

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

Fifth Sunday of Easter



April 28, 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.**

"It was morning, and the new sun sparked gold across the ripples of the gentle sea."
Jonathan L. Seagull

Prelude

Andante No. 2

H. S. Cutler

(1825-1902)

Lighting the Community and Christ Candle

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

Welcome – Helen Goss

Introit

Call to Worship

One: Christ is the vine and we are the branches, connected by divine love.

All: We gather to strengthen our bonds and nourish our spirits.

One: As branches of the one vine, we seek to live in harmony.

All: We reach out with compassion, seeking justice and peace.

One: Together in faith, we ask for guidance on our journey.

All: Ready to act with courage, inspired by the spirit of Christ.

One: Come, let us worship together, celebrating the community we share.

All: Let our worship bear fruit in lives of faithful service and love.

Unison Prayer

All: Gracious God, we come before you as branches of your divine vine, seeking sustenance and guidance. In our gathering, bind us closer, not only to You but to each other, that we might support and enrich one another in love and truth. Open our hearts to the light of Your wisdom, and nurture our spirits with Your tender care. Teach us to remain in You, as You remain in us, so that together we may bear abundant fruit in every act of

kindness and every word of peace. May our worship today glorify You, reflecting the unity and diversity of Your creation. In all we do, let us honor You, our source and sustainer. Amen.

***Hymn NCH #4** Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You Tune: HYMN TO JOY

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

One: The love and peace of Christ be with you!

All: **And also with you!**

Scripture Romans 12:1-21 from *The Message*
John 15:1-8 NT page 109 Pew Bible

Children's Message

The Word in Music Go Ye Into the World N. Sleeth

Go ye, go ye into the world and make disciples of all the nations,
Go ye. go ye into the world and I will be with you there!
Go ye, go ye into the world and take the Gospel to all the people,
Go ye, go ye into the world and I will be with you there!

I am the vine, you are the branches, ever the fruit to bear;
I am the light, you, the reflection ev'rywhere.
Go ye, go ye into the world and tell the story to all believers
Go ye, go ye into the world and I will be with you there!
Go ye now and make disciples of all the nations,
Go ye now and I will be with you there.

Go ye, go ye into the world and take the Gospel to all the people,
Go ye, and I will be with you there!
I am the vine, and you the branches,
I am the light for you to share - so
Go ye now and tell the story to all believers
Go ye now and I will be with you there!

Go ye now and make disciples of all the lands and I will be with you there!
Go ye now and take the Gospel to all who hear and I will forever be there!
I am the vine, the fruit to bear; I am the light for you to share;
Go ye now and tell the story both far and near, and I will be with you there.

Prayers with Joys and Concerns

Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (Sung by the Choir)

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

*Hymn **Red Hymnal** #43 Amazing Grace Tune: NEW BRITAIN

Message The Bird and the Tree Steve Woodcock

Solo Seek Ye The Lord J. V. Roberts

Seek ye the Lord while He may be found,
Call ye upon Him while He is near;
Seek ye the Lord while He May be found,
Call ye upon Him while He is near.
Let the wicked forsake his way,
And the unrighteous man his thoughts,
And return unto the Lord, return unto the Lord,
He will have mercy, and abundantly pardon,
Abundantly pardon, abundantly pardon.

He will have mercy, and abundantly pardon,
He will have mercy, and abundantly pardon.
Amen.

Benediction

Postlude

Fugue in D Major

W. Selby
(1738-1798)

Thank you to Richard P. Goss, III for sharing his talent this morning.

The altar is adorned with an expression of great hope for our church which has a very bright future!

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

Lay Leader: Steve Woodcock

Welcome: Helen Goss

Greeter: Lee Coffield

Ushers: Mike James and Jay Donabedian

Liturgist: Jay Donabedian

Soloist: Richard P. Goss III

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 hambro35@yahoo.com.

Week of Activities:

Monday: AA Noon-1pm;

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

Wednesday: Faith Fellowship 9:30-10:30am

Thursday: Rotary meeting 7:00-9:30am;
WIC Program 9:30am – 2:30pm;
Food Pantry 12:30-2:45pm;
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 3-4pm;
Bell Choir Rehearsal 4-5pm

Friday: AA Noon-1pm

Sunday: **Hymn Sing**

Worship Celebration 10am;

Revolving Closet-Teens 2-5pm

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

First Church of Christ, Congregational, UCC
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Thank you for worshipping with us today!

Pastor: Walt Hampton

Organist: Floyd Corson

Associate Organist: Muriel Magg

Chancel Choir/Handbell Director: Anne Polak

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Vaughan Administrator: Jennifer Perkins

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