

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

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost



August 2, 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!"**

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

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

"Attention is the rarest and purest form of generosity."

-Simone Weil

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: Come, all who hunger and thirst for hope, for peace, for belonging.

All: We come seeking the One whose compassion never fails.

One: Christ sees us with compassion and welcomes us with love.

All: We come to receive God's love and to reflect it in the world.

One: The Spirit gathers us into one body, strengthening us for the journey.

All: Let us worship the God whose compassion leads the way.

Morning Prayer (unison)

Compassionate God,

You welcome all who hunger and all who thirst.

Before we have words to pray, before we have strength to serve, you meet us with compassion.

You receive us with grace, and nourish us with your steadfast love.

**Open our hearts to your presence this day.
Quiet the voices of fear and scarcity within us, and fill us instead
with trust in your abundant love.**

**As we worship together, teach us to see one another as Christ
sees us—with compassion, dignity, and hope.**

**Nourish us with your Word, strengthen us for your service,
and lead us in the way of love, through Jesus Christ, our Teacher
and Savior. Amen.**

***Hymn #495** Called as Partners in Christ's Service

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

One: Let us share the peace that Christ offers—not a peace that
ignores the realities of our world, but a peace that reminds us we
belong to one another in God's love. The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us share signs of Christ's peace with one another.

PROCLAMATION

Invitation to the Scriptures

Scripture Isaiah 55:1-5 (OT pew Bible p. 685)
Psalms 145:8-9, 14-21 (OT pew Bible p. 581)
Matthew 14:13-21 (NT pew Bible p. 16)

The Word in Music 6 Studies in English Folk-Song, I-III
R. Vaughan Williams
Soloist - Nancy Goldenhar, Bassoon

Message When Compassion Leads Eryn Morency

Hymn #539 Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant?

WE RESPOND

Prayers of the People – Sharing of Joys and Concerns

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 Song

6 Studies in English Folk-Song, IV-VI

R. Vaughan Williams

Soloist - Nancy Goldenhar, Bassoon

***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 (unison)**

Generous God,

We offer these gifts with grateful hearts, trusting that you can do more with what we place in your hands than we could ever accomplish alone.

Bless these offerings, and bless the lives that offer them. May they become signs of your compassion, bringing hope where there is discouragement, welcome where there is loneliness, and abundance where there is need.

Use us, and these gifts, for the work of your kingdom. Amen.

WE GO FORTH

***Hymn #423**

Great Is Your Faithfulness

Benediction

Postlude

How Gentle God's Commands

Sally DeFord

Greeter: Helen Goss

Liturgist: Chris DeVries

Ushers: Harry Smith and Jay Donabedian

Faith Leader: Eryn Morency

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: Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Faith Led – Eryn Morency

Revolving Closet – Teens 2:00-5:00pm

Monday: AA Noon-1:00pm

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

Thursday: WIC Program 9:30am-2:30pm;

Food Pantry Open Noon-2:15pm

Friday: AA Noon-1pm

Sunday: Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost/Communion

Guest Minister - Rev. Robert Moore

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>

Church Address and Information

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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!