

The Congregational Church, United Church of Christ  
Amherst, New Hampshire



*“I don’t understand it any more than you do, but one thing I’ve learned  
is that you don’t have to understand things for them to be.”*

—Madeleine L’Engle, *A Wrinkle in Time*

# THE ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Congregational Church, United Church of Christ  
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June 16, 2019

Trinity Sunday

10:00 a.m.

GATHERING CHIMES

*Let us be gathered in silence so that we may prepare to worship.*

GREETING AND NOTICES OF PARISH LIFE

PRELUDE

*Old Time Hallelujah Religion*  
Handbell Choir

arr. Tammy Waldrop

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Let us sing praises to our father/mother God,

**Many: the Source of Love and Life, who creates us.**

One: Let us sing praises to our brother Jesus,

**Many: the Risen One, who lives among us.**

One: Let us sing praises to our sister Wisdom,

**Many: the Holy Spirit, who renews us and guides us.**

One: Let us worship our God who is one in three, and three in one.

**All: Praise be to God!**

\*HYMN

*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*  
verses 1, 2 & 4 only

No. 138

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION and THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

Holy God, you have revealed yourself to us in a trinity of ways: as our powerful Creator, our resurrected Savior, and our comforting Spirit. But we also know you as a loving parent, a compassionate teacher, and a dynamic breath of fresh air. We're never really sure of how you are able to be all these things to us, but you are. And we praise you. Creating, Guiding, and Inspiring God, lead us down your Holy Way that we may grow in becoming who you've created us to be. May your presence fill this place, as we pray the words that Jesus taught us: **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.**

\*GLORIA PATRI (Tune #579)

Glory to the Creator, and to the Christ, and Holy Spirit, One;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen, Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

\*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of God be with you. AND ALSO WITH YOU.

ANTHEM

*This Is My Father's World*  
Handbell Choir

arr. Sandra Eithun

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice?  
On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand;  
beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out:  
"To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live.  
The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago.  
Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth.  
When there were no depths I was brought forth,  
when there were no springs abounding with water.  
Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth—  
when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil.  
When he established the heavens, I was there,  
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,  
when he made firm the skies above,  
when he established the fountains of the deep,  
when he assigned to the sea its limit,  
so that the waters might not transgress his command,  
when he marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside him, like a master worker;  
and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always,  
rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race."

SERMON

"When Wisdom Calls"

\*HYMN

*This Is My Father's World*

No. 293

*You are invited to write your joys and concerns on the prayer cards in the pews, and pass to the minister to be lifted in prayer at this time.*

JOYS AND CONCERNS and PASTORAL PRAYER

MUSICAL RESPONSE

INVITATION TO SHARE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*Along with our offering collected this morning, we dedicate the generous contributions of those who give monthly or electronically. All of our offerings support the work and witness of Jesus Christ here in this place and in the wider world. Each is given to the glory of God in faithful appreciation for many received blessings. Thanks be to God!*

OFFERTORY MUSIC

*Holy Spirit, Son, and Father*

Robert J. Powell

\*DOXOLOGY (Tune: *From All That Dwell Below the Skies*)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below. Alleluia, Alleluia.  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! Amen.

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

Ruler of all time and space, we want to be faithful stewards of your creation. Receive our offering, that our church may come alive in the Spirit. Help us to use the resources that you have given us to further carry Christ's message into the world, in word and in deed. Guide us, inspire us, move us, so that we may build and sustain the peaceable community that you call us to be. Amen.

\*HYMN

*Creator God, Creating Still*

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\*THE LIGHT OF CHRIST GOES OUT INTO THE WORLD

