

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

**Never Alone
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

nor height, nor depth,
nor any other created
thing, will be able to
separate us from the
LOVE of God,
which is in Christ
Jesus our Lord

Romans 8:39



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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!"**

A gentle reminder to mute your cell phone upon entering the sanctuary prior to worship. Thank you!

"Remember even when alone, that the divine is everywhere." -- Confucius

***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.

WE GATHER

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

One: Beloved, this is the core of our faith: nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

All: Thanks be to God!

One: God's never-ending love surrounds us and calls us, assuring us that through God's love, all things will work together for God's good purposes.

All: Thanks be to God!

One: God's never-breaking love empowers us in the face of temptation, distress, division, and scarcity to hold onto our faith and work together for the flourishing of all God's good creation.

All: Thanks be to God!

One: Come, let us worship God who is Love, trusting that through joy and sorrow, happiness and despair, contentment and pain, Love will carry us through.

All: Thanks be to God who forms, connects, and guides us through Love.

Morning Prayer

God, Your extravagant Love has called us together. Long before we even knew You, You already knew us, and had chosen us to be part of Your own family— sisters and brothers with our Lord Jesus Christ Himself. What

amazing Love You have shown toward us! And so we come before You with praise and thanksgiving, offering You the worship of our hearts and lives, and opening ourselves to the prompting and leading of Your Holy Spirit. Receive our worship—our praise and prayers and offerings— through the intercession of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. May the time we spend here in Your presence bring honor and glory to Your Name. Amen.

***Hymn (see back pages)** To God Be the Glory

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

One: Peace be with you.

All: And also with you.

WE PROCLAIM

Scripture Psalm 119:129-136 (OT pew Bible p. 569-570)
Romans 8: 26-39 (NT pew Bible p. 158)

Message for the Young at Heart

Message Being a Part of Something Big Pastor Sue Davidson

The Word in Music In Christ Alone

Words and Music by Keith Getty & Stuart Townsend arr. by Lloyd Larson

Soloist – Tom Davidson

WE RESPOND

Prayers of the People

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayer Hymn **Red Hymnal #263** Saviour, Hear Us, We Pray – vs 1

Pastoral 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

Offertory

People Need the Lord

Words and music by Greg Nelson & Phil McHugh

Soloist – Tom Davidson

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 (see back pages)**

How Great Thou Art

Benediction

Benediction Response

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

The Run

Michael Schütz

Greeters: Don & Laurel Ekberg

Liturgist: Helen Goss

Ushers: Jim Umberger and Jay Donabedian

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.

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: **Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

Worship with Pastor Sue Davidson

Revolving Closet – Teens 2:00-5:00pm

Monday: **Denise on vacation until Wednesday**

AA Noon-1:00pm

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

Thursday: Food Pantry Open Noon-2:15pm

Friday: AA Noon-1pm

Sunday: **Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Faith Led Service – Eryn Morency

Our **August 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/August2026.pdf>

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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!

To God Be the Glory



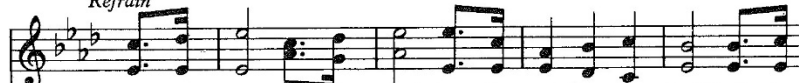
1. To God be the glo-ry, great things he hath done! So loved he the
2. O per - fect re-demp-tion, the pur-chase of blood, to ev-ry be -
3. Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done, and great our re -



world that he gave us his Son, who yield - ed his life an a -
 liev - er the prom-ise of God; the vil - est of - fend - er who
 joic-ing thru Je - sus the Son; but pur - er, and high - er, and



tone-ment for sin, and o-pened the life-gate that all may go in.
 tru - ly be - lies, that mo-ment from Je - sus a par-don re - ceives.
 great - er will be our won - der, our trans- port, when Je - sus we see.

*Refrain*

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the



Lord, praise the Lord, let the peo-ple re - joice! O come to the Fa-ther thru



Je - sus the Son, and give him the glo-ry, great things he hath done!



How Great Thou Art

1. O Lord my God! when I in awe-some won-der
 2. When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der,
 3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing,
 4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac-cla-ma-tion

con-sid-er all the worlds thy hands have made,
 and hear the birds sing sweet-ly in the trees;
 sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;
 and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.

I see the stars, I hear the roll-ing thun-der,
 when I look down from loft-y moun-tain gran-deur
 that on the cross, my bur-den glad-ly bear-ing,
 Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad-o-ra-tion,

thy power through-out the un-i-verse dis-played.
 and hear the brook, and feel the gen-tle breeze;
 he bled and died to take a-way my sin;
 and there pro-claim, my God, how great thou art!

*Authors's original words are "works" and "mighty."

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HOW GREAT THOU ART

lrr. with Refrain

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God to thee;

The first system of musical notation for the refrain. It consists of a treble and a bass staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the notes.

how great thou art, how great thou art! Then sings my

The second system of musical notation. It continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. The lyrics are written below the notes.

soul, my Sav-ior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art!

The third system of musical notation, which concludes the refrain. It features a final cadence in the treble staff. The lyrics are written below the notes.