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

"The parts of me I usually like to hide are the very parts where God is working through my life and my story."

—Bonnie Gray

THE ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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June 6, 2021 **Second Sunday after Pentecost** **10:00 a.m.**

PRELUDE *Prelude and Ostinato* Bernard Wayne Sanders

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP and PRAYER OF INVOCATION and THE LORD'S PRAYER

One: People of God,
we come into our Creator's presence with thanksgiving,
Many: Deeply grateful for God's unfailing love and faithfulness.
One: When we call out to God,
Many: God hears us, and God responds.
One: When we are exhausted,
Many: God gives us the strength to go on.
One: When we find ourselves in trouble,
Many: God is there, standing and walking beside us.
One: When we lift up our voices in laughter and song,
Many: God laughs and sings with us.

All: Let us worship the One who is with us in all ways, always.

Let us pray:

Holy God, Creator of Life,
you call us out of our dark places,
offering us the grace of new life.
When we are fearful,
when we feel vulnerable,
when we see nothing but hopelessness,
you surprise us with the breath of your Spirit.
Call us out of our complacency and routines,
set us free from our self-imposed constraints,
and fill us with your Spirit of hope, joy, compassion, and peace.

May we feel you moving among us now, O God, 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.

CHILDREN'S TIME

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE
The peace of God be with you. AND ALSO WITH YOU.

HYMN *When Morning Guilds the Skies*
verses 1, 3 & 4

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON Genesis 3:8-15

They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself."

He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate."

The Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel."

SERMON "Where Are You?"

ANTHEM *Lagrima* Francisco Tarrega, 1891
Mike Neverisky, guitar

JOYS AND CONCERNS and PASTORAL PRAYER

INVITATION TO OUR OFFERING

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)
We give of ourselves, generous God, because you have given us more than we can ever repay. We give because there are needs to be met among us and in other places where we cannot go. We give because being generous helps us to feel whole. Loving God, bless these gifts, and multiply them in your service. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

COMMUNION PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

BREAKING OF THE BREAD, POURING OF THE CUP

CONSECRATING PRAYER

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

COMMUNION PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (in unison)
We give thanks, loving God, for the bond of this ritual and communal meal that links us to all who have called upon your name. May your wisdom grow within us. May your word inspire us. May the nourishment of this bread and cup strengthen us for the journey, as you send us out into the world as people of courage, compassion, and commitment. Amen.

COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Trumpet Voluntary* Stanley E. Saxton

THE LIGHT OF CHRIST GOES OUT INTO THE WORLD

THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF AMHERST, NH, UCC

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. 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.

The church office is reachable by telephone 673-3231, or by email info@ccamherst.org. 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.com/ccamherst and Instagram.com/ccamherstnh

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

Permission to podcast/stream the music in this service obtained from One License with license #A-731944.

Portions of the liturgy have been adapted from Christine Longhurst, re:Worship and Rev. Nancy J., and posted on "wonderings through life and other such nonsense." http://ruminari.wordpress.com/

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Members and Friends of The Congregational Church	Ministers to the World
Rev. Maureen R. Frescott	Senior Pastor
Rev. Katherine R. Kennedy	Associate Pastor
Sara L. Phelps	Director of Music
Michael Havay	Organist/Accompanist
Mike Neverisky	Musician
Jessica Greer	Liturgist

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Wendy Valeri	Bell Choir Director
Marilyn Gibson	Church School Coordinator

SUMMER BOOK GROUP: The new Racial Justice Group at CCA invites you to take part in a summer series of reflection and exploration as we journal through the book *Me and White Supremacy: Combat Racism, Change the World and Become a Good Ancestor,* by Layla F. Saad. This group will meet for 12 Sundays after church starting June 6. Come to church, visit at coffee hour, and then head to the back yard for discussion! You do not need to attend every session to participate, but you do need to complete the reading and journaling every week, even if you are away! This way, the group can learn and grow together.

If you have any questions or would like to sign up, email Pastor Kate at pastorkate@ccamherst.org .

SHARE FOOD PANTRY requests for June include canned fruit, flour, boxed cake mixes, baking supplies, sugar, coffee, tea, juice and granola. Donations should be brought directly to the SHARE Center in Milford; if you are unsure where, please call their office at 673-9898. Many thanks for your continuing support!

ANNUAL MEETING: The presentation slides and the Zoom recording from the annual meeting can be accessed through the members section of our website, or by contacting Andrea in the church office. The 2020-2021 Annual Report can also be found on our website, and printed copies are available on the table in the narthex.

Financial Summary
(as of April 30, 2021)

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference
Income	$365,806	$345,258	$ 20,547
Expenses	$338,260	$358,797	$(20,538)
Net Income	$ 27,546	$(13,539)	$ 41,085

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: Keith Lammers, Paul Spiess, Doug Topliffe, Todd Whitney and Tim Wiegand (Treasurer).

