

**First Church of Christ, Congregational,
United Church of Christ
Second Sunday of Easter**

Christ shows himself to Thomas



Mosaic in National Cathedral, Washington, DC

April 12, 2026

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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!"**

"Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced." ~ James Baldwin

***Please stand if you are able.**

Prelude

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

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering

Centering Music

Invocation

Helen Goss

Call to Worship

One: Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

One: Christ is risen indeed! Yet we, like Thomas, may find questions bubbling up: How do we know? What's the proof? Is Resurrection real?

All: Within our questioning, Christ appears.

One: We may find ourselves like the other disciples, witnesses of Christ's resurrection who struggle to understand the doubt of others.

All: Within our certainty, Christ appears.

One: Whether you come to worship full of certainty or doubt, you are welcome here, for we are all participants in the story of God's redeeming work in the world, a story still unfolding all around us.

All: We gather to worship, believing that in certainty and doubt, the resurrected Christ dwells among us! Amen.

Unison Prayer

One: Let us pray.

All: God of the risen Jesus, we praise you for the great love that you have shown to redeem us by sending your Son, Jesus. Help us today to embrace the New Life that the resurrected Christ is

giving us. A Life beyond our doubts, faith over fear, courage over confusion, believe over disbelief, and trust to follow your guidance. As we worship today, help us to feel the presence of resurrected Jesus in our midst, reminding us of your love and our purpose. Amen.

***Hymn** NCH #245 The Day of Resurrection

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

One: The peace of Christ is with you!

All: And also with you!

Proclamation

Scripture Acts 2:14a, 22-32 (NT pew Bible p. 119)

1 Peter 1:3-9 (NT pew Bible p. 232)

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

Message for the Young at Heart

Anthem

Canon of Praise

J. Pachelbel

(Choral setting by H. H. Hopson)

All within me bless the Lord,

All within me bless God's holy name.

O bless the Lord, my soul, all within me, bless God's holy name.

O hear, you righteous, know that the Lord is good.

We remember all God's love, God crowns our lives with hope and truth.

God the Lord is gracious, God's mercy is the same forever.

As a father loves his children, so the Lord loves us all.

Those who love the Lord shall claim God's ever-present help.

O bless the Lord, O all within me bless God's holy name.

O bless the Lord my soul, O bless God's holy name.

*Hymn NCH #292 Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Response

Prayers with Joys and Concerns

Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

One: 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.

Prayer Response

Offering Invitation and Collection

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 #253 Yours is the Glory, Resurrected One!

Benediction

Closing Song

Paul Burtis

May God's blessings twine around you,
Perfect love, and healing calm;
May God's radiance shine upon you; may it guide you
Stay beside you; watch and keep you safe from harm.

Postlude Christ ist erstanden (Christ Is Risen) by Michael Schütz

Worship Credits: Worship Ways, Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay, and
Rev. Vinod Wesley.
Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, The United Methodist Church.

The altar is adorned with lots of Lenten and Easter memories of our time shared with Pastor Sue Davidson. We experienced so much love and joy, all to the glory of God!

Greeters: Don & Laurel Ekberg

Ushers: Helen Goss and Jay Donabedian

Liturgist: Jay Donabedian

Faith Leader: Helen Goss

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 March/April** will go to the **Dog Park** being planned for North Conway.
- **The 2nd Quarter Mission** is to support the **MWV Adult Day Center**.
- **The Food Pantry welcomes non-perishable food and monetary gifts are most appreciated as they can be stretched further.** 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: Second Sunday of Easter

Faith Led Service – Helen Goss

Monday: AA Noon-1pm;

Scouts of America Troop 150 and Pack 150 6:30-8:00pm

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

Thursday: Food Pantry Open 12:00-2:15pm;

Choir Rehearsal 3-4pm;

Bell Choir 4-5pm

Friday: AA Noon-1pm

Sunday: Third Sunday of Easter

Faith Led Service – Karen Umberger;

Revolving Closet Teens 2-5pm

Our April 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/April2026.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!