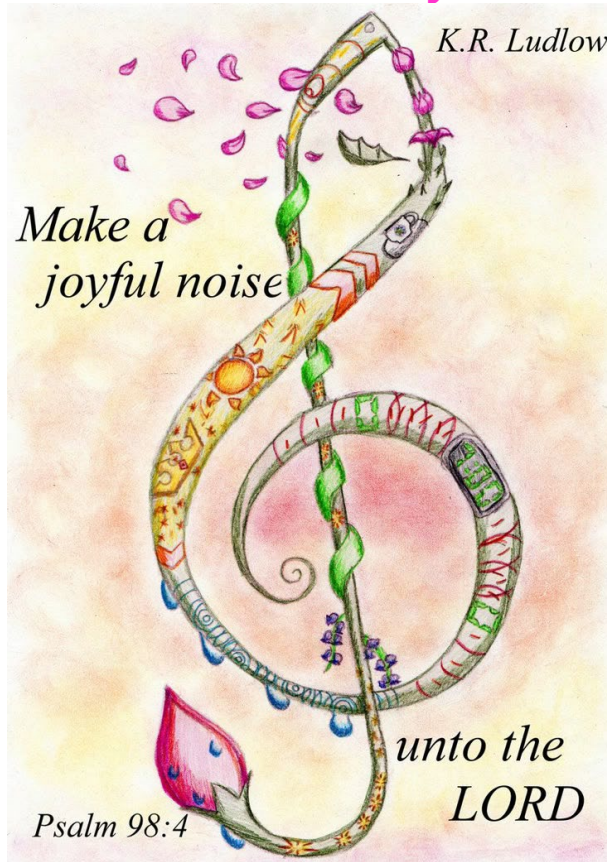


**First Church of Christ, Congregational,  
United Church of Christ**

**Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Music Sunday**



**June 28, 2026**

CCLI #292978, and #20547245

CHURCH ORGANIZED ON AUGUST 18, 1778

Present building erected in North Conway Village 188

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

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

**Prelude** Scene from the opera, "Orpheus," by C.W. von Gluck, for flute and piano  
Chris Russian, Flute and Patrick Speckcamp, Piano

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

## **Gathering**

### **Welcome and Greeting**

**Threshold Introit** Sing Cantate Domino! Jerry Estes

**Call to Worship** Based on Psalm 95

One: Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD;

**All: Let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.**

One: Let us come before Him with Thanksgiving

**All: And extol Him with music and song.**

One: Come let us bow down in worship,

**All: Let us kneel before the LORD our maker;**

One: for He is our God

**All: and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.**

**\*Hymn (see back page)** For the Music of Creation (Choir and Congregation)

## **Proclamation**

**Scripture** Colossians 3:12-17 (NT p. 201 pew Bible)

**The Word through Handbells** Unity Kurt Meyer

**Scripture** 2 Chronicles 5:13 (NT p. 181 pew Bible)

## **Message for the Young at Heart**

**The Word in Anthem** Alleluia, Praise the Lord J. S. Bach Edited by Janet Hill  
Flute- Chris Russian, English Horn- Julia Edwards

Alleluia, Alleluia.

Come and praise the Lord, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Alleluia, O come and praise, O come and sing,

O come and praise the Lord.

Alleluia, sing Alleluia, praise the Lord!

Come and be his people; come and be his children.

Alleluia, Alleluia. Come and praise him evermore!

**Message** "M-M" Good!! Pastor Sue Davidison

**\*Hymn** All the Music Sung and Played  
Tune – Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing–Words by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

**1. All the music sung and played here is a gift, O God, from you.**

**For as long as we have prayed here, we've been blessed by music, too.**

**By your spirit, each musician finds new depths of faith to share. Music is a gift you've given and becomes our thankful prayer.**

**2. All creation sings your glory; in the Psalms are pain and praise.**

**Mary sang your saving story in her long, expectant days.**

**Through the years, with great emotion, some have reached to you in song.**

**May we sing with such devotion; music helps your church grow strong.**

**3. You give hymns and songs for singing, toes for tapping your good news.**

**Organ sounding, hand bells ringing, faithful hearers in the pew.  
With the trumpet and the cymbal, with guitar and violin,  
Faith is found here and rekindled; hearts are lifted, once again.**

**4. Bless the talents we are bringing, for we offer you our best.  
If our gifts are not in singing, may our joyful noise be blest.**

**If our world is ever silent, may we sign to you above.**

**Touched by grace, may each one present offer back your song  
of love.**

## **Response**

**Dedications** *In honor and memory of Floyd Corson  
Blessing of Handchimes*

Richard Goss

### **Litany of Appreciation Musicians and Choirs**

One: Spirit of the Living God, we give thanks for your word that touches us in the melodies and harmonies of life.

*Musicians and Choir: From the first bird in the morning until the last cricket at night, or with instruments of keys, breath and voice, the sounds of your presence surround us.*

**Congregation: May our ears be opened to hear our glorious song. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

*Musicians and Choir: We thank you, God, for the ways in which fine music serves our faith, our longings, and our hope. May our lives and our ministries nurture your gifts of music and song.*

**Congregation: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

One: We thank you for your servants who inspire us to praise and wonder, who lift our hearts and minds in worship, who direct and sing and play.

**Congregation: We are grateful for their faithful service and for the precious time and musical talents they have so selflessly given.**

*Musicians and Choir: May our lives be worthy vessels of your beauty and your truth, O God, and may our talents be exercised for your glory alone.*

**Congregation: All praise and thanks to you, Creator God, for the thrilling message of rhythm, hymnody, anthem, and voice.**

**All: May our music-making and our appreciation of all music that is made, be offered in a manner that honors and glorifies you, Most Holy God, now and always. AMEN**

## **Prayers with Joys and Concerns**

### **Call to Prayer**

Dona nobis pacem

Arr. John A. Behnke

A Latin phrase that translates to "Grant us peace."

