

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



“Children are not things to be molded, but are people to be unfolded.”

—Jess Lair

THE ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Congregational Church, United Church of Christ
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June 7, 2020

Trinity Sunday
Children's Sunday

10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

Hope Medley
Wendy Valeri, bells
Michael Havay, piano

bell arr. Christine D. Anderson
piano arr. Anna Laura Page
(Ring Out! Press)

GREETING AND NOTICES OF PARISH LIFE

CALL TO WORSHIP and PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Today we gather as one family,
the family of God.
We are children and youth,
parents and grandparents,
aunts and uncles,
siblings and cousins,
teachers, mentors, and ministers.
We are all connected as one family.

Today we gather as one family of God,
to love and serve in God's name.
We are young and old,
questioning and believing,
creating and caring,
listening and learning,
giving and growing.

Today we gather as one family of God,
to open our hearts to God's message.
Let our eyes and ears be open
to God's word that lives on in us
from generation to generation.

Let us pray:

O God, you are our Creator and we are your children and we come to you offering our gratitude. We dedicate this service to you. Be among us in this hour of worship, opening our hearts to the power of your love and your peace as we've experienced it through Jesus. We trust that you will work through our words and our music so that we will leave this place knowing your Spirit has touched us with your love. May we spread that love far and wide. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

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.

CHURCH SCHOOL CELEBRATION

CHILDREN'S TIME

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 1:1-2:4a Read by our Middle High Youth Group

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void 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 humankind 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 humankind 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. Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

SERMON

"Children of God"

ANTHEM

Emily Bolin

JOYS AND CONCERNS and PASTORAL PRAYER

INVITATION TO SHARE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

For bringing us together as your children, O God, we give thanks. For feeding us and guiding us, we give you praise. Because you have given us so much, we want to share our gifts with you. May these gifts of our time, talent, and treasure, be used to help others know that they too are your children, and that they too are loved. Amen.

COMMISSION AND BLESSING

THE LIGHT OF CHRIST GOES OUT INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

Fanfare

Henry Farmer

The Lectionary texts for the next two weeks are:



June 14: Genesis 18:1-15, (21:1-7)
Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19
Or Exodus 19:2-8a
Psalm 100
Romans 5:1-8
Matthew 9:35-10:8, (9-23)

June 21: Genesis 21:8-21
Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17
Or Jeremiah 20:7-13
Psalm 69:7-10, (11-15), 16-18
Romans 6:1b-11
Matthew 10:24-39



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.

Here’s how to reach us: by telephone 673-3231, or by email info@ccamherst.org. If we are unavailable by phone, please feel free to leave a message 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](https://www.facebook.com/ccamherst).

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

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PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Members and Friends of The Congregational Church

Rev. Maureen R. Frescott

Rev. Katherine R. Kennedy

Sara L. Phelps

Michael Havay

Wendy Valeri

Marilyn Gibson

Ministers to the World

Senior Pastor

Associate Pastor

Director of Music

Organist/Accompanist

Bell Choir Director

Church School Coordinator

CHURCH SCHOOL: During the summer, church school messages from Mrs. Gibson will appear on our Facebook page. Time is your own, so you are invited to listen in when you can, then share your comments with your friends in church and the community.

Thank you for all the support our church staff, teams, parents and friends provide throughout the year. **Gifts** from many in the form of monetary donations provide resources for books, materials, and organizations such as Heifer International.

Guidance from Church Council will provide information regarding our reopening.

SHARE FOOD PANTRY requests for June include canned fruit, flour, sugar, boxed cake mixes and baking supplies, coffee, tea, juice, and granola. Donations should be brought directly to the SHARE Center in Milford. In this time of social distancing, please call their office at 673-9898 for guidance. Many thanks for your continuing support!

HC@HOME, a virtual summer camp program of the New Hampshire Conference, UCC's Horton Center, is open to all for fun and games in a faith formation environment. More information can be found on their website: <https://hortoncenter.org/>

Our Church Calendar

June 7—13, 2020

All events are taking place virtually, please check your email for the links.

Today	10:00 a.m. Worship—Facebook 10:40 a.m. Fellowship
Monday	10:00 a.m. WA Fellowship
Tuesday	9:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship 7:00 p.m. Diaconate
Wednesday	9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting 4:00 p.m. Communications Team 5:00 p.m. Senior High Youth Group Check In 6:00 p.m. Capital Campaign Steering Team
Thursday	1:30 p.m. Prayerful Playgroup 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Fellowship

Everyone Could Win \$\$!

“How?” you might ask – it’s simple! Purchase raffle tickets! Here are the details:

- 10 Cash prizes range from \$500 - \$5,000. Yes, you could win \$5,000!
- Ticket price is \$20 and \$10 of that comes straight back to our church – more sales = more \$\$ for CCA
- The drawing will take place on Friday, 26 June, rain or shine, golf or no golf.



Please share this information with 10 family members and/or friends!

Bonus: each ticket comes with 6 great coupons: \$20 off at Giorgio’s restaurant, \$10 off a full-service oil change at Valvoline in Milford, one hour free rental at Amherst Country Club indoor golf simulator, 2 for 1 comedy show admission at Zinger’s, 15% discount at The Copy Shop, and 10% off Humble Kitchen (see ticket for details for coupon restrictions).

Bigger bonus: If you would like to designate the church as the recipient of any winnings, CCA might just win something too! If you would like to do this, please email Sally Hooper at sallyhoop@comcast.net with your name and how many of your purchased tickets you would like designated with the church as the prize recipient.

This is a fundraising effort of the **Milford Rotary Club** in conjunction with their **100 Holes of Golf in One Day** charity tournament. Each year this event raises considerable funds that are distributed to local, regional and international community and non-profit organizations, and are used to provide \$30,000 in scholarships to area students.

Purchase tickets at <https://pay.golf100holes.com/?charity=Amherst%20Congregational%20Church>

If you prefer not to purchase online, you can mail a check to the church (please write raffle in the memo line and include an address so we can mail you the ticket): 11 Church Street, Amherst, NH 03031.

All tickets purchased will be mailed to the address provided during the purchase.

Please contact Sally Hooper at sallyhoop@comcast.net or 603-321-1143 for questions or more details.

Financial Summary			
(as of April 30, 2020)			
	YTD	YTD	
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Income	\$357,172	\$345,391	\$11,781
Expenses	\$355,090	\$360,338	\$(5,248)
Net Income	\$ 2,082	\$(14,947)	\$17,029

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).

Sunday, June 7, 2020



Thank You Teachers!

Grades Pre-K/K

Ms. Lee, Mrs. Obermiller, and Mrs. Stone

Grades 1 and 2

Mrs. Werst and Mrs. Bolin

Grades 3 and 4

Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Riley

Grades 5, 6, and 7

Mr. Hagerstrom

***“Train up a child in the way he should go:
and when he is old, he will not depart from it.”***

Proverbs 22:6

During the summer God is with us, with guidance from the Holy Spirit.

ENJOY GOD’S CREATION!