

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



*“If uncertainty is unacceptable to you, it turns into fear.
If it is perfectly acceptable, it turns into increased aliveness,
alertness, and creativity.”*

— Eckhart Tolle

THE ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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

May 22, 2022

Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

Easter Dialogue

Melchior Vulpius/
Gilbert M. Martin

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, worship the living God.

Many: In times of great uncertainty, we can be certain that God is here.

One: Come, worship the living God.

Many: In times of great injustice, we can be certain that God sides with the oppressed.

One: Come, worship the living God.

Many: In times of great violence, we can be certain that God yearns for peace.

One: Come, worship the living God.

Many: In times of great fear, we can be certain that God has great plans for us.

One: Come, worship the living God.

Many: Let us worship the God who is with us always. Let us follow the God who loves us dearly.

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

Loving God, we come to you this morning with all manner of needs and hopes. We come to this sanctuary to set aside the hubbub of our daily lives. We come to this sanctuary hoping to be filled with a sense of your presence, with the touch of your spirit, with new energy for service. And so, we pray that you would join us here in this hour of worship. Meet us in our need, and through this worship, empower us to bring your wisdom, mercy, and hope to the world. We pray all this in the name of the one who came to reconcile the world to you, Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray 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.

THIRD GRADE BIBLE READING

Abby Endres - Acts 20:35
Ivan Gascoyne - Mark 10: 13-16
Evan Greer - Matthew 5:13-16

*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

ANTHEM

The Love of Jesus
Bell Choir

Naida Hearn/ Robert Hull

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 14:22-29

Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, 'Lord, how is it that you will reveal yourself to us, and not to the world?' Jesus answered him, 'Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

'I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, "I am going away, and I am coming to you." If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

SERMON

"Revealing Jesus"

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.

ORGAN RESPONSE

SHARING OUR OFFERINGS – LITANY FOR PEW BIBLE DEDICATION

One: Blessed are you, Lord God of all ages.

Many: Through your Spirit, you inspired holy scriptures to be written for our learning.

One: We thank you for the many hours we spent with our former pew Bibles,

Many: and all of the hope and peace they brought us.

One: We now dedicate these new pew Bibles,

Many: that they may be used for your service and to your glory.

One: Pour out your blessing on all that read them,

Many: that through them your love, grace, mercy, and justice may be revealed.

One: Grant all who use them comfort and revelation through your Word,

Many: that they may embrace the Good News of everlasting life.

All: Amen.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

To Be at Peace

Franklin Ritter

*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.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

Lord God, take our offerings—our offerings of time, talent, and money—for what they are intended to be: a reflection of our love for you and our appreciation for the world you have given us. May they be used for the furthering of your Kingdom here on earth. In Jesus's name we pray, Amen.

*COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION

*THE LIGHT OF CHRIST GOES OUT INTO THE WORLD

*POSTLUDE

Trust and Obey

Daniel B. Towner/
Robert J. Powell

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

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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.
- Our church nursery is open, but not currently staffed, and is available when parents with young children feel the need for a quiet, safe space to go to during worship. A monitor is available to watch and listen to the service.
- 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.
- 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.
- Please join us in the community room for a time of fellowship after the worship service. Coffee and beverages are offered.
- 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. Katherine R. Kennedy

Sara L. Phelps

Michael Havay

Wendy Valeri

John Swanson

Dick Stout

Gene Heighton and Joan Lyons

Doug Topliffe

Rev. Maureen R. Frescott

Gretchen Davis

Ministers to the World

Associate Pastor

Director of Music

Organist/Accompanist

Bell Choir Director

Deacon in Charge

Liturgist

Ushers

Videographer

Senior Pastor

Interim Children's Coordinator

TODAY IS LEVI SUNDAY! Join us after worship and help us clean up our grounds. Projects include cleaning the parking lot of sand, cleaning church and parsonage flower beds and garden areas, general grounds clean up, spreading bark mulch. Bring tools for the jobs you'd like to help with. Many hands make light work!

SHARE FOOD PANTRY requests for May include canned ham, canned meats, side dishes (seasoned pasta mix, hamburger helper, etc.), ravioli & beefaroni. 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!

FAITH PROMISE: Our 2022-2023 fiscal year **Stewardship Campaign** is underway. As of Friday, May 20, we have received pledges from 110 families, totaling \$313,590. Thank you to all that have responded so far. To those who are still considering your pledge, you can email your intents to Andrea at andrea@ccamherst.org, mail in your pledge intentions, call Andrea (673-3231) or go to the church website <https://www.ccamherst.org/stewardship-pledge/>

LAWN MOWING TEAM: Our beautiful lawn needs attention! If you are able to be a part of the 'mowing team' please sign up either through our website or by contacting Tim Wiegand. It doesn't take long and we would be most appreciative of your hard work! We will send you specific instructions in a confirmation email. Thank you!

WOMAN'S ASSOCIATION'S Annual Meeting and Potluck Salad Luncheon: WA members and friends are invited to attend our celebration of Spring and the year's accomplishments on Monday, May 23rd at 10:30 a.m. in the vestry. We especially extend this invitation to those who made a donation, helped sort rummage items, or shopped at our rummage sale or holiday on-line auction. Our success is due to your support.

The brief meeting portion of the morning will include Adrienne's Annual Report and Installation of Officers, followed by a potluck of delicious salads and desserts.

Please contact Claire Choiniere at 603-554-1987 or Claire.choiniere@yahoo.com to sign up and prevent a duplication of dishes.

NURSERY COORDINATOR NEEDED: The position of Nursery Coordinator was created to provide consistent, quality care to children in our nursery during worship. This person may also provide care before and after worship for children through secondnd grade whose parents are involved in choir, worship preparation, or adult education programs.

The Nursery Coordinator, as a part time employee of the church, will be on site from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. each Sunday of the normal church schedule (10:00 a.m. worship). The position will pay \$15.50/hour. This position will start on Rally Sunday, September 11, 2022.

Applicants for this position should be 18 years of age or older.

If you have any questions about the position, Sue Werst is the CE Ministry Coordinator and the point person for this position.

Our Church Calendar

May 22—29, 2022

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	10:00 a.m.	Worship
	11:00 a.m.	Fellowship
	11:15 a.m.	Racial Justice Group
	11:30 a.m.	Levi Sunday
	4:00 p.m.	Senior High Youth Group
Monday	11:00 a.m.	WA Annual Meeting & Luncheon
Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting
Thursday	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir

Financial Summary

(as of April 30, 2022)

	YTD <u>Actual</u>	YTD <u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Income	\$350,939	\$368,146	\$(17,207)
Expenses	\$369,919	\$373,009	\$ (3,090)
Net Income	\$ (18,979)	\$ (4,863)	\$(14,116)

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).

Sunday, May 22, 2022



*Thank you to all who made donations
for our new pew Bibles.*

Jessica Bortolotto

Sally Brown Bowkett

Andrea Cyr

Russ & Sandy Demarest

Brian Dillon

Eugene Heighton

Don & Susan Holden

Wilene Knight

Peter & Irene Labombarde

Linda Lannin

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Woman's Association