

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



*“Freeing yourself was one thing,
claiming ownership of that freed self was another.”*

—Toni Morrison, *Beloved*

THE ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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

September 29, 2019

Worship for All Ages

10:00 a.m.

“Healing”

GATHERING CHIMES

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

GREETING AND NOTICES OF PARISH LIFE

PRELUDE

Peaceful Rest

Lani Smith

INTROIT

Chancel Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Sisters and brothers, grace and peace to you!

People: And to the whole world, peace.

Leader: Come in and be at home!

Here there is rest for the weary,

People: comfort for the troubled,

Leader: well-being for the sick,

People: and for the lost way, light.

Leader: Come! Gather in hope in the household of God,

People: where there is room for us all!

Leader: Gather in hope, and praise the Lord!

*HYMN

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

No. 276

OPENING PRAYER

Leader: God of love, you call us out from the darkness.

Left: Day by day, generous God, you renew our trust!

Right: You open a way through sorrow, and give us secret gifts in aching places where life is hard.

Left: Day by day, O healing Spirit, you soothe our bodies with fragrant oil,

Right: you mend our hearts with the medicine of hope.

Left: Your hands, serene upon us, give us peace.

All: Thanks and praise to you, and glory evermore!

CHILDREN'S TIME

*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

SCRIPTURE STORY TELLING

Luke 17:11-19

MESSAGE

"It Is Well"

RITUAL OF ANNOINTING and PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

At this time, all are welcome to come forward for a blessing on your forehead or hand, with prayers to be read aloud or held in silence. Joys and Concerns cards that are left in the bowl will be prayed for with the community during the pastoral prayer.

PRAYER RESPONSE

In the words that Jesus taught us, we pray: **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.**

HYMN (seated)

More Love to You, O Christ

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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

Your Help Comes from the Lord
Chancel Choir

Mark Hayes

*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.

*BLESSING OF THE OFFERING (in unison)

Bless this offering, Great God of Love. May it travel within and beyond this place, blessing all those who need hope and comfort. We give these gifts with thanksgiving, hoping that our gratitude may be a part of the healing of ourselves and of the world. In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

*HYMN

When Peace, Like a River
verses 1, 2 & 4 only

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*THE LIGHT OF CHRIST GOES OUT INTO THE WORLD

*COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Chancel Choir

*POSTLUDE

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

Arthur Messiter/
Douglas Wagner

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

Our Church Calendar	
September 29—October 5, 2019	
Today	10:00 a.m. Worship 11:10 a.m. Fellowship—Community Room 3:00 p.m. Installation Service
Monday	10:00 a.m. WA Workshop—Vestry 6:00 p.m. World Service—Parlor
Tuesday	8:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship—Youth Room 1:30 p.m. Small Group Ministry—Parlor 5:30 p.m. Community Supper—SHARE, Milford 6:00 p.m. Church Council—Parlor
Wednesday	10:00 a.m. <i>The Story of God</i> —Parlor 1:00 p.m. Rummage Sale Set Up
Thursday	9:00 a.m. Congregational Care—Parlor 9:30 a.m. Rummage Sale Sorting 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir—Sanctuary 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir—Sanctuary
Friday	9:00 a.m. Prayerful Playgroup—Nursery 10:00 a.m. Rummage Sale Sorting 4:00 p.m. Rummage Sale
Saturday	9:00 a.m. Rummage Sale 12:00 p.m. Rummage Sale Clean Up



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. **The next new member orientations will be held October 17 and November 13.** New members will be formally received on Sunday, November 17. Please speak with any of our deacons or pastors should you have any questions regarding our church or our membership.

Worship Notes:

- **Nursery Care** is provided for children ages two and under at the beginning of worship.
- **Church School** is available for children in Pre-K through grade 7 immediately following Children’s Time.
- **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 Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Here’s how to reach us: by telephone 673-3231, or by email 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, 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
 Katherine R. Kennedy
 Sara L. Phelps
 Michael Havay
 Kate Thompson
 Gabe, Rebekah and Emily Bolin
 Paul and Sue Spiess, Mike and Sally Varanka
 Marilyn Gibson
 Heather Stone
 Leona Hendrickson, Nadine Obermiller
 Sue Werst
 Larissa Riley
 Dave Hagerstrom
 Don and Susan Holden

Ministers to the World
 Senior Pastor
 Associate Pastor
 Director of Music
 Organist/Accompanist
 Deacon In Charge
 Greeters
 Ushers
 Church School Coordinator
 Nursery Coordinator
 Pre-K/K Church School Teacher
 Grades 1-2 Church School Teacher
 Grades 3-4 Church School Teacher
 Grades 5-7 Church School Teacher
 Fellowship Hosts

Wendy Valeri

Bell Choir Director

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given by the Diaconate in celebration of the Installation of our pastors, the Reverend Maureen Frescott and the Reverend Katherine Kennedy.

DIACONATE: *None of us, including me, ever do great things. But we can all do small things, with great love, and together we can do something wonderful.* – Mother Teresa

Will you consider joining a loving group of church members doing small things on our part to make our church a wonderful place to be? Let us talk to you about the role of a Deacon to see if it might be a fit for you and an opportunity to serve others. We are looking to fill 6 Deacon openings! See us at Fellowship today, or reach out anytime. Thank you!

