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THIS IS US
Living the Values of NC4
Hospitality &
Cultivating Relationships



Sunday Worship
September 20th, 2026
11:00 a.m.

*North Chevy Chase Christian Church is an Open and Affirming Congregation
Connecting Faith with Community.*

The People of God Gather

*If you're new to North Chevy Chase Christian Church, please consider filling out the Feedback Card you will find in the Pew pocket. We'll follow up with a brief phone call or email to say thank you for worshipping with us and to answer any question you may have.
We are glad you're here with us today!*

WELCOME

Rev. Stephen Tickner

Preparation for Worship

"Orison" (Psalm 5:3)

Douglas Wagner

Karen Bartman, Pianist/Organist

In the morning will I direct my prayer to you, O Lord, and I will look up.

Congregation standing in body or spirit

Call to Worship and Opening Prayer¹

Sally Coberly,
Worship Leader

One: Creator God, you call us to hospitality; to give as generously to others as you have given to us.

ALL: For there are angels among us.

One: Loving God, you call us to give you glory in the compassion we show to one another.

¹ Call to Worship written by Eliza Buchakjian-Tweedy, Pastor at First Church Congregational, Rochester, NH. She blogs at <http://sermonizing.wordpress.com/> and Opening Prayer written by Rev. Christopher Ney, and posted on the United Church of Christ's Worship Ways website. <http://www.ucc.org/worship/worship-ways/year-c/p/pentecost-ordinary-time-15.html>

ALL: To love without judgment, of ourselves or of others.

One: We gather as one Body, seeking to walk in the way you have set for us.

ALL: We gather as one Body, to worship the one who is Love.

One: Now with our hearts open to God, let us pray...

OPENING HYMN “Womb of Life and Source of Being” CH 14
verses 1-3

14 Womb of Life, and Source of Being

1. Womb of life, and source of be - ing, home of ev - 'ry
 2. Word in flesh, our bro - ther Je - sus, born to bring us
 3. Brood - ing Spir - it, move a - mong us; be our part - ner,
 4. Moth - er, Broth - er, ho - ly Part - ner; Fath - er, Spir - it,

rest - less heart, in your arms the worlds a - wak - ened; you have
 sec - ond birth, you have come to stand be - side us, know - ing
 be our friend. When our mem - 'ry fails, re - mind us whose we
 On - ly Son: we would praise your name for - ev - er, one - in -

loved us from the start. We, your chil - dren, gath - er
 weak - ness, know - ing earth. Priest who shares our hu - man
 are, what we in - tend. La - bor with us, aid the
 three, and three - in - one. We would share your life, your

'round you, at the ta - ble you pre - pare. Shar - ing sto - ries,
 strug - gles, Life of Life, and Death of Death, ris - en Christ, come
 birth - ing of the new world yet to be, free of ser - vant,
 pas - sion, share your word of world made new, ev - er sing - ing,



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MUSIC: Traditional Dutch melody; arr. Julius Roentgen, 1906

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PASSING OF THE PEACE

PASTORAL PRAYER & PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

Proclaim

A READING FROM THE HEBREW BIBLE

Ecclesiastes 4:7-12

7 Again, I saw vanity under the sun: 8 the case of solitary individuals, without sons or brothers; yet there is no end to all their toil, and their eyes are never satisfied with riches. "For whom am I toiling," they ask,

“and depriving myself of pleasure?” This also is vanity and an unhappy business.

9 Two are better than one because they have a good reward for their toil. 10 For if they fall, one will lift up the other, but woe to one who is alone and falls and does not have another to help. 11 Again, if two lie together, they keep warm, but how can one keep warm alone? 12 And though one might prevail against another, two will withstand one. A threefold cord is not quickly broken.

A READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

1 Peter 4:8-11

8 Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins. 9 Be hospitable to one another without complaining. 10 Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. 11 Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.

MESSAGE

“This is Us: Living the Values of NC4:
Hospitality and Cultivating Relationship”

Rev. Stephen Tickner

HYMN

“We Come As Guests Invited”

CH 386

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1. We come as guests in - vit - ed when Je - sus bids us dine,
 2. We eat and drink, re - ceiv - ing from Christ the grace we need,
 3. One bread is ours for shar - ing, one sin - gle fruit - ful vine,

his friends on earth u - nit - ed to share the bread and wine;
 and in our hearts be - liev - ing on him by faith we feed;
 our fel - low - ship de - clar - ing re - newed in bread and wine:

the bread of life is bro - ken, the wine is free - ly poured
 with won - der and thanks - giv - ing for love that knows no end,
 re - newed, sus - tained, and giv - en by to - ken, sign, and word,

for us, in sol - emn to - ken of Christ our dy - ing Lord.
 we find in Je - sus liv - ing our ev - er - pres - ent friend.
 the pledge and seal of heav - en, the love of Christ our Lord.

WORDS: Timothy Dudley-Smith, 1975
 MUSIC: Johann Steurlein, 1575

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We Give and Receive

Communion is the central act of community within the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in remembrance of the life, death and resurrection of Christ. The invitation to the Table is extended to all who wish to follow Jesus and to share in the community of God's people.

Everyone is invited to eat from this Table.

THE INVITATION TO GIVE AND RECEIVE

PRAYER BY THE ELDER

Cheryl Parsons

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMING FORWARD TO GIVE, AND TO RECEIVE THE BREAD AND THE CUP

We come forward to bring our physical bodies and our financial gifts to God. You are invited to come forward down the center aisle to place your tithes & offerings in the trays available; and to receive the elements of bread and cup, taking them and returning to your seats down the side aisle, to consume the elements in silent reflection.

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

"Peace Like a River/Kum Ba Yah"

Trad. Spiritual arranged by Jean Anne Shafferman

Cheryl Tatham, Soprano

Sally Coberly, Alto

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

...And Go Forth to Serve

SHARING OF JOYS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Congregation standing

CLOSING HYMN

"The Bond of Love"

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THE BOND OF LOVE 521

*I give you a new commandment... love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.
John 13:34*

1. We are one in the bond of love, We are
2. Let us sing now, ev - 'ry - one, Let us

one in the bond of love; We have joined our spir - it with the
feel His love be - gun; Let us join our hands that the

Spir - it of God, We are one in the bond of love.
world will know We are one in the bond of love.

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“God Be with You Til We Meet Again”

arr. Wilbur Held

Karen Bartman, Pianist/Organist

*Please be seated and allow the music to offer a moment of
reflection as you prepare to exit the Sanctuary.*

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*Please join us for coffee hour in Harlow Hall following the  
conclusion of the Postlude*

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SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Rev. Stephen Tickner, Minister

Karen Bartman, Pianist/Organist

Cheryl Tatham, Soprano

Sally Coberly, Alto

Sally Coberly, Worship Leader

Cheryl Parsons, Elder at the Table

A/V Team - Yvonne McGee, Lydia Oladapo,

Devi Rambarran

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*HEARING ASSISTANCE HEADPHONES are available in the Narthex.*

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### **Acknowledgment of Native Americans: A Statement toward Reconciliation**

For thousands of years indigenous people have walked in this land, on their own country. Their relationship with the land is at the center of their lives. We gratefully acknowledge them, past and present, and their stewardship of this land on which we stand.