

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

Fourth Sunday After Pentecost



July 6, 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!"**

"The world is changed by your example, not by your opinion."

— Paulo Coelho

***Please stand if you are able**

Prelude

Lighting the Community 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: God sends us out—not with power, but with presence.

All: We come with open hands and willing hearts, ready to receive and be received.

One: Jesus calls us to go—not alone, but together.

All: We are companions on the journey, sent to share peace and healing.

One: In every home, every table, every stranger—we are called to see the sacred.

All: The Divine draws near in unexpected faces, in humble places.

One: The kin-dom of God is not far off—it is already breaking in.

All: We come to witness, to welcome, to participate in God's unfolding love.

One: As we are welcomed, we are transformed. As we welcome others, God is revealed.

All: Hospitality becomes holy ground where love takes on flesh.

One: Come, let us worship the One who sends and the One who meets us on the road.

All: We come with joy, with courage, and with faith. Let us worship God together.

Unison Prayer

One: Let us pray.

All: God of welcome and wonder, you send us out not as conquerors, but as companions; not with might, but with mercy. As we walk the paths of this world, may we carry your peace in our hearts and offer it freely to those we meet. Help us to see your face in the stranger, your presence in the overlooked, your spirit in every act of kindness shared and received. Let our lives be vessels of your love—open, grounded, and brave. May the welcome we extend be a reflection of the grace we've been given. And may we return from the road with stories of joy, connection, and transformation. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

***Hymn** NCH #539 Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant

Sharing The Peace of Christ

Proclamation

Scripture 2 Kings 5:1-14 (Hebrew Bible p. 336)
Galatians 6:1-16 (NT p.191)
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

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

Tug of War

Pastor Walt

Word In Music

Bridge Over Troubled Water

by Paul Simon and Art Garfunkel
Richard P. Goss III, Soloist

Message

The Brotherhood of the Rope

Pastor Walt

Response

Prayers with Joys and Concerns

Morning Prayer

Offertory

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

Communion

Invitation to the Table

Communion Prayer (*The St. Francis Eucharistic 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.

Eucharist Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (Sung)

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

All: Our Father, which 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.

We invite you to come forward via the center aisle, as directed by the ushers, to receive communion. ALL are welcome at this table.

When you receive, we will say: "The Bread of Life;" and then "The Cup of Salvation." We invite you to respond: "Amen."

Meditation

Prayer After Communion

One: Let us pray.

All: Holy One, you have met us at this table, not with grandeur or pretense, but with simple bread, shared cup, and the presence of love made real. In this meal, you have reminded us that the harvest is plentiful and the laborers are us. Strengthen us now to go out—not with fear or hesitation, but with the peace of Christ and the courage to love boldly. May the communion we have received awaken us to your presence in every encounter, and may our lives become a witness to your grace at work in the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Sending Out

***Hymn NCH #177** God of Change and Glory

Benediction

Closing Song Go Now in Peace

Besig/Price

Go now in peace, never be afraid

God will go with you each hour of every day.

Go now in faith, steadfast strong and true,

God will go with you in all you do.
Go now in love and show you believe.
Reach out to others, so all the world can see
God will be there, watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

Postlude

Sonata in F, 1st movement

by J. Haydn

(Stay and enjoy OR head to the Fellowship Hall for coffee and treats!)

The altar flowers are in celebration of two very successful festivals - Strawberry and Pride! The cool damp weather did not discourage the welcoming spirit felt at both events. We are blessed to live in a community that can peacefully host two such events on the same day; benefiting those in need now and going forward, along with showing our love, support, and acceptance of our neighbors who are part of the LGBTQIA+ community. God is love!

Greeters: Mary Ellen Shea (Miss Mae) and Karen Umberger

Ushers: Harry Smith and Jay Donabedian

Liturgist: Lee Coffield

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

The doors to the church are locked at 10:10am on Sundays for everyone's safety. One of the doors in the back of the sanctuary is kept open for the Ushers to keep an eye out for any latecomers. Please knock on the glass if you need to get their attention.

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.

Mission Corner:

- **The Noisy Offering for July/August will go to End 68 Hours of Hunger Program.** This program confronts the approximately 68 hours of hunger some school children experience between free school lunch on Friday and free school breakfast received on Monday. Deliveries continue through the summer months through volunteer support.
- **The 3rd Quarter Mission collection will go to the Christmas Giving Ladder** to help families with Christmas expenses.
- **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.

Week of Activities:

Today: **Fourth Sunday After Pentecost**

Revolving Closet-Teens 2-5pm

Monday: AA Noon-1pm

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

Wednesday: Senior Non-Food Pantry 9-11am

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

Vaughan Learning Center Fundraiser at Flatbreads 4-9pm

Friday: AA Noon-1pm

Sunday: **Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

Our **July** 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/July2025.pdf>

Church Address and Information

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Thank you for worshipping with us today!



To make giving even easier for those who don't carry cash or use checks, we've started using QR Code, in the bulletin. Just scan the code with your phone like you would in a restaurant!