### **Pastoral Prayer**

**The Lord's Prayer** Call and Response with Leader, Tom Davidson

Leader: Our Father

**ALL: Our Father**

Leader: in heaven,

**ALL: in heaven,**

Leader: holy is your name.

**ALL: holy is your name.**

Leader: Your kingdom come,

**ALL: Your kingdom come,**

Leader: your will be done,

**ALL: your will be done,**

Leader: on earth as in heaven.

**ALL: on earth as in heaven.**

Leader Give us today

**ALL: Give us today**

Leader: Our daily bread;

**ALL: Our daily bread;**

Leader: Forgive us our sins

**ALL: Forgive us our sins**

Leader: As we forgive those

**ALL: As we forgive those**

Leader: who sin against us.

**All: who sin against us.**

Leader: Save us from the time

**ALL: Save us from the time**

Leader: of trial,

**ALL: of trial,**

Leader: and deliver us

**ALL: and deliver us**

Leader: from evil.

**ALL: from evil.**

Leader: For the kingdom, and the power, and the glory are yours forever,

**ALL: For the kingdom, and the power, and the glory are yours forever,**

Leader: for ever,

**ALL: for ever,**

Leader: and ever,

**ALL: and ever.**

Leader: Our Father

**ALL: Our Father**

Leader: in heaven,

**ALL: in heaven,**

**ALL: holy is your name.**

## Offering

### Offertory

Joyful, Joyful (Hymn to Joy) Handbells

Beethoven, Arr. Cynthia Dobrinski

### 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

### Sending Out

**\*Hymn** NCH #4

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

#### **Benediction**

Every song is a benediction,  
every poem, a whispered prayer  
Blessed be the path you walk,  
may wild incantations fill the air.  
Let the music wash over you  
like summer rain  
feel the words within your soul  
the rhythm at your feet.  
Dance like you just don't care  
arms rising in the starry air,  
unfurl your spirit, free and rare.

#### **Benediction Response**

I Cannot Dance

(Tune: The Church's One Foundation)

**I cannot dance, O Love,  
unless you lead me on.  
I cannot leap in gladness  
unless you lift me up.  
From love to love we circle,  
beyond all knowledge grow,  
for when you lead we follow,  
to new worlds you can show.**

**Love is the music around us,  
we glide as birds in air,  
entwining, soul and body,  
your wings hold us with care.  
Your Spirit is the harpist**

and all your children sing;  
her hands the currents around us,  
your love the golden strings.

O blessed Love, your circling  
unites us, God and soul.  
From the beginning, your arms  
embrace and make us whole.  
Hold us in steps of mercy  
from which you never part,  
that we may know more fully  
the dances of your heart.

**Postlude**

Harmonies du soir

Franz Liszt

**Choir and Musicians**

*Chris Russian*

*Muriel Magg*

*Eve Walker*

*Elaine Paul*

*Gwen Johnson*

*Dan Jones*

*Tom Davidson*

*Dick Goss*

*Dick Altenbern*

*Julia Edwards*

*Sara Handspicker*

*Sue Davidson*

*Sheila Matz*

*Patrick Speckamp*

*Anne Polak*

*The altar flowers are given with heartfelt gratitude for the devotion, commitment, creativity, and passion of the musicians of the First Church Music Ministry. Through their faithful service, members of the Chancel Choir and Handbell Choir share their gifts with diligence and integrity, enriching worship and offering inspiration, reflection, and a message of love, hope, and grace to the congregation.*

**Greeter:** Mary Lou Waite

**Ushers:** Harry Smith and Jay Donabedian

**Liturgist:** Karen Umberger and Trina Jones

**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 [hambru35@yahoo.com](mailto:hambru35@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 after Pentecost – MUSIC SUNDAY!**

**Pastor Sue Davidson** - leading Worship;

**ALL CHURCH PICNIC** – following the service

**Monday:** AA Noon-1pm

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

**Thursday:** WIC Program 9:30am – 2:30pm;  
Food Pantry Open 12:00-2:15pm;

**Friday:** **Offices Closed**

AA Noon-1pm

**Saturday:** **Happy Fourth of July**

**Sunday:** **Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

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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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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**Thank you for worshipping with us today!**



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# For the Music of Creation

## CONGREGATION PART

Words by  
SHIRLEY ERENA MURRAY

*RUSTINGTON*  
C. HUBERT H. PARRY  
Arranged by LLOYD LARSON



1. For the mu-sic of cre - a-tion, for the song your Spir - it  
3. All the voic-es of the a - ges in tran - scen-dent cho - rus



sings, for your sound's di - vine ex - pres-sion, burst of  
meet, wor - ship lift - ing up the sens - es, hands that



joy in liv - ing things: God, our God, the world's com -  
praise, and danc - ing feet; o - ver dis - cord and di -



pos - er, hear us, ech - oes of your voice; mu - sic  
vi - sion mu - sic speaks your joy and peace, har - mo -



is your art, your glo - ry, let the hu-man heart re - joice!  
ny of earth and heav-en, song of God that can-not cease!

### (Choir only)

2. Psalms and symphonies exalt you,  
drum and trumpet, string and reed,  
simple melodies acclaim you,  
tunes that rise from deepest need,  
hymns of longing and belonging,  
carols from a cheerful throat,  
lilt of lullaby and love song  
catching heaven in a note.