

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

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

**Happy Father's Day!
Celebrating PRIDE Month!**



June 21, 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!"**

"Dare to reach out your hand into the darkness, to pull another hand into the light." ~ Norman B. Rice

***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.

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering

Centering Music

Invocation

Call to Worship

One: Beloved, some of us came here tired or carrying grief.

All: But we are still here.

One: Some of us came with joy in our bones and rainbows in our spirit.

All: And we are still here.

One: When fear tells us to be silent.

All: We shall not be moved.

One: When shame tries to pull us from the truth of who God made us to be.

All: We shall not be moved.

One: We are rooted in love.

All: We are rooted in justice.

One: We are rooted in affirmation.

All: We are rooted in God.

One: Like trees planted by living water.

All: We shall not be moved.

One: Come, let us worship the God who sees the vulnerable, strengthens the weary, and calls the church into holy courage.

**All: Rooted in love, justice, and affirmation, we worship with joy.
We worship with courage. We worship together.**

Unison Prayer

One: Let us pray together.

All: God of love and justice, we confess that we have not always loved as you call us to love. We confess the harm done in your name, especially to LGBTQ+ people; the exclusion, shame, silence, and fear that have wounded your beloved children. We confess, too, the ways we all fall short: choosing comfort over courage, silence over justice, and fear over love. Forgive us. Transform us. Root us again in love, justice, and affirmation. Make us a church where all people are safe, celebrated, and truly belong. In the name of Jesus, who welcomed all with courageous love, we pray. Amen.

***Hymn** NCH #593 Lift Every Voice and Sing

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

One: The peace of Christ is with you!

All: And also with you!

Proclamation

Scripture Jeremiah 17:5-8 (Hebrew Bible p.719)

Message for the Young at Heart

Anthem Guide My Feet, Lord by John Carter
(Lyrics can be found in the NCH #497 v. 1, 2 & 4)

Message Rooted in Abundant Love Helen Goss

***Hymn** NCH #388 Help Us Accept Each Other

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 #448 Take My Life, God, Let It Be

Benediction

Closing Song Blest Be The Tie (Red Hymnal #87-1st v.-**seated**)

Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.

Postlude

Cakewalk
from "*Children's Corner*"

Claude Debussy

Worship Credits: Worship Ways, Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay, Invocation.
Rev. Derek A. Terry, Acting Exec. Director - Open and Affirming Coalition.

The organ flowers on this Father's Day are dedicated to the life, legacy, and music of Floyd W. Corson—beloved father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and devoted organist of First Church for twenty-five years.

A musician of extraordinary talent, passion, and sensitivity, Floyd shared his gifts generously, enriching the worship and lives of all who heard him. His artistry and spirit continue to resonate in the hearts of those who loved him and in the music that remains part of his enduring legacy.

With deep gratitude for his boundless love, his many gifts, and the beautiful spirit he brought to his family, his church, and all who knew him.

Greeter: Lucy Howland

Ushers: Jim Umberger and Jay Donabedian

Liturgist: Karen Umberger

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

Faith Led Service – Helen Goss

Revolving Closet – Teens 2:00-5:00pm

Monday: AA Noon-1pm

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

Diaconate Meeting 5pm

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

Chancel Choir and Bell Rehearsal 3pm

Friday: AA Noon-1pm

Saturday: **Vaughan Strawberry Festival 11am-4pm;**

White Mountain Pride Festival 10am-4pm

Sunday: **Fifth Sunday after Pentecost – MUSIC SUNDAY!**

Pastor Sue Davidson - leading Worship;

ALL CHURCH PICNIC – following the service

Our **July** Newsletter is 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/July2026.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

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HELP NEEDED!

The sign-up sheet for the **White Mountain Pride Festival is behind the coffee table in the Fellowship Hall. Please take a moment to sign-up to help on June 27th!**



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!