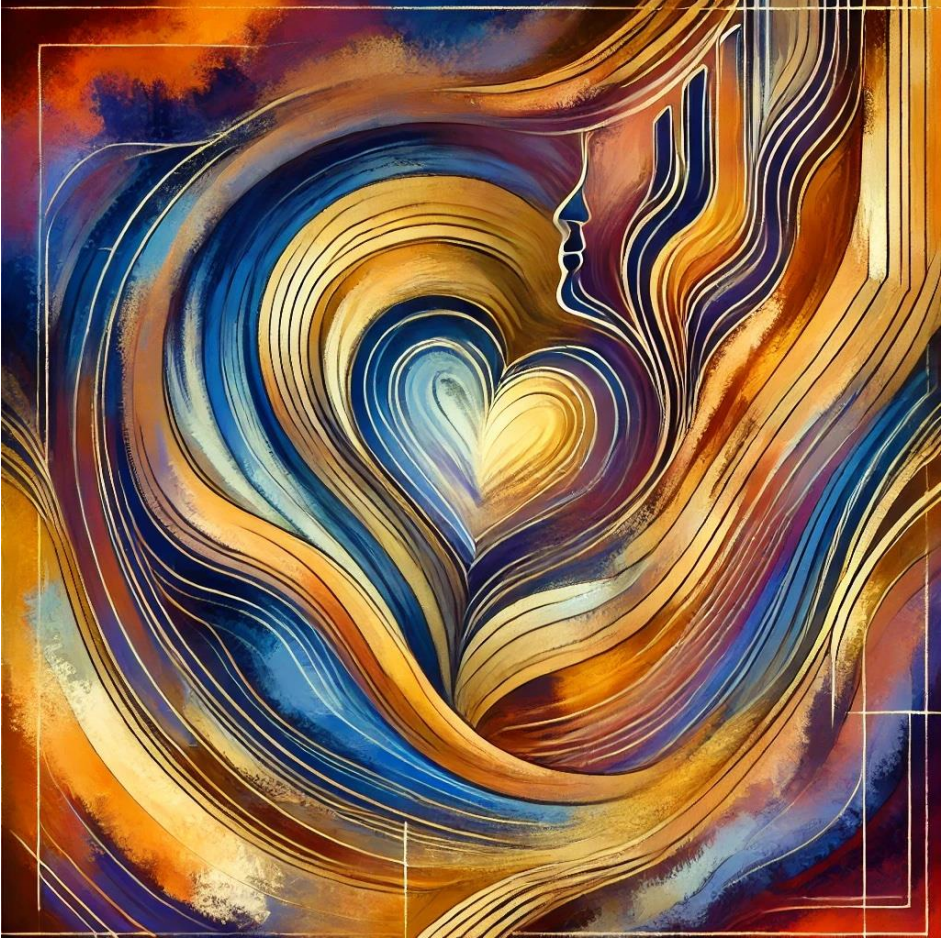


**First Church of Christ, Congregational
United Church of Christ**

**Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost
Communion Sunday**



August 4, 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!"**

"There are people in the world so hungry that God cannot appear to them except in the form of bread." – Mahatma Gandhi

***Please stand if you are able**

Prelude

Pastorale in E Major

C. Franck
(1822-1890)

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

Welcome and Greetings – Lee Coffield

Gathering

Call to Worship

One: Come, all who are searching for meaning and purpose. Find solace in the presence of God who offers more than what the world can give.

All: We come seeking the Bread of Life that truly satisfies our deepest longings and fills our souls with peace.

One: Lift up your hearts to the One who provides for all our needs, the Creator who knows every desire and every care we hold within.

All: We lift them up to the Lord, our source of true fulfillment, trusting in His abundant love and grace to nourish us.

One: In a world filled with temporary pleasures and fleeting moments of joy, let us seek the eternal and everlasting sustenance that comes from God.

All: We seek the eternal nourishment found in Christ alone, who offers us the promise of life everlasting and joy unending.

One: Open your hearts wide to the love and grace of Jesus, who calls us to experience a deeper, transformative relationship with Him.

All: We open our hearts to be filled with His sustaining presence, to be renewed and strengthened by His unending love.

One: Come with your hunger and thirst for righteousness and let us be fed by the Word and Spirit of God, who alone can quench our spiritual thirst.

All: We come to be fed by the Word and Spirit of God, to drink deeply from the well of His wisdom, and to be filled with His eternal light and love.

Unison Prayer

One: Let us pray.

All: Gracious and Loving God, we come before You with hearts open and yearning for Your presence. We seek the true fulfillment that only You can provide. Nourish us with the Bread of Life and fill us with Your Spirit. Help us to look beyond our immediate desires and to find lasting satisfaction in our relationship with You. As we worship today, may we be transformed by Your love and guided by Your wisdom. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

*Hymn (Red Hymnal) #49

Jesus Calls Us

Tune: Galilee

Sharing The Peace of Christ

Proclamation

Scripture

Exodus 16:2-15 Hebrew Bible pages 62-63
Ephesians 4:1-6 NT page 193
John 6:24-35

Children's Message

Cotton Candy

Pastor Walt

Message

Yetis and Lost Cities

Pastor Walt

Response

Prayers with Joys and Concerns

Offertory

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

Offertory Music

1st Arabesque

C. Debussy

*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

Communion

Hymn NCH #333 (remain seated) O Bread of Life Tune: SHENG EN

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)

One: Now as our Savior Jesus taught us, we sing 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.

Sharing The Gifts

One: The gifts of God for the people of God. Come for all things are ready.

As we distribute the bread, I invite you to hold it in your hands until we all have received it, and we'll receive together

One: Eat this, for it is the body of Christ, broken for you.

As we distribute the juice, I invite you to hold your cup in your hands until we all have received one, and we'll receive it together.

Drink this, for it is the blood of Christ, shed for you.

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 nourish our spirits and fill us with the Bread of Life that sustains us beyond this moment.

Grant us the wisdom to seek true fulfillment in You and the courage to live out Your teachings in our daily lives. May the spiritual sustenance we have received here empower us to act with compassion, extend grace, and seek justice for all.

Help us to embody the love and mercy we have experienced, inspired by Your everlasting presence and the example of Christ. As we go forth, let us be vessels of Your peace and agents of transformation in a world hungry for hope and renewal.

May we carry the message of Your eternal love into every corner of our lives, sharing the true bread that satisfies the deepest hunger of the human heart. Amen.

Sending Out

***Hymn (Red Hymnal) # 46** Till I Become Like Thee

Benediction

Postlude

Fughetta in F Major

J. Rheinberger
(1839-1901)

The performance of Debussy's *Arabesque* is by request.

The altar flowers are in memory of our friend and sister in faith, Gerry Tilton. She has taken her rightful place at the heavenly table. Hallelujah!

Welcome: Lee Coffield

Greeter: Lee Coffield

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.

Week of Activities:

Today: Mission Committee meeting 11:30am;

Revolving Closet-Teens 2-5pm

Monday: AA Noon-1pm;

Bach Festival Chorus Rehearsal 7-9pm

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

Wednesday: Pastor's office hours 1-3pm

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

Friday: AA Noon-1pm

Saturday: Celebration of Life Service for Gerry Tilton 10am

Sunday: Worship Celebration 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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Associate Organist: Muriel Magg

Chancel Choir/Handbell Director: Anne Polak

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Vaughan Administrator: Jennifer Perkins

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