

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

**Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

**The Parable of the Sower**



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**July 12, 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!"**

*"They always say time changes things but you actually have to change them  
yourself."* ~ Andy Warhol

**\*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**

### **WE GATHER**

#### **Call to Worship**

One: God visits the earth and waters it.

**All: Greatly enriching the earth.**

One: God waters the earth, softening it with showers,

**All: And blessing the earth.**

One: Along with the hills, the meadows, and the valleys,

**All: Let us shout and sing together for joy!**

#### **Invocation**

#### **Unison Prayer**

One: Let us pray together.

**All: God who gathers us together, we delight to be in community with you and one another. Let your word be proclaimed in truth. Let us burst into songs that reflect the depths of our spirits. May our prayers be formed in your name and granted by your wisdom. May we know you, Divine Mystery, and ourselves better and deeper because we have entered your presence as a community of faithful, questioning, and hope-seeking participants in your kingdom. Keep us grounded in your promises, your purposes, your power, and your presence. Amen.**

**\*Hymn NCH #451**

Be Now My Vision



# COMMUNION

**Hymn** NCH #330 Let Us Break Bread Together

## Invitation

One: The Holy Living God be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts!

**All: We lift them up to the Lord!**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

One: Holy God, our loving Creator, close to us as breathing and distant as the farthest star, we thank you for your constant love for all you have made. We thank you for all that sustains life, for all people of faith in every generation who have given themselves to you will, and especially for Jesus Christ, whom you have sent from your own being as our Savior. We praise you for Christ's birth, life, death, and resurrection, and for the calling forth of your church for its mission in the world. Gifted by the presence of your Holy Spirit, we offer ourselves to you as we unite our voices with the entire family of your faithful people everywhere.

**All: Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God Most High.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God! Hosanna in the highest!**

One: Merciful God, as a community in faith, we recall anew these words and acts of Jesus Christ. Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat: This is my body." Jesus took a cup, and after giving thanks, gave it to the disciples and said: "Drink of it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins." We remember Christ's promise not to drink of the fruit of the vine again until the heavenly banquet at the close of history, and we say boldly what we believe.

**All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

One: Come, Holy Spirit, come. Bless this bread and bless this fruit of the vine. Bless all of us in our eating and drinking at this table that our eyes may be opened, and we may recognize the risen Christ in our midst, in each other, and in all for whom Christ died.

**All: Amen.**

**Prayer of Jesus - The Lord's Prayer** *(Sung)*

One: Let us sing together.

**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.**

**Distribution of the Elements**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**WE GO FORTH**

**Closing Song** NCH #283 Spirit of the Living God

**Benediction**

**Postlude** Dona Nobis Pacem arr. Uliana Selska

*Worship Credits: Worship Ways, Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay, Minister for Worship and Theology for the UCC and Rev. Ruth Garwood, UCC certified leader of InterPlay.*

**Ushers:** Denise Leighton 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 [hambru35@yahoo.com](mailto:hambru35@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:** **Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

Faith Led Service – Helen Goss;

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

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

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

**VLC Fundraiser @ Flatbread 4:00-9:00pm**

**Thursday:** Food Pantry Open Noon-2:15pm

**Friday:** AA Noon-1pm

**Sunday:** **Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

Faith Led Service – Helen Goss;

Revolving Closet – Teens 2:00-5:00pm

**Vaughan Fundraiser – Revo Casino continues every day till  
July19th.**

**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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