

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



*"I hear and I forget.
I see and I remember.
I do and I understand."*

—Confucius

THE ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Congregational Church, United Church of Christ
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October 17, 2021

Mission 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

Dance at the Organ

Iteke Prins

*CALL TO WORSHIP

What does the Lord require of us?

**To do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with our God.**

What does God command of us?

**To love God with all our heart,
and all our soul,
and all our mind,
and all our strength,
and to love our neighbor as ourselves.**

God does not call us to ease or to comfort.

**But to presence, and abundance,
and grace in our efforts.**

Let us worship the God who believes in us,
and trusts in us, and abides with us.

**Let us worship the God who will ask much of us,
but will be beside us every step of the way.**

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

God of all might and mercy, we come here on this day, at this time to worship you. We come to learn and to grow, to connect and to forgive, to find peace and receive grace, and to open our minds to your unending love. We wish to be good people, good neighbors, good Christians. We desire integrity, love, and wisdom. And yet, we are full of limitations and faults. We have short attention spans and endless obligations, some more Christ-oriented than others. Help us, Gracious God, to slow down and re-orient our hearts to you. We pray that, despite everything, that you will help us to recognize the presence of the holy today, and continue to challenge us, inspire us, and make us into the people you want us to be.

We pray this to the one that Jesus called Abba, Father, saying...

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.

*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 10:25-37

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.' And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.'

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbor?' Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend." Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'

SERMON

"Folding Cranes"

ANTHEM

Amazing Grace

Maya Gascoyne, piano

JOYS AND CONCERNS and PASTORAL PRAYER

If you have a prayer to share, fill out a prayer card in your pew and place it in the "Joys and Concerns" plate at the back of the sanctuary. Ushers will bring the cards forward to the pastor during the Anthem.

INVITATION TO OUR OFFERING

Mission Moments

Terri Behm,
Michael Lucow,
Cindy Thomas

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

Lord, we strive to be people of active faith. We seek to widen our understanding of who is our neighbor, and respond with kindness and mercy. We pray that with this gift and with our very lives, we will start to create the world we so long to see, and transform our own lives in the process. Amen.

COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

John Hughes/
arr. J. Bert Carlson

THE LIGHT OF CHRIST GOES OUT INTO THE WORLD

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

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

*Today's call to worship was written by Eliza Buchakjian-Tweedy,
Pastor at First Church Congregational, Rochester, NH.*

The Lectionary texts for the next two weeks are:



October 24: Job 42:1-6, 10-17 and Psalm 34:1-8, (19-22)
Jeremiah 31:7-9 and Psalm 126
Hebrews 7:23-28
Mark 10:46-52

October 31: Ruth 1:1-18 and Psalm 146
Deuteronomy 6:1-9 and Psalm 119:1-8
Hebrews 9:11-14
Mark 12:28-34

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.

Worship Notes:

- Church school is available for children Pre-K through grade 7.
- The nursery is not currently staffed. Parents with very young children are welcome to use it during worship.
- Joys and Concerns may be written on the cards found on the small table as you entered the sanctuary. You are also welcome to submit your prayer request through our website in advance of the worship service.
- Offering plates can be found at the front and the rear of the sanctuary.
- Please join us in the memorial garden for fellowship after the worship service, weather permitting.
- 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 church school.

The church office is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10:00 to 1:00 p.m., and available Monday through Friday by telephone 673-3231 and 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

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Members and Friends of The Congregational Church

Rev. Maureen R. Frescott

Rev. Katherine R. Kennedy

Michael Havay

Maya Gascoyne

Members and Friends of the World Service Team

Sara L. Phelps

Wendy Valeri

Gretchen Davis

Ministers to the World

Senior Pastor

Associate Pastor

Organist/Accompanist

Musician

Director of Music

Bell Choir Director

Interim Children's Coordinator

SANCTUARY TOUR: All church school children are invited to tour the sanctuary on Sunday, October 24 after the worship service. Pastor Maureen and Pastor Kate will provide an up close look at all the pieces of the altar, show how the church bell is rung, and give the children a chance to hear music played on the organ. Masks will be required. Contact Gretchen Davis for more information.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED on Sunday mornings to help run the live-stream camera and laptop during worship. It's easy and we are hoping to train a few more folks so the rotation is easy on everyone. Contact Doug Topliffe if you'd like to learn.