Please Help Raise the Flag

on the church's new flag pole

We are currently looking for donations to help pay for a 30-foot tall, free standing flag pole to be placed in the front lawn just west of the church. With this new flag pole, we will be able to proudly fly the American flag in the proper manner. This project is expected to cost roughly $2,000, with the church's Preservation Fund financing up to $1,000 of that amount. Donations from the congregation will be greatly appreciated to make this project a reality. Should donations exceed this financial gap, excess receipts will be rolled back into the Preservation Fund for future long term capital expenditure for the church; a win-win for all. To donate, please contact Andrea in the church office at 673-3231, email andrea@ccamherst.org, or go online to Donation (eservicepayments.com) . Thanks in advance for your support of this project.

SEEKING HOSTS/HOSTESSES for In-Person Fellowship: As we continue to open up with more opportunities for in-person connection, we are excited to offer the option to enjoy a cold water or lemonade in the Memorial Garden following our church service. This will be held weather permitting each Sunday throughout the summer months unless our re-opening approach changes. This said we are looking for volunteers to host now through September 5. If you are interested please contact Meredith Dart via cell or txt at 603-305-9065 or email Andrea at andrea@ccamherst.org .

LITTLE FREE FARMSTAND ~ "Grow & Give" We are thrilled to provide more information about this exciting initiative. This summer, we are partnering with ***SHARE*** in Milford to make fresh produce and eggs readily available to the community. We invite local growers from Amherst and Milford (and surrounding towns) to share their excess produce on Sunday mornings. Families will come partake of the farm stand on Sunday afternoons, and anything not taken will go to the SHARE food pantry for their clients to select from during the week.

Please visit farmstand – Congregational Church of Amherst, NH (ccamherst.org) for more information and to sign up to help.

CHURCH SCHOOL: Pentecost is the coming of the Holy Spirit, commissioning the disciples to broadcast the words of God. The *Fruits of the Spirit* support all to live the life God gave to us.

Today's church school lesson comes from Genesis 3:8-15 and takes place in the Garden of Eden. God instructed man not to eat the fruit from the tree of knowledge, and as adults we know that disobedience brings consequences. Related to children, after Adam and Eve were banished from the garden, God passed down to Moses the Ten Commandments, and Jesus instructed the disciples to bring God's words to humans. We are to instruct our children, that by living God's messages as Jesus did, will bring us eternal life; and here it will bring peace to all.

The church school year has come to a close. We look forward to Rally Sunday, gathering in person in our church.

EVERYONE COULD WIN $$!!

Too good to be true? NO! It's simple!

PURCHASE A RAFFLE TICKET!

- 10 cash prizes range from $500 - $5,000. Yes, you could win $5,000!
- Ticket price is $20 - $10 comes straight back to the church!
- Drawing Friday June 18th – you do not need to be in attendance to win!
- Bonus: each ticket comes with lots of coupons!

PURCHASE A RAFFLE TICKET!

Helpful tips for purchasing:

1. To receive the coupons, ensure when you purchase your tickets you choose 'YES' on the 'Include Local Coupons' dropdown option.
2. When you proceed through the checkout process, the payment button will say 'PROCEED TO PAYPAL'. Click on this button and you will then be directed to a screen where you can either pay by PAYPAL, Credit, or Debit Card.

This is a fundraising effort of the **Milford Rotary Club** in conjunction with their **100 Holes of Golf in One Day** charity tournament. Local organizations that sell tickets receive $10 for each ticket for their own organization. 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.

Please contact **Sally Hooper** (603-321-1143) for questions or more details.

Sunday, June 6, 2021

The Lectionary texts for the next two weeks are:

June 13: 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13 and Psalm 20
or *Ezekiel 17:22-24 and Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15*
2 Corinthians 5:6-10, (11-13), 14-17
Mark 4:26-34

June 20: 1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23), 32-49 and Psalm 9:9-20
or *1 Samuel 17:57-18:5, 18:10-16 and Psalm 133*
or *Job 38:1-11 and Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32*
2 Corinthians 6:1-13
Mark 4:35-41

Our Church Calendar

June 6—12, 2021

Many events are taking place virtually.
Links are sent out directly by email, and a list
of recurring meetings with their links can be found in the
member section of our website.

Today	10:00 a.m.	Worship—Sanctuary
	10:00 a.m.	Worship—Online
	11:00 a.m.	Fellowship—Memorial Garden
	11:00 a.m.	Summer Book Group
	11:30 a.m.	Christian Ed
	1:00 p.m.	Middle High Youth
	4:00 p.m.	Senior High Youth
Monday	10:00 a.m.	Woman's Association— Memorial Garden
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Men's Fellowship
	7:00 p.m.	Diaconate
	7:00 p.m.	Trustees of the Facility
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	4:30 p.m.	Communications Team
Thursday	3:00 p.m.	Racial Justice Group
	6:00 p.m.	Choir Gathering