - o - dy that he gave to me
round me be fall - ing, but he bids me go; thru the voice of woe



the Son of God dis - clos - es,
with - in my heart is ring - ing. And he walks with me, and he
his voice to me is call - ing.



talks with me, and he tells me I am his own; and the



joy we share as we tar - ry there, none oth - er has ev - er known.



WORDS: C. Austin Miles, 1913 (Jn. 20:11-18)

MUSIC: C. Austin Miles, 1913; adapt. by Charles H. Webb, 1987

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32 How Great Thou Art

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised. Psa. 48:1

Carl Boberg, c. 1885
Trans. by Stuart K. Hine, 1949

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Swedish Folk melody
Arr. by Stuart K. Hine, 1949



1. O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der Con - sid - er
2. When thro' the woods and for - est glades I wan - der And hear the
3. And when I think that God, His Son not spar - ing, Sent Him to
4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me



all the worlds Thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the roll - ing
birds sing sweet - ly in the trees, When I look down from loft - y moun - tain
die, I scarce can take it in, That on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -



Refrain



thun - der, Thy pow'r thro' - out the u - ni - verse dis - played.
gran - deur, And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze. Then sings my
bear - ing, He bled and died to take a - way my sin.
ra - tion, And there pro - claim, my God, how great Thou art.



soul, my Sav - ior God, to Thee; How great Thou art, how great Thou art! Then sings my



soul, my Sav - ior God, to Thee: How great Thou art, how great Thou art!



*Translator's original words are "works" and "mighty."

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GOD THE FATHER: HIS PRAISE