PS: Donations towards the cost of this new technology continue to be gratefully accepted.

KITCHEN KIT DRIVE: As part of this year's *Be a Blessing* theme, October is 'Do Good' month, and the World Service team is taking this to heart by hosting a Kitchen Kit drive. These kitchen kits are a staple of our **Home Starter Program** – every Home Starter recipient has needed one of these kits and we like to have several on hand. Sign up for items using our SignUp Genius link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040e48a8ac2aa4ff2-kitchen>

(on both the SOS and Home Starter pages). We will send you a confirmation email with detailed information. You can shop on your own locally or use our Amazon Wish List.

Financial Summary

(as of September 30, 2021)

	YTD <u>Actual</u>	YTD <u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Income	\$144,127	\$160,997	\$(16,870)
Expenses	\$138,490	\$135,240	\$(3,249)
Net Income	\$ 5,637	\$ 25,757	\$(20,120)

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).

A NEW LOOK AT THE OLD TESTAMENT: Is the OLD Testament still relevant today? Who wrote it and why? This fall, we'll continue to take a NEW look at the OLD Testament through this video lecture series produced by the Great Courses. We'll watch the video together as a group and then have a discussion facilitated by Pastor Maureen.

The class continues on October 20, and meets every first and third Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. We'll meet on Zoom, but anyone who feels comfortable gathering in-person at the church is welcome to do so (masks are required). All are welcome! Please RSVP to pastormaureen@ccamherst.org to receive the Zoom link, or access the link through the *Members* section of our church website (Go to *Zoom Mtg Links*, look for *Wednesday Morning Adult Ed*).

DONATED ALTAR FLOWERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME: Flowers can be given to remember a loved one or to celebrate a special occasion. The donor arranges with a local florist to have their chosen flowers delivered, or can create their own arrangement and deliver it on Saturday. After the service they may take the flowers home or donate them to someone in need of some cheer. There are many openings in the coming months. Contact Andrea in the church office to schedule a Sunday.

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



Meet the members of our **World Service Team**

*We thank them for all their energy,
hard work and dedication!*

Terri Behm - Has a magical mini van that somehow fits whatever it needs to fit.

Lee Bowley - Can back up a trailer in any conditions!

Cindy Boynton - Details are her jam.

Susan Holden - Do you need something? She's a got a contact...

Liz MacMillan Stewart - MIBOX master of organization.

Bruce Manchester - The deer and rabbits were thrilled he revived the church garden.

Karen O'Malley - Who you gonna call? Actually, she calls most of our families to determine needs.

Nancy Protzmann - Follow the money. She keeps us on track.

Craig Richardson - Always ready to serve in the clutch.

Carol St. Jean - Staying young by Stepping Stones with youth in need.

Honorary Members:

Ken D'Ambrosio - Terri's plus one. Can soon put furniture moving on his resume.

David Stowe (Karen's husband) - Built an amazing farmstand and lends helping hands on request.

Don Holden - Don and his trusty trailer are valuable supporters of our program.

Sunday, October 17, 2021

Our Church Calendar

October 17—23, 2021

Some 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	9:50 a.m.	Church School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship—Sanctuary
	11:00 a.m.	Fellowship—Memorial Garden
	11:30 a.m.	Christian Ed Team—Parlor
	1:00 p.m.	Middle High Youth Group
	4:00 p.m.	Senior High Youth Group
Monday	10:00 a.m.	Woman's Association—Vestry
	6:00 p.m.	Budget & Finance Team
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	<i>A New Look at the Old Testament</i>
Thursday	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir—Sanctuary
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir—Sanctuary