

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

Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost



October 20, 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!"**

"What counts in life is not the mere fact that we have lived. It is what difference we have made to the lives of others that will determine the significance of the life we lead." — Nelson Mandela

***Please stand if you are able**

Prelude

Now All the Woods Are Sleeping

Christian Reincke

Lighting the Community Candles

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

Gathering

Call to Worship

One: We gather to worship the God who turns the world's expectations upside down.

All: We come to follow Christ, who leads us not by power, but by humble service.

One: In a world that seeks greatness through wealth and status,

All: We come to find greatness in compassion, love, and sacrifice.

One: Jesus calls us to serve others, lifting up the weak and caring for the least among us.

All: We open our hearts to this call, ready to serve and love as Christ has shown us.

One: The kingdom of God is not about who is first or last, but about sharing grace and mercy.

All: We come to celebrate this kingdom where justice and peace reign.

One: Let us set aside our desire for recognition and power.

All: We come to embrace humility and follow the way of Jesus.

One: Come, let us worship the One who invites us into the upside-down kingdom of God.

All: We gather in joy, ready to walk the path of service and love.

Unison Prayer

One: Let us pray.

Gracious God, We thank you for inviting us into your kingdom, where love and service are the foundation of all things. Open our hearts to the joy of serving one another and remind us that true greatness is found in acts of compassion and kindness. Help us to follow the example of Christ, who leads us by humility and selfless love. Strengthen us to walk the path of service and justice, and may we reflect your grace in all we do. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*Hymn NCH #575

O for a World

Tune: AZMON

Sharing The Peace of Christ

Proclamation

Scripture Job 38:1-7 Hebrew Bible page 484
 Hebrews 5:1-10 NT Bible page 220
 Mark 10:35-45

Children's Message Wearing It Inside Out Pastor Walt

Message In The Upside Down 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 Anthem O, That I Had a Thousand Voices J. Althouse

O, that I had a thousand voices, And with a thousand tongues could tell
Of Him in whom the earth rejoices, Who all thing wisely does and well.
O, that the people of all nations. To God a thousand hymns could sing.
And drink the cup of God's salvation, In peace to every living thing.
God of the wind and waters, and of the stars and sky,
Creator of the earth and heavens, Praise the Lord most high.
O, that I had a thousand voices, And with a thousand tongues could tell.
Of Him in whom the earth rejoices, Who all things wisely does and well.
O, that I had a thousand voices.

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 #451

Be Now My Vision

Tune: SLANE

Benediction

Postlude

Rigaudon

Andre Campra

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

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Peter and Muriel Magg in honor of everyone celebrating a birthday and or anniversary in October.

Greeters: Dan & Trina Jones

Ushers: Harry Smith & Jay Donabedian

Liturgist: Lee Coffield

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.

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!)

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: Church Council meeting 11:30am;
Revolving Closet-Teens 2-5pm

Monday: **November Congregate Tidings Articles Due;**
AA Noon-1pm;

Crafty Hands Workshop 6:30-8:00pm

Tuesday: Food Pantry 11:30am-1:45pm;
Clergy of the Eastern Slope Luncheon 12:30-2:00pm;
Dinner Church (bring a dish to share) 6:00pm

Thursday: Food Pantry 12:30-2:45pm;
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 3pm;
Bell Choir Rehearsal 4pm

Friday: AA Noon-1pm

Saturday: **NH Conference Annual meeting at
Geneva Point Center, Moultonborough**

Sunday: **Worship Celebration 10am**

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 4th Quarter **Mission collection is for the Jen's Friends. 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.

Church Address and Information

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Thank you for worshipping with us today!