\*COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION

\*MUSICAL RESPONSE

\*POSTLUDE

*Trumpet Voluntary in D*

John Stanley/  
Geoffrey Edwards

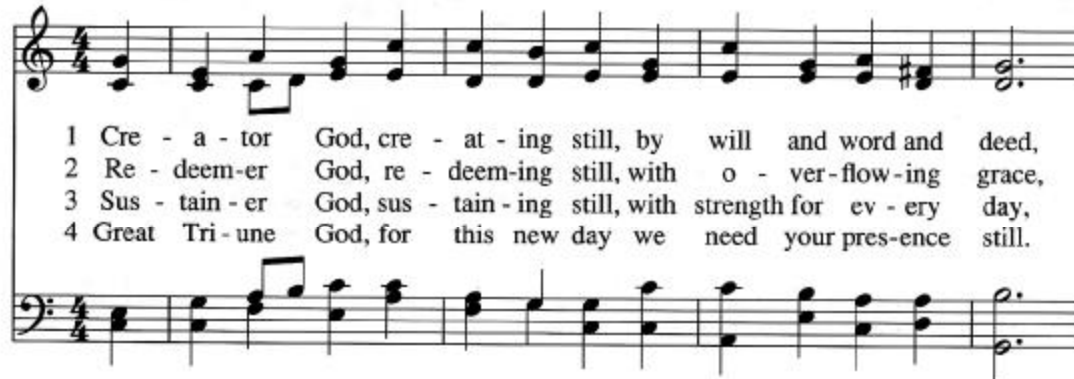
(\*Indicates that those who are able may stand.)

# Creator God, Creating Still

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Jane Parker Huber, 1977; rev. 1993

Rom. 5:1-5



1 Cre - a - tor God, cre - at - ing still, by will and word and deed,  
2 Re - deem-er God, re - deem-ing still, with o - ver-flow-ing grace,  
3 Sus - tain - er God, sus - tain - ing still, with strength for ev - ery day,  
4 Great Tri - une God, for this new day we need your pres-ence still.



Cre - ate a new hu - man - i - ty to meet the pres - ent need.  
Pour out your love on us, through us, make this a ho - ly place.  
Em - power us now to do your will. Cor - rect us when we stray.  
Cre - ate, re - deem, sus - tain us now to do your work and will.

*Jane Parker Huber's second hymn was written during a time of particular focus on language. By describing the Triune God in terms of function rather than in terms of persons, she hoped to avoid a tendency to think we know God by knowing formulas.*

Tune: ST. ANNE C.M.  
William Croft, 1708



**THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF AMHERST**  
A Welcoming, Open and Affirming Congregation  
of the United Church of Christ



**“No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey,  
you are welcome here.”**

*We, the members of the Congregational Church of Amherst, New Hampshire, United Church of Christ, believe God’s Holy Spirit and Jesus Christ call us to love all our neighbors as we would want to be loved. We are called to be as one body, seeking to walk together in the full life and ministry of our church.*

*We welcome each individual as a child of God. As covenant members of Christ’s church, we celebrate God’s love for people of all races and ethnic backgrounds, all mental and physical abilities, all socioeconomic backgrounds, all sexual orientations, all gender identities and gender expressions, and all of the other diverse attributes woven into the fabric of humankind.*

*With God’s grace, we invite all to share in the life and leadership, ministry and fellowship, worship and sacraments, responsibilities and blessings of our church.*

We are pleased that you have chosen to worship with us this morning. Our membership is open to all those who choose to walk with us in our witness. Please speak with any of our deacons or pastors should you have any questions regarding our church or our membership.

**Worship Notes:**

- **Nursery** – The nursery is not staffed for the summer months, however parents with very young children are welcome to use it during worship.
- **“A Child in Church” Activity Basket** – While church school is on break for the summer, young children may choose an activity to bring to the pew with their families. Please return reusable items to the basket as you leave.
- **Joys and Concerns** may be written on the cards found in the pew racks. Cards will be collected by one of the pastors during the middle hymn and shared during the Prayers of the People.
- **Nametags** – Please remember to wear your nametag each Sunday, so that we may all greet our neighbors. If you do not have a permanent nametag, temporary nametags may be found inside the friendship registers. If you are in need of a new, permanent nametag, please see one of the deacons.
- **Fellowship** – Please join us in the community room following worship to welcome visitors and friends.
- **Emergencies** – In the event of an emergency, please remain seated until instructions have been given. An emergency plan is in place for the children in the nursery and in the church school.

