

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

**Third Sunday after Pentecost**

**Flag Day**



**June 14, 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!"**

*"You'll never feel ready because ready isn't a feeling, it's a decision."*

*~ Harsh Patel*

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

## **Prelude**

Lighting of the Worship Candles

We invite you to use this time for silent prayer  
and reflection as we prepare for worship.

## **Announcements**

### **Centering Music**

How Could Anyone

Soloist: Anne Polak  
*(Lyrics by Libby Roderick)*

### **Welcome**

Steve Woodcock

## **Call to Worship**

One: The Lord is our Banner, the One who goes before us.

**All: We gather under His name, His strength, and his love.**

One: When the battle is fierce and the way is unclear,

**All: The Lord lifts His banner over us and leads us on.**

One: God gives a banner to those who fear Him.

**All: A sign of His truth, His protection, and His victory.**

One: In the name of our God we raise our banners high,

**All: For his steadfast love endures forever.**

One: The Lord is our Banner – our identity, our hope, our covering,

**All: We stand together under His unfailing faithfulness. Amen.**

## **Opening Prayer**

### **\*Let Us Sing**

America the Beautiful

Red Hymnal #228

### **\*Sharing the Peace of Christ**

One: The peace of Christ is with you.

**All: And also with you!**

**Scripture** Exodus 17:8-16 (Hebrew Bible p. 64)

**Message for the Young at Heart**

Helen Goss

**Anthem**

God Bless America

by Irving Berlin

**Prayers with Joys and Concerns**

**Morning Prayer**

**The Lord's Prayer**

One: Let us **sing** together and **remain seated**.

**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.**

**Message**

Biblical or not?

Steve Woodcock

**The Word in Music**

This is my song

Soloist: Richard P. Goss III

Accompanist: Anne Polak

Arr. by Jean Sibelius

*(Lyrics stanza 1 & 2 – Lloyd Stone, stanza 3 – George Harkness)*

**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**

**\*Let Us Sing**

My Country, 'Tis of Thee

Red Hymnal #226

## Benediction

### Closing Song

Let There Be Peace on Earth

**Chancel Choir**

by Sy Miller and Jill Jackson

### Postlude

You're a Grand Old Flag

by George M. Cohan

*Steve's closing credits:* I extend my heartfelt thanks to Barbara Ellen for her assistance in today's service, and to Anne, Dick, Patrick, and the Chancel Choir for allowing me to move from the norm; and to Helen for her support, encouragement, and quiet guidance in my preparation of today's program. Finally, recognition should be given to Microsoft Copilot for the assistance given in designing the Call to Worship.

*The altar flowers today are to honor all those men and women who are serving in our nation's military services. God be with them.*

**Greeter:** Mary Lou Waite

**Ushers:** Harry Smith and Jay Donabedian

**Liturgist:** Barbara E. Mackinnon

**Faith Leaders:** Steve Woodcock and 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](mailto: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 person 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:** **Third Sunday after Pentecost**

Faith Led Service – Steve Woodcock and Helen Goss

**Monday:** **July Congregate Tidings Articles are due**

AA Noon-1pm;

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

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

Trustees meeting 4pm

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

Choir Rehearsal 3-4pm;

Bell Choir 4-5pm

**Friday:** AA Noon-1pm

**Sunday:** **Fourth Sunday after Pentecost – Father's Day & Pride**

Faith Led Service – Helen Goss

Revolving Closet – Teens 2:00-5:00pm

**Our June 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/June2026.pdf>**

## ATTENTION!

If you brought an old, torn or tattered American Flag to church today as mentioned in the *Congregate Tidings*, we will be collecting them at the back of the church for proper disposal at a later date.



## HELP NEEDED!

The sign-up sheets for the **Vaughan Strawberry Festival** and the **White Mountain Pride Festival** are behind the coffee table in the Fellowship Hall. Please take a moment to sign-up to help on June 27<sup>th</sup>!



## *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!**