

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

Third Sunday After Pentecost



June 9, 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!"**

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."

— Helen Keller

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

Prelude Sustain Us Lord, By Thy Word, BuxWV 185 D. Buxtehude
(1637-1707)

Lighting the Community and Christ Candle
We invite you to use this time for silent prayer
and reflection as we prepare for worship.

Welcome – Lee Coffield

Introit

Gathering

Call to Worship

One: In this sacred space, we gather as many, from different walks of life.

All: Together, we unite as one family, under the grace of God.

One: Called by the Spirit, we come from the north, south, east, and west.

All: Joined in purpose and love, we seek to do God's will as a family in faith.

One: This gathering is a mosaic, each of us a piece, distinct yet indispensable.

All: Bound by faith, we create a picture of unity, diverse yet whole.

One: Christ calls us to be His hands and feet in the world.

All: We join together as a family, united in service and love.

One: In our gathering, we acknowledge our differences and celebrate our unity.

All: As members of one family, we commit to support and uplift each other.

One: Here in God's house, we find our true kinship, not by blood but by spirit.

All: As God's children, we embrace each other, walking together in the light of love.

Unison Prayer

One: Let us pray.

Gracious God, who gathers us from the corners of the earth, unite us in your Spirit. As we come together in worship, remind us of the bonds that hold us as one family under your care. Help us to see your face in each other, regardless of our differences in background, appearance, or perspective.

In our unity, let us find strength, and in our diversity, wisdom. Teach us to love as you love, without condition or pause. Open our hearts to the needs of our brothers and sisters and guide our actions in compassion and grace.

As we navigate the challenges and joys of living as your community, instill in us a spirit of humility and patience. Lead us in the way of peace, that we may be a beacon of hope and a testament to your enduring love.

Together, in one voice, we lift this prayer to you, trusting in your everlasting mercy and guidance. Amen.

***Hymn NCH#386 The Church's One Foundation Tune: AURELLA**

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

One: Peace be with you.

All: And also with you.

Proclamation

Scripture

1 Samuel 8:4-20 Hebrew Bible page 251

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 NT page 181 Pew Bible

Mark 3:20-35

The Word in Music I'll Fly Away Unofficial New Orleans Anthem

Some glad morning when this life is o'er, I'll fly away;
To a home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away (I'll fly away).

Chorus

I'll fly away, fly away, Oh Glory
I'll fly away: (in the morning)
When I die, Hallelujah, by and by,
I'll fly away (I'll fly away).

When the shadows of this life have gone, I'll fly away;
Like a bird from prison bars has flown, I'll fly away (I'll fly away).

Chorus

Oh. How glad and happy when we meet, I'll fly away
No more cold iron shackles on my feet, I'll fly away.

Chorus

Just a few more weary days and then,
I'll fly away;
To a land where joys shall never end,
I'll fly away (I'll fly away).

Chorus

Message Holding Together, Falling Apart 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

One: Let us give, as each is able, according to the blessings that God has given each of us.

Offertory Anthem

Down to the River to Pray

Traditional African-American Spiritual

As I went down tin the river to pray, studying about that good old way,
And who shall wear the starry crown, good Lord, show me the way!

O sisters. let's go down, let's go down, come on down.

O sisters, let's go down, down in the river to pray

As I went down in the river to pray, studying about that good old way,
And who shall wear the robe and crown, good Lord show me the way!

O brothers, let's go down, let's go down, come on down.

Come on brothers, let's go down, down in the river to pray.

As I went down the river to pray, studying about that good old way,
And who shall wear the starry crown, good Lord, show me the way!

Oh fathers, let's go down, let's go down, come on down.

O father's let's go down, down in the river to pray.

As I went down in the river to pray, studying about that good old way.
And who shall wear the robe and crown, good Lord, show me the way!

O mothers, let's go down, let's go down, don't you wanna go down.

Come on mothers , let's go down, down in the river to pray.

As I went down in the river to pray, studying about that good old way,
And who shall wear the starry crown, good Lord, show me the way!

O sinners let's go down, let's go down come on down.

O sinners, let's go down down in the the river to pray.

(Chorus)

***Doxology** NCH #780

Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

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 Dedication**

Sending Out

***Hymn RED HYMNAL #87**

Blest Be The Tie

Tune: DENNIS

Benediction

One: Dear friends: Strengthened by our fellowship and united in our purpose, let us go forth with the courage and peace that our shared faith instills.

May this courage and peace guide you through life's challenges, inspire you in service, and strengthen your bonds in every encounter. Let the love of God enfold you, the wisdom of Christ enlighten you, and the unity of the Holy Spirit empower you. May you be catalysts for reconciliation, beacons of hope, and instruments of Christ's peace in every conversation, every deed, and every decision.

And may the blessing of God Almighty—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—rest upon you, dwell within you, and guide you forward today, tomorrow, and always.

Go now in peace to love and serve our Creator God, and one another.

All: Amen.

Postlude

Fantasia in D Minor

O. Gibbons
(1583-1625)

The altar flowers are given by Elaine Paul to acknowledge our Memorial Garden gardeners for their good ministry in our garden.

Welcome: Lee Coffield

Greeter: Lee Coffield

Ushers: Harry Smith and Jay Donabedian

Liturgist: Chris Russian

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.

Week of Activities:

Monday: AA Noon-1pm;

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

Wednesday: Essential Non-Food Pantry 9-11am;

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 Celebration 10am;

Revolving Closet-Teens 2-5pm

Mission Corner:

- **May-June Noisy Offering will go 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

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Thank you for worshipping with us today!

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