

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

Tenth Sunday After Pentecost



July 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!"**

"Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does."

—William James

***Please stand if you are able**

Prelude

Aria in F Major

G. F. Handel
(1685-1759)

Lighting the Community Candles

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

Welcome and Greetings – Laurel Ekberg

Gathering

Call to Worship

One: From the smallest seeds grow the tallest trees.

All: We gather to celebrate God's mighty power in small beginnings.

One: With just a few loaves and fishes, a multitude was sustained.

All: We come to witness God's abundance born from our simple offerings.

One: A word of kindness, a gesture of love—small acts reflecting God's grace.

All: We join in worship, bringing our heartfelt gifts to the altar of our Creator.

One: From whispered prayers in the quiet heart, great faith arises.

All: We stand together, trusting that our whispers will resonate with divine strength.

One: In every drop of water, there is a blessing; in every grain of sand, a story.

All: We walk together, lighting the way with hope, believing in the expansive reach of our collective light.

Unison Prayer

One: Let us pray.

Loving Creator, You who multiplies the humblest of offerings, gather us now into Your presence with open hearts. As we unite in worship, remind us of the power held in small acts of kindness and modest gifts given in love. Bless our gathering, that it may be a testament to Your endless abundance and grace. Teach us to see the greatness in the least, the plenty in the sparse, and the divine possibilities in our daily offerings. May our lives reflect the generosity You show us, sharing freely what we have received. Guide our actions and our prayers, that they may ripple outward, extending Your love and mercy far beyond the reach of our hands. In communion with You and each other, let us transform the little we have into bounties of blessing, through Your nurturing spirit. Amen.

*Hymn - **RED HYMNAL** #196

O God, Our Help

Tune: St. Anne

Sharing The Peace of Christ

Proclamation

Scripture

2 Kings 4:42-44 Hebrew Bible page 336

Ephesians 3:14-21 NT page 193

John 6:1-21

Children's Message

When Little is Enough

Pastor Walt

Word In Music

In the Name of the Lord

P. McHugh & G. Gaither

Crowds have lined the narrow street to see this man from Galilee.

Just a carpenter some say leading fools astray, yet many kneel to give Him praise.

And in His eyes, they glimpse His pow'r that sees the hearts of all men,

And know His Fathers mind,

He speaks the Father's words, for He comes in the name of the Lord.

There is strength in the name of the Lord.
There is pow'r in the name of the Lord.
There is hope in the name of the Lord.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

When my plans have fallen through, and when my strength is nearly gone,
When there's nothing left to do but just depend on You, and the power of Your name;
And when we call upon Your name, Your strength thru weakness to show
We can know the Master's plan, extend the Master's hand when we come in the name
of the Lord.

There is strength in the name (repeat above)

His name will be worshipped forever: Creator, Redeemer, and King!

There is strength in the name of the Lord.
There is pow'r in the name of the Lord.
There is hope in the name of the Lord.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Message

The Economy of the Kingdom

Pastor Walt

Response

Prayers with Joys and Concerns

Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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

All: Our Father, who 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.**

Offertory

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

Offertory Solo

The Sweet By and By

J. P Webster

(Arr. by L. Zaninelli)

There's a land that is fairer than day, and by faith we can see it afar,
For the Father waits over the way to prepare us a dwelling place there.
In the sweet by and by, we shall meet on that beautiful shore.
In the sweet by and by, we shall meet on that beautiful shore.
We shall sing on that beautiful shore the melodious songs of the blest
And our spirits shall sorrow no more, not a sight for the blessings of rest.
In the sweet by and by, we shall meet on that beautiful shore.
In the sweet by and by.

***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 – NCH #575**

O for a World

Tune: AZMON

Benediction

Postlude

Allegro in Bb Major

A. P. F Boëly
(1785-1858)

Appreciation is extended to Tom Davidson for sharing his vocal talent with us this morning.

The altar flowers are given by Barbara and Fred Starkey in loving memory of Barbara's Mother, Eugenia Aline Gannon (July 30, 1917-August 30, 2000), all to the glory of God.

Welcome: Laurel Ekberg

Greeters: Lucy Howland and Patsy Perry

Ushers: Harry Smith and Jay Donabedian

Liturgist: Jay Donabedian

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 hambru35@yahoo.com.

Week of Activities:

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

Wednesday: Faith Fellowship 9:30am – 10:30am;

Pastor's office hours 1-3pm

Thursday: Rotary 7:00am – 9:30am;

WIC Program 9:30am – 2:30pm;

Food Pantry 12:30-2:45pm

Friday: AA Noon-1pm

Sunday: **Worship Celebration 10am;**

Mission Committee meeting 11:30am;

Revolving Closet-Teens 2-5pm

Celebration of Life for Gerry Tilton: Saturday, August 10, 2024, at 10am

Mission Corner:

- **July-September Noisy Offering will go to Jen's Friends Cancer Foundation.**
- The 3rd Quarter **Mission collection is for the 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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