

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

**Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost**



**October 27, 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!"**

*"It is only with the heart that one sees rightly; what is essential is invisible to the eye."*— Antoine de Saint-Exupéry

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

**Prelude**

CHORALE

Herbert Colvin

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 today, seeking clarity and truth, knowing we each have blind spots in our lives.

**All: Open our eyes, Lord, that we may see your presence more clearly.**

One: Like Bartimaeus, we come with courage, calling out for healing and grace.

**All: Help us to break through the barriers that keep us from experiencing your love.**

One: We acknowledge that those on the margins often see your truth most clearly.

**All: Teach us to listen, to learn, and to grow from the wisdom of the oppressed.**

One: Jesus invites us to step beyond our fears and limitations, to trust in his transforming power.

**All: Grant us faith to follow where you lead, even when the way seems uncertain.**

One: We come together as a community, seeking wholeness and renewal.

**All: Restore our sight, O God, that we may walk in your ways with open hearts.**

## Unison Prayer

One: Let us pray.

**Gracious God, we come before you acknowledging that we do not always see clearly. We carry assumptions, fears, and judgments that cloud our vision. Like Bartimaeus, we cry out for your mercy and healing. Open our hearts and minds, that we may recognize your presence in the midst of our lives and in those we often overlook. Lead us beyond our blind spots into a deeper understanding of your love. Amen.**

**\*Hymn (Red Hymnal) #89**      Open My Eyes That I May See

## Sharing The Peace of Christ

### Proclamation

**Scripture**      Job 42:1-6, 10-17 Hebrew Bible page 488  
Hebrews 7:23-28 NT Bible page 222  
Mark 10:46-52

**Children's Message**      Do you see what I see?      Jennifer Terry

**Message**      Don't forget to check your mirrors      Jennifer Terry

### 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 Come, Thou God of Grace      Jay Althouse

O Come, thou God of grace; dwell in this holy place.

Alleluia, alleluia! Amen.

Glad songs to Thee we sing; glad hearts to Thee we bring.

Alleluia, Alleluia! Amen.

Be in each song of praise which here Thy people raise.

Let ev'ry anthem rise like incense to the skies.

To God the One in three all praise and glory be.

Alleluia, alleluia! Amen.

Be in each song of praise which here Thy people raise.

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O come, Thou God of grace; dwell in this holy place.

Alleluia, alleluia! Amen.

**Doxology** NCH #780

Tune: OLD HUNDRED

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 (**Red Hymnal**) #43 Amazing Grace

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

Credo

J. Haydn

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

**Lay Leader:** Jennifer Terry

**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.*

Our November 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/November2024.pdf>

We will be selling frozen pans of blueberry crisp after worship in the Fellowship Hall for \$20.00 a pan. We ask that you use only Teflon or plastic coated spatulas when cutting the pans of warmed crisp as we would like the pans back undamaged.

Additionally, we have (5) cup bags of frozen Wyman blueberries for sale for \$5.00 each.

Proceeds will benefit the final outcome of the fair fundraiser.

*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](mailto:hambro35@yahoo.com).

### Week of Activities:

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

**Trunk or Treat 5-6pm;**

Crafty Hands Workshop 6:30-8:00pm

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

Diaconate meeting 5pm

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

Chancel Choir Rehearsal 3pm;

Bell Choir Rehearsal 4pm

**Friday:** AA Noon-1pm

**Sunday:** **Worship Celebration 10am**

Revolving Closet-Teens 2-5pm

## 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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!**