

First Christian Church of Freedom
THE CHURCH IN THE VILLAGE ESTABLISHED IN 1858



***Combining
Traditional & Contemporary Worship***

Knute Ogren, Pastor

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Prelude

Centering

“Another flaw in the human character is that everybody wants to build and nobody wants to do maintenance.”

— Kurt Vonnegut, *author & WWII POW*

Welcome to First Christian

Call to Worship

Psalm 8: 1, 4-9

**O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name
in all the earth!**

You have set your glory above the heavens.

**What are humans that you are mindful of them,
mortals that you care for them?**

Yet you have made them a little lower than God
and crowned them with glory and honor.

**You have given them dominion over the works of
your hands; you have put all things under their
feet,**

all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,
the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

**O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name
in all the earth!**

Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray. Almighty God:

C: You create and you sustain. You have the power to make all things new and to bring vivacious life out of dust, ash, and mud. You add goodness to your creation at every turn. You make, and shape, and reimagine. Help us to be excellent stewards of all that you have created. Make us instruments of renewed hope and sustainers of new life. We pray in a spirit of love. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

**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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.
Amen.**

***Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

Announcements

***Hymn:** Holy, Holy, Holy!

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Reading:

Genesis 1

Read by Donna Tung

When God began to create the heavens and the earth, the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. **And God saw that the light was good**, and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. **And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.** And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. **And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.** And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. **And God saw that it was good.** Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation:

plants yielding seed of every kind and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. **And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.** And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. **And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.** And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm and every winged bird of every kind. **And God saw that it was good.** God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” **And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.** And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind and the cattle of every kind and everything that creeps upon the ground of every

kind. **And God saw that it was good.** Then God said, “Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.” So God created humans in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. **God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.**

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Reading:

Corinthians 13: 11-13

Read by Martha Blaser

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Be restored; listen to my appeal; agree with one another; live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints

greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Special Music: You Are Holy¹

Gospel:

Matthew 28: 16-20

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

***Hymn:** Go to the World²

Insert

Prayers of the People

L: Lord in your mercy

C: hear our prayer

Offering

*Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

***Hymn:** Here I Am, Lord³

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Benediction

Traditional Irish Blessing⁵

May the road rise to meet you.
May the wind be at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face.
May the rains fall softly on your fields, and until we
meet again,
May you keep safe in the gentle, loving arms of God.

Postlude

*Please stand, as you are able.

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Visitors

We welcome your presence with us for worship this morning. Please sign the guestbook at the back of the church, and join us for coffee after the service in the Davidson Room.

Pastoral Visits

Should you want a pastoral visit or communion, please speak to Pastor Knute or one of the deacons. Also, if you notice that someone hasn't been in church for several weeks, please mention it to a deacon or the Pastor.

Deacons

Ed Barosky, Judy Blake, Ellie Bossdorf, Carol McIntire, Jim Osborne, Dianne Park, Marty Perreault, David Wilcox and Libby Wilcox

Today in Church

Head Usher: Mark McKinley

Coffee Hour: Pastor Knute

The altar flowers are given by Mark McKinley, given in thanks for all of God's Blessings.

This Week in Church

Tuesday	Choir Rehearsal	7 PM
Wednesday	Ladies Guild	8:30 AM – 1 PM
Saturday	Food Pantry	10 AM - Noon
Sunday	Choir Rehearsal	9 AM
Sunday	Worship Service	10 AM

Prayer List

Family of Kathy Avery	Gale Morris
Family of Todd Baker	Kelley O'Connell
Ellie Bossdorf	Barb, Rick & Ed Pelton
Nancy Bossi	Marc Perreault
John Bourque	Bob Phinney
Family of Sandy Boyle	Henry Rodriguez
Susan Brown	Nancy Sarden
Family of Dorothy Brooks	Alan Scales
Cecilia Costa	Family of Bob Smart
Family of Bill Elliott	Dan Spear
Nancy Essex	Ellie Stokes
Anna Hlushuk	Jim Tracey
Susan Jancetic	Robin Tyner
Alex Klotz	Family of Caitlin Veglia
Grace Kull	Barbara Veglia
Jean Marshall	Wheaton Family
Bill McIntire	Libby Wilcox
Matthew Meserve	Grandville Wilkins
John Mocerri	Marjorie Works

Our country's military personnel and their families, first responders and all those who serve the public good.

To ensure your prayer request is added to the list, please write down the information and place it in the offering plate or on the administrative assistant's desk. Also, please let us know if you wish to have a name removed from the list.

Food Pantry

Food Donations needed: *Anything!* The Food Pantry requests that donated food is not out of date and there are no open containers. There is always a need for clean plastic grocery bags and clean cardboard egg cartons.

JULY 9
DWAYNE HAGGINS

JULY 23
WHITE MOUNTAIN
RAMBLERS

AUGUST 13
BEN COSGROVE

AUGUST 27
DARLIN' COREY

5 PM OPEN HOUSE
AT
FREEDOM GALLERY

CONCESSIONS
AVAILABLE AT
INTERMISSION

MEET THE ARTISTS
& ENJOY
REFRESHMENTS
AT THE
FREEDOM VILLAGE
STORE
AFTER THE
PERFORMANCE



TICKETS & INFO

EVENTINGS *on* ELM



6:30 PM

BENEFIT FOR
FOOD PANTRY - FREEDOM LIBRARY
VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT. - FREEDOM SCHOOL PTO

12 ELM STREET, FREEDOM NEW HAMPSHIRE
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Food Pantry

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