

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

Pentecost Sunday



May 19, 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!"**

"The language of God is silence; everything else is poor translation."

— Meister Eckhart

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

Prelude Come, Holy Ghost, with God the Son, Op. 100 F. Peeters
(1903-1986)

Lighting the Community and Christ Candle

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

Welcome – Laurel Ekberg

Introit

Gathering

Call to Worship

One: Gathered in this sacred space, we know that God is still speaking,

All: May our spirits be attuned to the Divine whisper.

One: Through the echoes of ancient words and the stirrings of our hearts,

All: May we be drawn closer to the source of all wisdom.

One: As the Spirit leads us gently towards truths not yet fully grasped,

All: May we walk confidently in the light of understanding.

One: Heeding the Spirit of truth, who speaks of what is heard from the Creator,

All: May our actions bear witness to the truths we embrace.

One: In every moment of revelation, in every challenge of faith,

All: May the Spirit guide our steps.

One: As we stand at the threshold of the future, informed by the past,

All: May we embrace the promise of what is yet to be revealed.

One: In the whispers of compassion and acts of kindness,

All: May the Spirit's influence be visible in our lives.

One: As we commit to listening, learning, and leading,

All: May our journey be shaped by the Spirit's wisdom and courage.

Unison Prayer

One: Let us pray.

Gracious God, who speaks in whispers and wind, we gather together, seeking the warmth of Your Spirit's embrace. As You poured out Your Spirit upon the disciples, pour it out also upon us today. Guide us into all truth, filling us with wisdom, love, and courage. Help us to hear Your still-speaking voice in the bustle of our days. Empower us to be your witnesses to the ends of the earth, proclaiming Your love and justice in every word and deed. In our seeking and in our uncertainty, be our steady guide, and transform our hearts to reflect Your light. For we believe You are not done speaking, and we are here, listening and responding. In the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, we pray, Amen.

***Hymn Red Hymnal #23** Holy Spirit, Faithful Guide

Tune: HOLY SPIRIT, FAITHFUL GUIDE

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

One: Peace be with you.

All: And also with you.

Proclamation

Scripture

Ezekiel 37:1-14 OT page 806 Pew Bible

Acts 2:1-21 NT page 119 Pew Bible

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

Children's Message

Getting Directions

The Word in Music *Let Us Walk This Road Together*

Based on NETTLETON

Setting by J. Carter

Let us walk this road together, pilgrims trav'ling side by side.
Let us brave the stormy weather; in the Rock we safely hide.
Let us share our joys and sorrows on the journey here below.
If we walk this road together God will guide us as we go.
Let us walk this road together, brothers, sisters in the fold.
Caring not for "why?" or "whether" but by faith made strong and bold.
Who can know where God will send us? Who can know what God will ask?
Still, by faith we journey onward, sharing in the gospel task.
Let us walk this road together with our hands and hearts entwined.
Let us feel the Spirit's tether drawing us, both heart and mind.
We will pray and praise and worship, brothers, sisters, servants all
On the road of grace and glory, ever faithful to God's call.

Message

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Pastor Walt Hampton

Response

Prayers with Joys and Concerns

Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

One: Now as our Savior Jesus taught us, let us 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

***Doxology**

Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

Sending Out

***Hymn** NCH #268 Creator Spirit, Come, We Pray

Tune: DICKINSON COLLEGE

Benediction

Postlude

Tocatta in G Major, BuxWV 164

D. Buxtehude
(1637-1707)

The altar flowers are given by Elaine Paul in loving appreciation of this blessed church community and all who work with such devotion to make it so. All to the glory of God.

Welcome: Laurel Ekberg

Greeter: Helen Goss

Ushers: Fred Starkey and Jay Donabedian

Liturgist: Helen Goss

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

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.

Audrey Vorperian's life will be honored and celebrated at her beloved summer camp, YMCA Camp Huckins, on Sunday June 2, 2024 at 1:00 pm. Please join her family as we listen and share stories and memories of this amazing woman and her incredible legacy. Camp Huckins is located at 17 Camp Huckins Road in Freedom. In lieu of flowers- donations in Audrey's honor can be made to YMCA Camp Huckins or to the Eastern Slope Ski Club. All are welcome.

Week of Activities:

Today: Strengthen The Church offering;
Revolving Closet-Teens 2-5pm

Monday: *June Congregate Tidings Deadline;*
AA Noon-1pm;
Strawberry Festival meeting 3:30pm;
Vaughan Board meeting 4pm

Tuesday: Food Pantry 11:30am-1:45pm;
Diaconate meeting 5pm

Wednesday: Pastor's office hours 1-3pm

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

Friday: AA Noon-1pm

Sunday: Worship 10am;

Celebrating Pastor Walt joining the church

Mission Corner:

- **May-June Noisy Offering will go to the Mission's Starting Point.**
- 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
2521 White Mountain Highway
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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

Church Administrator/Bookkeeper: Denise Leighton

Vaughan Administrator: Jennifer Perkins

Vaughan Learning Center Director: Heather Ouellette

Vaughan Bookkeeper: Denise Leighton

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