

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

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**



**May 11, 2025**

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!"**

*"Do not wait for someone else to come and speak for you. It's you who can change the world."*—Malala Yousafzai

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

### **Prelude**

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

### **Centering Song**

## **Gathering**

### **Call to Worship**

One: Come, people of God, to remember the ones who first proclaimed the resurrected Jesus.

**All: We come to honor those who stayed, who watched, who wept, and who bore witness.**

One: Come, in the spirit of Mary Magdalene, the first to see and the first to proclaim.

**All: We come to listen for the voice of that first witness—the one who was never silenced by fear.**

One: Come with your love, your longing, your sorrow, and your strength.

**All: We come with full hearts, drawn by the thread of presence that endures.**

One: Come to bless the mothers and mothering ones, and to remember those we miss.

**All: We come to give thanks for all who have nurtured life, held us through loss, and called us to rise again.**

One: Come to reclaim the sacred feminine, the wisdom long buried, the voice long denied.

**All: We come to honor the divine image in all women and to lift the power of love made real.**

One: Come, beloved community, to this holy moment of memory, courage, and hope.

**All: We come to worship the God who calls us by name and sends us out with good news.**

### **Unison Prayer**

One: Let us pray.

**All: Holy One, who moves through the steady rhythm of love, we come before you with gratitude for those who have nurtured, guided, and held us in your grace. We remember Mary Magdalene, the one who stayed when others fled, who wept with courage, and who carried the truth of resurrection on her lips. In her, we see the power of devotion, the strength of holy presence, and the call to bear witness even when the world refuses to listen. We pray this day for healing where there is hurt, for softness where there has been silence, and for the courage to reclaim what has been hidden or denied. Teach us to trust the wisdom of the ones who walk beside, who hold the through line of love across time, and who remind us that resurrection begins in presence, in grief, in voice, and in rising. In your name, and by your love, we pray. Amen.**

**\*Hymn RED #62**

In the Garden

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

### **Proclamation**

#### **Scripture**

Exodus 15:19-21 (Hebrew Bible p. 62)

Matthew 28:1-10 (NT p. 33)

Mary Magdalene 5:1-9 (from the Berlin Codex)

*At the end of the readings, the reader will say, "The word of God for the people of God." We invite your response to be, "Thanks be to God."*

**Children's Message**

There for You

Pastor Walt

## Word In Music

Mothering God  
Chris Russian - Flute

## Message

The Through Line

Pastor Walt

## Response

### Prayers with Joys and Concerns

### Morning Prayer

### Lord's Prayer

One: Now as our Savior Jesus taught us, let us 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

The Gift of Love  
Trio- Anne, Julia and Sara

Traditional

### Doxology

Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God above ye Heavenly Host; Praise Father, Son, and  
Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

### Prayer of Dedication

## Sending Out

\*Hymn NCH #401 O God in Whom All Life Begins



## Mission Corner:

- **The Noisy Offering for May/June will go to a local non-profit in need.** The Mission Board is restructuring their list of recipients at this time.
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter **Mission collection is for the Vaughan Learning Center.** This will help with supplies for the classrooms.
- **The Food Pantry welcomes non-perishable food and monetary gifts are most appreciated as they can be stretched further.** 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 [hambro35@yahoo.com](mailto:hambro35@yahoo.com).

## Week of Activities:

**Today:** Happy Mother's Day  
Worship Service 10am

**Monday:** AA Noon-1pm;  
Scouts of America Troop 150 and Pack 150 6:30-8:00pm

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

**Wednesday:** Senior Non-Food Pantry

**Thursday:** Food Pantry Open 12:30-2:45pm;  
Chancel Choir rehearsal 3-4pm;  
Bell Choir Rehearsal 4-5pm;  
Dine to Donate-Black Cap for VLC 5-8pm

**Friday:** AA Noon-1pm

**Sunday:** Worship Service 10am;  
Revolving Closet 2-5pm

Our **May** Newsletter is chock full of good stuff and important dates! You'll find it in your mail and by going online to our website at: <https://firstchurchnc.com/Newsletters/May2025.pdf>

## *Church Address and Information*

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