

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

**Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost**



**September 29, 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 is a vitality, a life force, an energy, a quickening that is translated through you into action, and because there is only one of you in all time, this expression is unique." — Martha Graham*

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

### **Prelude**

Meditative Solo Piano Improvisation

Lighting the Community Candles

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: Come, let us gather in the light of Christ, where love burns brightly, and hope is rekindled.

**All: We come to be energized, filled with the fire of the Spirit, ready to live out the Good News.**

One: God calls us to be the salt of the earth, to preserve justice, and to bring out the best in one another.

**All: We come to be renewed, ready to flavor the world with love and compassion.**

One: Christ invites us to fan the flames of faith, to be ablaze with passion for justice and peace.

**All: We come to ignite our hearts, eager to follow the way of Christ.**

One: In the presence of God, we are transformed, purified by the fire of love, and sent out to serve.

**All: We come to be changed, to leave behind what hinders us and embrace the energy of grace.**

One: The Spirit moves among us, stirring us to new life, empowering us to be bold and courageous.

**All: We come to receive this divine energy, to be salt and light in a world hungry for hope.**

One: Let us worship with joy, ready to spread the Good News with hearts on fire for the Jesus movement.

**All: We come as one body, filled with purpose and passion, united in Christ's mission.**

### **Unison Prayer**

One: Let us pray.

**Gracious and Holy God, You have called us to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. We confess that too often we lose our flavor and dim our light. Ignite within us a passion for Your Gospel, and fill us with the fire of Your Spirit. Help us to shed what keeps us from fully following You, so that we may be renewed and transformed. Empower us to live boldly in love and justice, to preserve what is good, and to shine brightly in a world that needs Your hope. May we be energized for Your mission, enlivened by Your grace, and ready to spread the Good News with hearts on fire. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.**

**\*Hymn (Red Hymnal) #123**

Revive Us Again

### **Sharing The Peace of Christ**

#### **Proclamation**

#### **Scripture**

Isaiah 6:6-8 Hebrew Bible pages 635-636

James 5:13-20 NT Bible pages 231-232

Mark 9:38-50

#### **Children's Message**

Lit

Pastor Walt

#### **The Word In Music**

We Are Called

David Haas

Come! Live in the light!

Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!

We are called to be light for the kingdom,  
to live in the freedom of the city of God!

Refrain: We are called to act with justice, we are called  
to love tenderly, we are called to serve one another,  
to walk humbly with God!

Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear!  
We are called to be hope for the hopeless  
so hatred and blindness will be no more!

Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one!  
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other as sisters and brothers  
united in love!

**Message**

Rewilding

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.

**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. Amen.

## Prayer of Dedication

## Sending Out

\***Hymn** NCH #459 Come, O Fount of Every Blessing

Tune: NETTLETON

## Benediction

## Postlude

Original Piano Postlude

*(Stay and enjoy OR head right on over for coffee and treats!)*

*The altar flowers are given by Jim and Karen Umberger in honor of everyone celebrating a Birthday in September, and our thoughts to those who are suffering. All to the Glory of God.*

**Welcome:** Lee Coffield

**Greeter:** Lee Coffield

**Ushers:** Harry Smith & Jay Donabedian

**Liturgist:** Helen Goss

*Welcome to First Church of Christ! If you are visiting with us in person today, please note that there are two fire exits at the rear of the sanctuary and one through the back of the church through the kitchen. Additionally, there are two unisex bathrooms; one downstairs off the entrance where you entered and one off the kitchen at the rear of the building.*

*We hope you will join us after worship in the Fellowship Hall so we can get to know you better.*

## **Volunteers Needed!**

Still time to help with the Fryeburg Fair, we have many opportunities for you to help with the church's largest fundraising event of the year! Sign-up sheets are in the Fellowship Hall behind the food table for baking, working in the booth, and cleaning Blueberry Crisp pans.

### **Week of Activities:**

**Monday: Fryeburg Fair Begins**

**Fryeburg Fair Baking Continues;**

AA Noon-1pm

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

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

Chancel Choir Rehearsal 3pm;

Bell Choir Rehearsal 4pm

**Friday:** AA Noon-1pm

**Sunday: World Communion Worship Celebration 10am;**

**Neighbors in Need Offering;**

**Blessing of the Animals 3-4pm;**

Revolving Closet-Teens 2-5pm;

**Fryeburg Fair Ends**

Our October Newsletter is chock full of good stuff and important dates! You'll definitely want to check it out. You'll find it online by going to our website at: <https://firstchurchnc.com/Newsletters/October2024.pdf>

(And let us know if you don't have online access - we can still mail a physical copy to you!)

### Mission Corner:

- **September-October Noisy Offering will go to Heifer Project.** The Heifer Project works to end hunger and poverty with the communities they serve around the world.
- The 3rd Quarter **Mission collection is for the Christmas Giving Fund.** These donations are used for gift cards for those in need to make the holidays a little brighter.
- **The Food Pantry is in need of non-perishable food or monetary gifts.** The pantry hours are shown in our *Week of Activities*. Checks can be made payable to: *Vaughan Community Service, Inc.* and placed in the collection plate.

**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](mailto:hambru35@yahoo.com).

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**Thank you for worshipping with us today!**