

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

**COMMUNION SUNDAY  
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**



**July 7, 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!"**

*"Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter."* – Martin Luther King, Jr.

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

**Prelude**

Andante Pastorale

C. E. Stephens  
(1821-1892)

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

## **Gathering**

### **Call to Worship**

One: We gather to celebrate the voices that speak truth to power.

**All: May we have the courage to be those voices in our world.**

One: When we face rejection and opposition,

**All: May we remember Jesus, who faced the same and continued his mission.**

One: In our homes and communities, may we be prophets of justice and peace.

**All: May we speak with boldness and act with compassion.**

One: Let us open our hearts to hear God's call today.

**All: And let us respond with faith and conviction.**

One: In moments of doubt and fear,

**All: Let us find strength in our faith and in each other.**

One: As we journey through life's challenges,

**All: May we always seek to reflect God's love and truth.**

One: God has called us to be prophets in our time.

**All: May we embrace this calling with humility and resolve.**

One: Together, let us shine the light of God's truth in the world.

**All: With courage and compassion, we will be God's prophetic people.**

### **Unison Prayer**

One: Let us pray:

**All: God of all creation, you have called us to be your prophetic voice in a world that often resists change. Grant us the courage to speak your truth and the wisdom to do so with love and compassion.**

**Strengthen our hearts when we face rejection and guide us with your Spirit as we seek justice and peace. Help us to remember that, like Jesus, we may face opposition, but your presence empowers us to persevere.**

**Together, we offer this prayer, grateful for the mission you have entrusted to us. May we be bold in our proclamation and gentle in our approach, ever mindful of your love that sustains us. Amen.**

**\*Hymn NCH #69**      Come, God, Creator, Be Our Shield

Tune: OLD FIRST

### **Sharing the Peace of Christ**

## **Proclamation**

**Scripture**      2 Samuel 5:1-5 Hebrew Bible page 279  
2 Corinthians 12:2-10 NT pages 185-186 Pew Bible  
Mark 6:1-13

**Children's Message**      Truth Telling

**Praising God Through Music**      Sonata in F Major      Franz Benda

**Message**      Soothsayers & Crystal Balls      Pastor Walt Hampton

# Response

## Prayers with Joys and Concerns

### Morning Prayer

### Offering

### Offertory Solo

Allegro in F Major

Franz J. Gossec

### \*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.

### Dedication

## Communion

Hymn NCH #332 (remain seated) As We Gather At Your Table

Tune: BEACH SPRING

### Invitation to the Table

### Communion Prayer

One: The Holy Living God be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord!**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## **The Lord's Prayer (sung)**

**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.**

## **Sharing The Gifts**

### **Prayer After Communion**

One: Let us pray.

**All: Gracious God, we have gathered at Your table and shared in the sacred meal that unites us with Christ and with each other. As we partake in this communion, let it ignite within us the prophetic fire to speak out against injustice and to uphold truth in our words and deeds.**

**Grant us the courage to carry the message of Your radical love into the places that need it most. May the spiritual sustenance we have received here empower us to act boldly, confront oppression, and stand firm in our convictions.**

**Help us to embody the change we seek, inspired by the prophets of old and the calling You place upon our lives today. As we go forth, let us be vessels of Your peace and agents of transformation in a world that yearns for hope and renewal. Amen.**

## **Sending Out**

**\*Hymn (Red Hymnal) #157** Forward Through The Ages

Tune: ST. GERTRUDE

### **Benediction**

### **Postlude**

Concluding Voluntary

(Found in American Church Organ Voluntaries, 1856)

**Great appreciation is extended to Chris Russian for providing the special music today. Chris is the first musician who will be providing special music for our summer services.**

*The altar flowers are a reminder to...*

*“Open the bloom of your heart and become a gift of beauty to the world.” ~ Bryant McGill*

**Welcome:** Lee Coffield

**Greeter:** Helen Goss

**Ushers:** Harry Smith and Jay Donabedian

**Liturgist:** Amy Russian

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

**Week of Activities:**

**Today:** Mission Committee meeting 11:30am;  
Revolving Closet-Teens 2-5pm

**Monday:** AA Noon-1pm;

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

**Wednesday:** Essential Non-Food Pantry 9-11am;  
Faith Fellowship 9:30-10:30am;  
Pastor's office hours 1-3pm

**Thursday:** Food Pantry 12:30-2:45pm;

**Friday:** AA Noon-1pm;

**Sunday:** Worship Celebration 10am

## **Mission Corner:**

- **July-September Noisy Offering will go to Mission's Fundraising for Jen's Friends.**
- The 3rd Quarter **Mission collection is for Christmas Giving Fund**
- **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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