

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

**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**



**July 19, 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!"**

*"We all have big changes in our lives that are more or less a second chance."* ~ Harrison Ford

**\*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: The Holy One is in this place! Do we know it?

**All: The Holy One has searched and known us, our path, and all our ways.**

One: The Holy One is in this place! Such knowledge is too wonderful!

**All: Wherever we go, Spirit goes with us! We cannot flee for God is there!**

One: The Holy One is in this place! Spirit bears witness with our spirit, and we gather and wait in hope.

**All: The Holy One is with us. Praise God!**

#### **Opening Prayer**

**\*Hymn Red Hymnal #165** Bringing In The Sheaves

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

One: As Christ Jesus has shared his peace with each of us, let us now share that peace with one another. Peace be with you!

**All: And also with you!**

### **PROCLAMATION**

**Scripture** Romans 8:12-25 (NT pew Bible p. 158)  
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 (NT pew Bible p. 14-15)

## Message for the Young at Heart

**The Word in Music**

Summertime

G. Gershwin/D.B. Hayward

*Soloist – Jane O'Brien*

**Message**

Into the Weeds

Helen Goss

## WE RESPOND

### Prayers of the People – Joys and Concerns

#### Morning Prayer

#### Prayer of Jesus - 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

**Offertory Song**

Nature Boy

E. Ahbez

*Soloist – Jane O'Brien*

**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

# WE GO FORTH

**\*Hymn Red Hymnal #22**

Love Divine

## Benediction

## Closing Song

Paul Burtis

May God's blessings twine around you,  
Perfect love, and healing calm;  
May God's radiance shine upon you; may it guide you;  
Stay beside you; watch and keep you safe from harm.

## Postlude

Oriental Sketch

S. Rachmaninoff

*Worship Credits: Worship Ways, Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay, Minister for  
Worship and Theology for the UCC; (Opening Prayer) by Rev. Nigel Robb;  
Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries.*

**Greeter:** Dick Goss

**Ushers:** Steve Woodcock 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:** **Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

Faith Led Service – Helen Goss;

Revolving Closet – Teens 2:00-5:00pm

**Monday:** **August Congregate Tidings articles are due;**

AA Noon-1:00pm

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

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

**Friday:** AA Noon-1pm

**Sunday:** **Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Worship with Pastor Sue Davidson**

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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