

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



*"I always love going home; it's where my roots are.  
I always like to go back. It's a good reminder of where I started  
and the journey that I still have to go on to get where I want to be."*

- Millie Bright

# THE ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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July 4, 2021

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

*O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*

Emma Lou Diemer

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

One: O God, of heaven and earth  
of all nations and all peoples,  
of people of faith and no faith,

**Many: Reveal yourself  
to all gathered before you today.**

One: Reveal yourself  
to those who are seeking guidance,

**Many: Reveal yourself  
to those who are seeking strength,**

One: Reveal yourself  
to those who are seeking comfort,

**Many: Reveal yourself  
to all who are seeking relief,**

One: Reveal yourself  
to those who are powerful,

**Many: Reveal yourself  
to all who are powerless,**

One: Reveal yourself  
to ordinary people

**Many: in their everyday lives,**

**All: that this world  
might reflect your love  
and your glory.**

Let us pray:

Loving God, what a challenge living in community can be.  
We both celebrate the diversity of humanity

and bemoan the difficulties such differences can cause.  
At times we feel bombarded from all sides,  
with negativity and division.

What a relief to come into a place like this  
where we can feel a quietening presence;  
where people can come together  
and find a common purpose and a unifying spirit.  
Where we celebrate our freedom to be our own unique expression of your love,  
as the one body of Christ.

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

*O Worship the King, All Glories Above*  
verses 1, 2 and 4

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 6:1-13

He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

SERMON

“Hometown Hero”

ANTHEM

*Evocacion (Prelude to Suite del Recuerdo)*  
Mike Neverisky, guitar

Jose Luis Merlin

JOYS AND CONCERNS and PASTORAL PRAYER

INVITATION TO OUR OFFERING

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

For the abundance of your unwavering love, which rescues and revives us, O God, we are most grateful. We present here practical expressions of thanksgiving – in our time, talent, and treasure, to extend your purposes in the world. May this offering scatter seeds of love in life-changing ways. May we learn from all we serve, that all of us may grow in discipleship. 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

*The Star-Spangled Banner*

John Stafford Smith/  
arr. Mary McDonald

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](mailto: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](#), and follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

***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 John Birch,  
posted on [Faith and Worship - Prayers and Resources](#)*

## PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Members and Friends of The Congregational Church

Rev. Maureen R. Frescott

Sara Phelps

Michael Havay

Ken D'Ambrosio

Mike Neverisky

Ministers to the World

Senior Pastor

Director of Music, Soloist

Organist/Accompanist

Liturgist

Musician

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Rev. Katherine R. Kennedy

Wendy Valeri

Associate Pastor

Bell Choir Director

**SUMMER WORSHIP TIME:** A reminder, next Sunday we move our in-person worship time to 9:00 a.m. Join us in the sanctuary for worship, followed by lemonade and fellowship in our Memorial Garden.

Our recorded worship will continue to be posted online at 10:00 a.m.

**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 text at 603-305-9065, or email [Andrea in the church office](#).

**WANTED—NURSERY COORDINATOR:** We are looking for someone who can provide consistent, quality care for young children in the nursery during Sunday morning worship services. The hours are 9:30—11:30 a.m. starting on Rally Day, September 12. Applicants must be 18 years of age or older. For more information, please speak with Pastor Maureen, Pastor Kate, Sue Werst, or leave a message on the church office voice mail (673-3231, ext. 0) and we will be back in touch with you.

### Financial Summary

(as of May 31, 2021)

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference
Income	\$398,233	\$374,827	\$ 23,406
Expenses	\$370,379	\$391,127	\$( 20,748)
Net Income	\$ 27,854	\$(16,300)	\$ 44,154

*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](mailto:andrea@ccamherst.org), or go online to our website, and under the Giving tab, click Donate. Thanks in advance for your support of this project.



**LOOKING FOR HANDS-ON SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES but don't have a lot of time?** Here are some great opportunities! Visit our [SOS page](#) for a full listing:

**Our Little Free Farmstand** is now ready for produce, volunteers, and shoppers! We are looking for farmstand 'Greeters' - those folks who will help setup, staff, and put away the farmstand on Sunday afternoons. Shifts are 12:00-2:30pm and 2:00-4:30pm. Visit <https://www.ccamherst.org/sos/> and use the SignUp Genius link or contact [Terri Behm](#).

**Lawn Mowing:** It's that time of year when the church lawn is beautiful but does require attention! We are looking for folks to sign up to mow the lawn - many hands make light work! We will need help now through the end of October so pick a slot and smell that freshly cut grass! Visit <https://www.ccamherst.org/sos/> and use the SignUp Genius link. Details will be sent in a confirmation email.

Questions? Contact [Tim Wiegand](#).

**SHARE FOOD PANTRY** requests for July include pancake mix and syrup, condiments, cooking sauces and seasonings, cooking oil, jelly, and cold cereal. 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!

## Our Church Calendar

July 4—10, 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
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Men's Fellowship

*Sunday, July 4, 2021*