

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

The Message Spread



May 3, 2026

CCLI #292978, and #20547245

CHURCH ORGANIZED ON AUGUST 18, 1778

Present building erected in North Conway Village 1884

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

**"No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are
welcome here!"**

*"The artist is nothing without the gift, but the gift is nothing without work." —
Émile Zola*

WE GATHER

Prelude

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

Welcome and Announcements

Call To Worship

One: In You, Holy One, we seek sanctuary. In you, Sovereign God, we seek refuge.

Many: Holy One, for your name's sake lead us and guide us.

One: You are indeed our rock and our fortress. Our times are in your hands.

Strengthen us in your righteousness.

Many: Holy One, for your name's sake lead us and guide us.

One: Shine upon us this day as we worship you. Saturate us in your steadfast love.

Many: Holy One, for your name's sake lead us and guide us.

Morning Prayer

***Hymn**

Christ for the World We Sing (see back pages)

***Passing the Peace**

One: For centuries, people have gathered together to worship. One of the oldest traditions of those who follow Jesus is to express peace to those with whom they're worshipping. We believe this is a place of peace - this is a time to share the peace of Christ with those around us.

One: May the peace of the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you!

PROCLAIM

Scripture Psalm 119:9-20 (OT pew Bible p. 566)
1 Peter 2:2-10 (NT pew Bible p. 233)
John 14:1-14 (NT pew Bible p. 108)

Message for the Young at Heart I Am the Way

The Word in Music O Lord, Bread of Life
From Canguique de Jean Racine by Gabriel Fauré/Words by: Patrick M. Liebergen

O Lord, Bread of Life, we come to your table and praise your name;
Lord, we take your cup in thanks and celebration, your name we proclaim,
you set us free, we rest in thee, O Lord, that we may live for all eternity.

O Lord of Peace and Love, I eat your bread and drink your cup,
come live in me; O Lord from God above, your blood was shed upon the tree,
you set me free, I rest in thee, O Lord, you died that I may live for all eternity. Amen.

Message You Know the Way Pastor Sue

RESPOND

Prayers of the People - Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (Sung)

One: Let us sing 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.

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 Gratitude

***Hymn of Preparation** NCH #349 I Come with Joy

COMMUNION

Invitation

One: Dearest friends, at this table the Spirit welcomes us all.... So come to the Spirit's table. Receive new life. It is for you, for me, for everyone.

The Great Thanksgiving

Preface 2257-a (see back pages)

One: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere, to give thanks to you, Living God.....And so we raise our voices in praise:

Sanctus 2257-b (see back pages)

One: We remember the life and ministry of Jesus.....

And so, on this day of resurrection, we raise our voices to proclaim this timeless truth:

Memorial Acclamation 2257-c (see back pages)

One: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us.....All glory and honor is yours, almighty God, now, and for all time!

Great Amen 2257-d (see back pages)

Distribution of Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

SENDING OUT

*Hymn NCH #493

O Jesus, I Have Promised

Benediction

Benediction Response

By 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

Alleluia

From "Exultate, Jubilate" by W. A. Mozart

Altar flowers are given by Karen & Jim Umberger. Spring is here. May we all rejoice and be happy!

Greeter: Helen Goss

Liturgist: Trina Jones

Ushers: Helen Goss and Jay Donabedian

Pastor: Sue Davidson

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 May/June** will go to the **Conway Peer Support Center**. This is a non-profit offering various activities and workshops to promote mental wellness and personal growth in a safe, non-judgmental environment.
- **The 2nd Quarter Mission Collection** is to support the **MWV Adult Day Center**. Providing care services and programs for our older adults and caregivers in a home-like setting.
- **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: Fifth Sunday of Easter - Communion Sunday

Revolving Closet Teens 2-5pm

Monday AA Noon-1pm;

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

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

Thursday: WIC Program 9:30am- 2:30pm;

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

Choir Rehearsal 3-4pm;

Bell Choir 4-5pm

Friday: AA Noon-1pm

Sunday: Sixth Sunday of Easter

Faith Led – Helen Goss;

Mission Committee meeting 11:30am

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/May2026.pdf>

Church Address and Information

First Church of Christ, Congregational, UCC
2521 White Mountain Highway
PO Box 401
North Conway, NH 03860

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

Church Office Email: churchoffice@firstchurchnc.com

Church Website: www.firstchurchnc.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/firstchurchncnh

