

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

Fourth Sunday of Easter



April 21, 2024

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!"**

***Please stand if you are able.**

"I once heard a man say, that you don't change until the pain to remain the same is greater than the pain it takes to change."

Jelly Roll

Prelude

O Thou Love, of My Love, Op. 65

S. Karg-Elert

(1877-1933)

Lighting the Community and Christ Candle

We invite you to use this time for silent prayer and reflection as we prepare for worship.

Welcome and Greetings – Helen Goss

Introit

Gathering

Call to Worship

One: The God of all shepherds has called us here.

All: We come today, celebrating God's love for us.

One: The Good Shepherd has given his life for us.

All: We come today, thanking Jesus for his witness and his teaching.

One: The Shepherding Spirit moves through us, bringing us new hope.

All: We come today ready to celebrate and to praise God.

Morning Prayer

Unison: Thank you, loving God, for bringing us to this time of worship. Refresh us and heal us. Remind us of the many ways in which you have blessed our lives with your abundant love and your presence. Guide our hearts and our spirits that we may hear your words and our souls may be stirred into active service to your people. In the name of the Good Shepherd, who leads us to life, we pray. AMEN.

***Hymn NCH #436 (vs 1, 2, & 4)** God of Grace and God of Glory
Tune: CWM RHONDDA

Sharing the Peace of Christ

One: Welcome each other. Welcome the stranger. Welcome all who come. As Christ welcomed everyone, no matter what their background, no matter what their social status; as Christ welcomed enemies and friends, outcasts and leaders, foreigners, and neighbors, let us open our hearts, homes, and lives. Let us be Christ to everyone we meet. Peace be with you.

All: And also with you.

*One: Let us now offer one another a sign of peace, as a symbol of our shared commitment to live as ambassadors of Christ's light and love.

Proclamation

Scripture Acts 4:5-12 NT page 121 Pew Bible
 1 John 3:16-24 NT page 240 Pew Bible
 John 10:11-18 NT pages 103-104 Pew Bible

Message for the Young at Heart The Shepherd and us!!

The Word in Music The Beautiful Land

Based on the hymn tune: BEAUTIFUL LAND

Setting by S. Perkins

We have heard of a land on whose blue, ether skies not a cloud for a moment can stay;
and it needs not the sun in its splendor to rise, for the Lord is the light of its day.
We have heard of that land, and its glory we seek, where the faithful with Jesus shall dwell,
where the roses of youth never fade from the cheek, and the lips never murmur, "Farewell."

We have talked of that land, when our journey was long, and our hearts overburdened with care;
we have talked at the river of song, and how oft we have sighed to be there.

And our faith has gone up, like a bird on the wing, to that land on eternity's shore,
where the joy bells of Eden forever shall ring, and the soul shall be weary no more.

We are nearing that land, we are nearing the gate, to the city of jasper and gold,
where the Savior to welcome his children doth wait, and will gather them into the fold;
to the fold of his love in the mansions above, where forever with him they shall dwell,
and the eyes that were sad in his smile shall be glad, and the lips never murmur, "Farewell."

Message

How Shall We Live

Pastor Sue Davidson

***Hymn** NCH #292 Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Tune: TRENTHAM

Response

Prayers of the People

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

One: Now as our Savior Jesus taught us, we pray together:

All: Our Father, which 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.

Offering

Invitation

***Doxology** NCH #780

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

*Prayer of Gratitude

Sending Out

*Hymn NCH #423 Great Is Your Faithfulness

Tune: FAITHFULNESS

Benediction (see back page) Sent Out in Jesus Name

Tune: ENVIADO

Postlude Declare His Works with Rejoicing L. H. Groom

The altar flowers are given by Fred and Barbara Starkey in celebration of their Wedding Anniversary on April 10th and their Birthdays on April 18th (Barbara) and April 27th (Fred - the new guy). All to the glory of God!

Please join us after worship in the Fellowship Hall so we can get to know you better!

Welcome: Helen Goss

Greeters: Lee Coffield and Helen Goss

Ushers: Fred Starkey and Jay Donabedian

Liturgist: Muriel Magg

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.

Week of Activities:

Today: Church Council meeting 11:30am;
Revolving Closet-Teens 2-5pm

Monday: AA Noon-1pm;

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

Thursday: Food Pantry 12:30-2:45pm;
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 3-4pm;
Bell Choir Rehearsal 4-5pm

Friday: AA Noon-1pm

Saturday: **Mission Potluck, bring a dish to share,
a story and a smile 5pm**

Sunday: **Steve Team**, Lay Worship
Worship Celebration 10am

Mission Corner:

- **March-April Noisy Offering will go to the Mission's Community Scholarship Fund.**
- 2nd Quarter **Mission collection is for Vaughan Learning Center.**
- **The Food Pantry is in need of non-perishable food or monetary gifts.** Checks can be made payable to: *Vaughan Community Service, Inc.* and placed in the collection plate.

Church Address and Information

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Thank you for worshipping with us today!

Pastor: Walt Hampton

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Chancel Choir/Handbell Director: Anne Polak

Church Administrator/Bookkeeper: Denise Leighton

Vaughan Administrator: Jennifer Perkins

Vaughan Learning Center Director: Heather Ouellette

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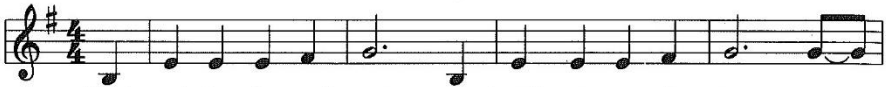
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Sent Out in Jesus' Name

(Enviado Soy de Dios)



Sent out in Je - sus' name, our hands are rea - dy now to
En - via - do soy de Dios, mi ma - no lis - ta - es - tá pa - ra



make the earth the place in which the king - dom comes.
cons - tru - ir con El un mun - do fra - ter - nal.



The an - gels can - not change a world of hurt and pain in -
Los án - ge - les no son en - via - dos a cam - biar un



to a world of love, of jus - tice and of peace. The
mun - do de do - lor por un mun - do de paz. Me



task is ours to do, to set it real - ly free. O
ha to - ca - do a mí ha - cer - lo rea - li - dad; a -



help us to o - bey and car - ry out your will.
yú - da - me, Se - ñor, a ha - cer tu vo - lun - tad.

WORDS: Anon.; trans. by Jorge Maldonado, alt.

MUSIC: Trad. Cuban; arr. by Carmen Peña

ENVIADO

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