The church office is open Wednesday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Here’s how to reach us: by telephone 673-3231, or by email [andrea@ccamherst.org](mailto:andrea@ccamherst.org). If we are unavailable by phone, please feel free to leave a message using the personal directory, and we will get back to you as soon as we can. Visit our church’s website at [www.ccamherst.org](http://www.ccamherst.org), and follow us on Facebook at Facebook.com/ccamherst.

***Grounded in God’s Love—Serving Neighbors Near and Far—Welcoming to All***

## PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Members and Friends of The Congregational Church

Maureen R. Frescott

Michael Havay

Wendy Valeri

Gail Wiegand

Avis Moller

Stephanie Dumoski, Art Leknes

Carol St. Jean

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Katherine Rogers

Sara L. Phelps

Marilyn Gibson

Ministers to the World

Senior Pastor

Organist/Accompanist

Handbell Choir Director

Deacon In Charge

Greeter

Ushers

Liturgist

Associate Pastor

Director of Music

Church School Coordinator

**SUCCESSFUL GIFTS:** Need a last-minute gift for Father's Day, teachers, baby-sitters, grads? Gift cards for Amazon, CVS, Dunkin Donuts, Home Depot, iTunes and Starbucks are all available today. Stop by the Community Room after church to pick one up!

**SHARE FOOD PANTRY** requests for June include canned fruit, flour, sugar, boxed cake mixes, baking supplies, coffee, tea, juice, and granola. Donations can be left in the SHARE cupboard in the narthex or in the container by the community room entrance. Many thanks for your continuing support!

**HELP WANTED:** On July 4 our church will once again have a table on the village green. We need folks to bake cookies to hand out at our table, no frosting please (it melts). Please deliver the cookies to the church kitchen by 9:00 a.m. on July 4. We also need folks to be at the table from 9:30 to 12:30 for hour-long shifts that morning to greet people. Please call Carol Landon at 603-494-7734 to volunteer or if you have questions. Thank you for your support!

**CHURCH SCHOOL and summer vacation:** As we head into our lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer, church school is not in session. However, through snail mail children will receive a weekly Family Page with ways to practice our spiritual growth. (In education it is known as an ESY, extended school year.) Practice makes perfect in so many ways, especially spiritually.

The "A Child In Church" **activity basket** at the rear of the sanctuary holds materials supporting faith formation.

If you find time to spare and want to share it with church school, we have a **flower bed** in the back yard that would love to have your love. God made the earth; we must care for it. Keep an eye on its growth, gently water, and flowers will grow to adorn our altar.

**Thank you** for supporting church school. Rally Sunday is September 8—see you then.

**NO RUMMAGE YET PLEASE:** Due to the ongoing work in the vestry, the Woman's Association is asking that no donations for the fall rummage sale be dropped off at the church until after August 1.

*Sunday, June 16, 2019*

## **Two Hills – Two Speakers**

### **The Son and A Father**

Jesus climbed up on a Galilean hillside to talk with his friends. Some of the instructions he gave can be read today in Matthew chapters five and six. Jesus talked about life and how it should be lead. Part of his advice has come to be known as The Beatitudes. “Blessed are the poor in spirit...” etc.

Two thousand years later and 5,500 miles to the west, a father talked to his son and his son’s classmates. Chief Justice John Roberts came to Cardigan Mountain School in New Hampshire for the students’ commencement ceremony. Some of his address can be read in *The Chief* by Joan Biskupic, and also as reviewed in an article appearing in the March issue of *The Atlantic*. Here is an excerpt:

Justice Roberts instead of wishing the boys a traditional “Good luck” told them that from time to time, “I hope you will be treated unfairly, so that you will come to know the value of justice. I hope you’ll be ignored, so you will know the importance of listening to others.” He urged the boys to “understand that your success is not completely deserved, either.” And in the speech’s most topical passage, he reminded them that, while they were good boys, “You are also privileged young men. And if you weren’t privileged when you came here, you’re privileged now because you have been here. My advice is: Don’t act like it.”

*I am Lady Wisdom, and I live next to Sanity;  
Knowledge and Discretion live just down the street...  
So, my dear friends, listen carefully;  
Those who embrace these my ways are most blessed.*  
—Psalm 8:12, *The Message*