

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

**Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Chosen Journeys**



**July 5, 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!"**

*"It's choice—not chance—that determines your destiny."*

*~ Jean Nidetch*

**\*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**

#### **Invocation**

##### **Call to Worship**

One: In joy and gladness, enter the presence of the Sovereign One who rules and reigns over all creation. Worship the Holy One!

**All: The voice of the Holy One is powerful and gracious, loving and challenging, compassionate and convicting.**

One: In joy and gladness, receive the fresh wind of the Spirit who ignites our hearts and connects us to one another.

**All: The voice of the Holy Spirit gives wisdom, discernment, comfort, and confirmation.**

One: In joy and gladness, follow the path of the Embodied One.

Worship God with Us!

**All: The voice of God With Us models for us what to say and how to live. Praise God!**

#### **Unison Prayer**

One: Let us pray together.

**All: Holy One, we come before you from different perspectives. Some come in a spirit of celebration. Others bring lament and despair. All of us benefit from the power of transformed lives, individually, relationally, and communally. We pray in the assurance that new life is available to all, including the life of this church. We ask for the strength, courage, and persistence to seek our kingdom, peace, justice, and righteousness in any and all circumstances and for all people and creation. Amen.**

**\*Hymn** NCH #513

O Source of All That Is

**\*Sharing the Peace of Christ**

One: The peace of Christ is with you!

**All: And also with you!**

**Proclamation**

**Scripture** Psalm 145:8-14 (Hebrew Bible p. 581)  
Romans 7:15-25a (NT pew Bible p. 157)

**Message for the Young at Heart**

**Special Music** You Raise Me Up arr. B. Graham & R. Loveland  
*Soloist – Richard P. Goss, III*

**Message** The Load We Carry Helen Goss  
*Gospel reading: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30/NT pew Bible p. 11-12*

**\*Hymn** NCH #489 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

**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.**

**Offering Invitation and Collection**

**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 #460

Be Not Dismayed

**Benediction**

**Closing Song** NCH #81

God Be with You

*(1<sup>st</sup> verse only)*

**Postlude**

Be Still, My Soul

arr. Linda Hartman

*Worship Credits: Worship Ways, Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay, Minister for  
Worship and Theology for the UCC.*

**The altar flowers are given by Dan & Trina Jones, "For the Beauty  
of the Earth." All to the glory of God.**

**Greeter:** Dan Jones

**Ushers:** Trina Jones and Jay Donabedian

**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](mailto:hambro35@yahoo.com).

### **Mission Corner:**

- **The Noisy Offering for July/August** will go to the **Bear Camp Center for Food Sustainability** in South Tamworth.
- **The 3rd Quarter Mission Collection** is to support **Jen's Friends Cancer Foundation**. All money raised stays in this valley providing supplemental financial assistance to cancer patients and their families.
- **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:** **Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

Faith Led Service – Helen Goss;

Revolving Closet – Teens 2:00-5:00pm

**Monday:** AA Noon-1:00pm

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

**Wednesday:** Senior Non-Food Pantry 9:00-11:00am

**Thursday:** Rotary Meeting 7:00am;

Food Pantry Open Noon-2:15pm

**Friday:** AA Noon-1pm;

Vaughan Fundraiser – Revo Casino now till July 19th

**Sunday:** **Seventh Sunday after Pentecost /Communion**

Faith Led Service – Helen Goss;

**Communication Covenant discussion following worship -  
Hosted by the Rejuvenation Team**

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*

First Church of Christ, Congregational, UCC  
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Pianist/Organist: Patrick Speckamp

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Vaughan Administrator: Jennifer Perkins

Vaughan Learning Center Director: Heather Ouellette

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



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