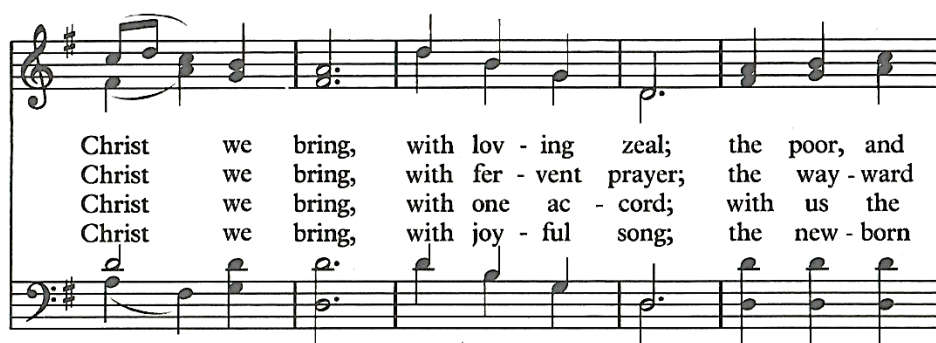
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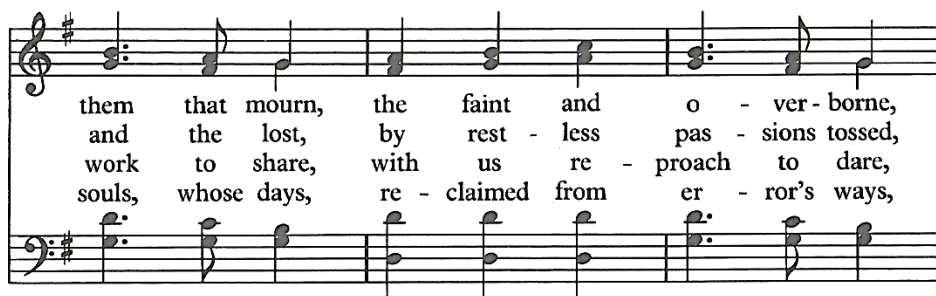
To make giving even easier for those who don't carry cash or use checks, we've started using QR Code, in the bulletin. Just scan the code with your phone like you would in a restaurant!



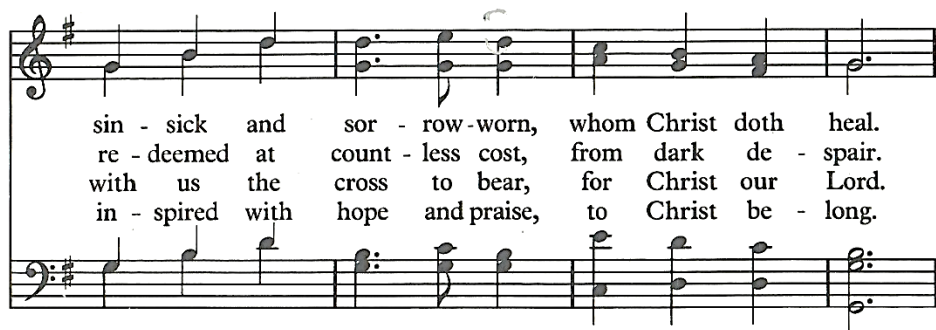
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 4. Christ for the world we sing, the world to



Christ we bring, with lov - ing zeal; the poor, and
 Christ we bring, with fer - vent prayer; the way - ward
 Christ we bring, with one ac - cord; with us the
 Christ we bring, with joy - ful song; the new - born



them that mourn, the faint and o - ver - borne,
 and the lost, by rest - less pas - sions tossed,
 work to share, with us re - proach to dare,
 souls, whose days, re - claimed from er - ror's ways,



sin - sick and sor - row - worn, whom Christ doth heal.
 re - deemed at count - less cost, from dark de - spair.
 with us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.
 in - spired with hope and praise, to Christ be - long.

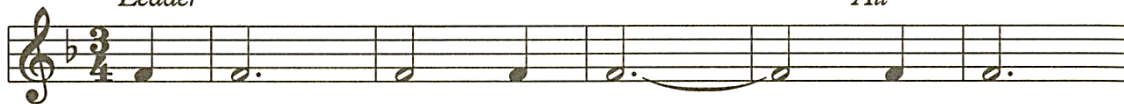
2257-a

Communion Setting

(Preface)

Leader

All



The Lord be with you. _____ And al -

Leader



so with you. _____ Lift up your

All



hearts. _____ We lift them up to the Lord. _____

Leader

All



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is



right to give our thanks and praise. _____

2257-b

(Sanctus)

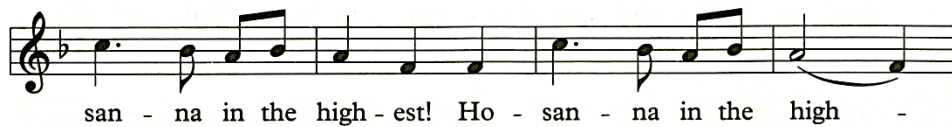




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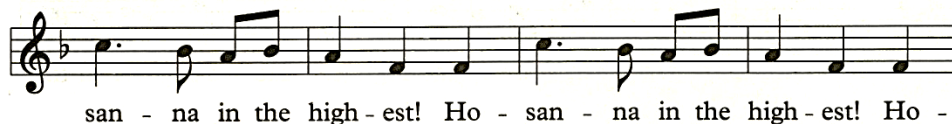
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in the name of the Lord. Ho -



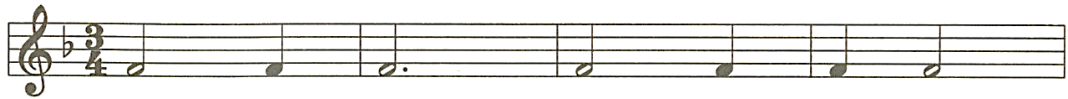
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san - na in the high - est!

2257-c

(Memorial Acclamation)



Christ has died, Christ is ris - en,



Christ will come a - gain. _____ Ho -



san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho -



san - na in the high - est! _____

2257-d

(Great Amen)



A - men. A - men. A -



men. _____ Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the



high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est! _____