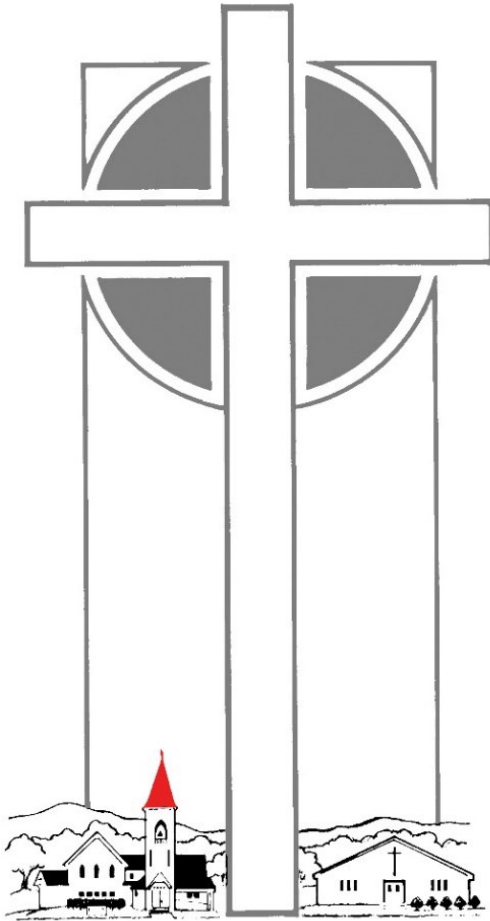


**First Church of Christ, Congregational,
United Church of Christ
Third Sunday of Easter**



April 19, 2026

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!"**

"Outside the teaching of religion there is no answer to the problems of life."

~Calvin Coolidge

***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

Call to Worship

One: On the Road to Emmaus, you were the disciple's companion,
Be at our side on the journey of faith.

On life's pathways and at every encounter

Stimulate our compassion,

So that we may welcome others and listen to their stories.

All: O risen Christ

One: Kindle anew the desire to proclaim your word.

All: May it illuminate us and make our hearts burn to bear witness to it. May your Holy spirit teach us the art of explaining scripture and open our eyes to recognize you.

One: Grant us the courage to become vulnerable

So that everyone may know through us

And that we may know through them.

Unison Prayer

One: Let us pray.

All: The Road to Emmaus provides many lessons in understanding Jesus and what his life and death means to the world. He did not say look at me but rather listened to the disciple's concerns and

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

Offertory Music

I Heard A Forest Praying

Peter De Rose

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 #493 O Jesus, I Have Promised

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

In Humility, Our Savior

arr. Sally DeFord

The altar flowers are given by Barbara & Fred Starkey in celebration of their Birthdays and Anniversary this month. All to the glory of God.

Greeter: Mary Lou Waite

Ushers: Fred Starkey and Jay Donabedian

Faith Leader: Karen Umberger

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: Third Sunday of Easter

Revolving Closet Teens 2-5pm;
Faith Led Service – Karen Umberger

Monday: May Congregate Tidings Articles Due

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: Fourth Sunday of Easter

Faith Led Service - Tivvi Pare Horton Center Executive Director/Faith Formation Specialist

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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Pianist/Organist: Patrick Speckamp

Associate Organist: Muriel Magg

Chancel Choir/Handbell Director: Anne Polak

Church Administrator/Bookkeeper: Denise Leighton

Vaughan Administrator: Jennifer Perkins

Vaughan Learning Center Director: Heather Ouellette

Vaughan Bookkeeper: Denise Leighton

Church Sexton: Mark Schiller

Church Phone: 603-356-2324

Church Fax number: 603-356-2106

Vaughan Food Pantry: 603-602-1801

Vaughan Learning Center: 603-356-5213

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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!