SHARE FOOD PANTRY requests for October include canned fruit, flour, sugar, boxed cake mixes and 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!

TRICYCLE NEEDED: A local teacher is in need of a large tricycle for a special needs student to use during their Physical Ed class. If you have one, or know of one not being used, please contact Sue Werst at 759-5344 or sue.w.0323@gmail.com.

The Lectionary texts for the next two weeks are:

October 6:	Lamentations 1:1-6 Lamentations 3:19-26 or Psalm 137
OR	Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 Psalm 37:1-9 2 Timothy 1:1-14 Luke 17:5-10
October 13:	Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 Psalm 66:1-12
OR	2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c Psalm 111 2 Timothy 2:8-15 Luke 17:11-19

CHURCH SCHOOL: Today's lesson is Naaman is Healed (2 Kings 5:1-19). Healing is the theme and children will hear the story of how Jesus healed Naaman, a commander of armies and a victim of leprosy. Teachers today are Ms. Lee and Nadine Obermiller in PreK/K, Mrs. Werst in grades 1 and 2, and Mrs. Riley in grades 3 and 4. Mr. Hagerstrom teaches grades 5, 6, 7 and continues to delve into Christianity through the books of the New Testament. Parents of children in Pre-K through grade 2 are reminded to pick up their child/children at the end of worship.

October 6 Spark Bible Presentation: Church school tradition presents a *Spark* Bible to each third grade student. Parents of children registered for third grade who are receiving their Bible on October 6 during worship, should have received an email from Marilyn Gibson, our Church School Coordinator. If your child is in grade 3 or above and has/have not received a Bible, please contact Marilyn at mgibson@ccamherst.org.

SHARE Back to School Supplies: Thank you for your donations of school supplies to SHARE Outreach in Milford.

Financial Summary			
(as of August 31, 2019)			
	YTD	YTD	
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Income	\$115,000	\$120,429	\$ 5,429
Expenses	\$101,622	\$94,014	\$ 7,608
Net Income	\$13,378	\$26,415	\$13,036

Numbers have been rounded to the nearest whole dollar; as such, some columns may not appear to total correctly.

We hope you are finding this information helpful. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to anyone on the Finance Team: Gail Agans (chair), Paul Spiess, Doug Topliffe, Todd Whitney and Tim Wiegand (Treasurer).

Woman's Association's
Good Stuff Sale
 (formerly Rummage Sale)

Friday, October 4, 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 5, 9 a.m. – noon
Saturday \$5.00 a bag!!!



A FANTASTIC amount of clothing, including donations from a local clothing consignment shop: women's clothing, shoes and accessories, men's clothing and children's clothing.

Also jewelry, housewares, kitchen utensils, dishware, glassware, home décor, toys and games, and SO MUCH MORE!!

Help Wanted/SOS:

October 2, Wednesday, 1:00—3:00 p.m.
 Set-up: hauling bags and sorting

October 3, Thursday, 9:30—4:00 p.m.
 Sorting clothes and rummage

October 4, Friday, 10:00—12:00 p.m.
 Sorting clothes and rummage

October 4, Friday, 4:00—7:00 p.m.
 Checkers and assistant checkers needed

October 5, Saturday 12:00—1:30 p.m.
 Please HELP Clean-up!!! Pack left over clothes and household stuff and load in trucks, clean-up and table take down, sweep/vacuum floors.

Contact Sally Bowkett at 673-7409 to sign up.

Sunday, September 29, 2019

No War Path

Today congregations of the United Church of Christ are invited to consider the denomination's ministry to Native Americans and their churches. The ministry to American Indians has an up-and-down history beginning with the first landings from England.

The efforts to bring Christianity to the natives even reached the halls of Parliament, where in 1649 the efforts of John Eliot in the Massachusetts Colony attracted attention. Parliament appropriated funds to support Eliot's mission and established a Corporation for Promoting and Propagating the Gospel of Jesus Christ in New England. Several missions were established beyond Eliot's; first, across the Housatonic and eventually west to the Dakotas and beyond.

In Connecticut, another active missionary in the 1700s was Eleazer Wheelock. He graduated from Yale in 1733 and was called to the Second Parish of Lebanon, Connecticut. To supplement his income, he opened a boy's school in the parsonage. One of his students was Samuel Occam, a Mohegan youth. As a result of his experience with Occam, Wheelock conceived the idea of a school where Indian boys would learn English and be introduced to Christianity and the skills of white society. The white youths would learn the Indian vernacular and the ways of Indian life. Later the youth would be paired in the mission enterprise with remote tribes and sent out to establish schools and churches.

Wheelock's vision was ambitious. All students were on scholarships. By 1765 he had enrolled twenty-one Indian boys, ten Indian girls, and seven white boys. Wheelock then turned his attention to the founding of Dartmouth College.

Today, the UCC supports the ministry of American Indian congregations with a portion of the Neighbors In Need offering. Nevertheless, tensions still exist stemming from differing cultural backgrounds and tribal heritage.

What was really on the table at that first Thanksgiving besides venison and turkey? The other menu was the question of human nature, the understanding of humanity's relationship to the natural world, the process of knowledge, the meaning of creation. The Wampanoags had assumptions and beliefs about all these subjects as did the Pilgrims. It was a failure of communication that within a few years they were in a life and death struggle with each other for living space. – Serge F. Hummon,

Too bad, some things don't seem to change.

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Welcoming to All