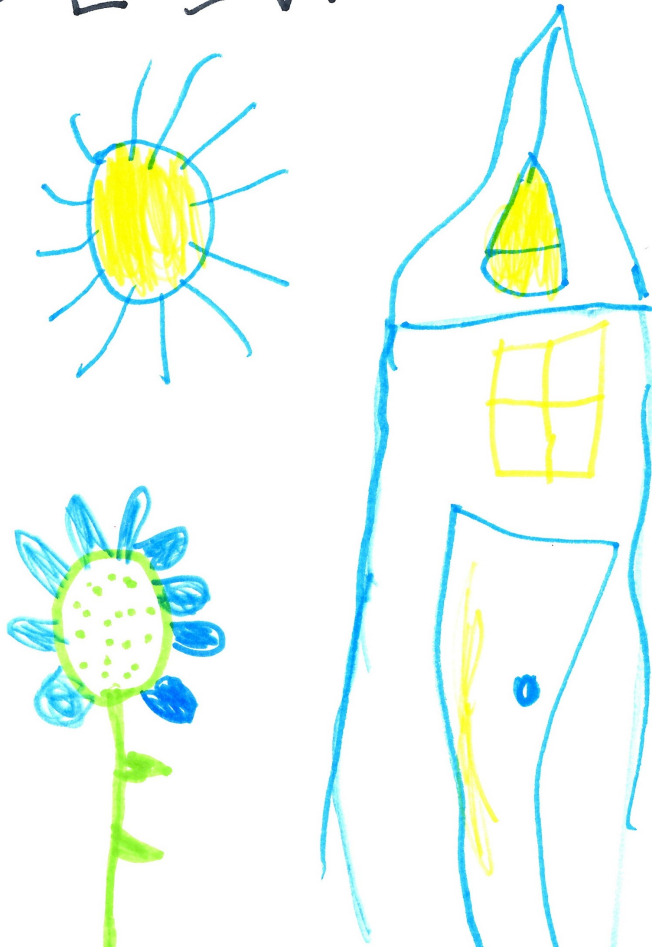


The Congregational Church, United Church of Christ
Amherst, New Hampshire

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"Children learn more from what you are, than what you teach."

- W.E.B. Du Bois

THE ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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

June 12, 2022

First Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m.

Children's Sunday—*Encourage Others*

GATHERING CHIMES

Let us be gathered in silence so that we may prepare to worship.

GREETING AND NOTICES OF PARISH LIFE

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Julia Bortolotto, Jolene Davis, Nicholas Endres,
Adam Massicotte, Siobhan Merrigan, Grace Riley

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Give thanks to God, for God is good!

Many: God's steadfast love endures forever.

One: God is with us always,

Many: Encouraging us every day.

One: When we feel weak,

Many: God gives us strength.

One: When we feel tired,

Many: God gives us energy.

One: When we feel scared,

Many: God makes us brave.

One: Give thanks to God, for God is good!

Many: God's steadfast love endures forever.

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

Eric Davis

Holy God, thank you for all of the ways you encourage us every day. When we feel stressed or scared, you remind us that you are in charge and we don't need to worry. When we feel lonely or sad, you are there to talk to and to listen. When we feel misunderstood or lost, you see us for who we truly are, and show us the way. By encouraging us, you show us how to encourage others. Help us to share your love, compassion, grace, and mercy to all whom we meet, so that your light will shine through us and into the world. We pray all this in the name of Jesus, 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.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Larissa Riley and Beacon

TEACHER APPRECIATION

Gretchen Davis

*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 10:13-16

Abby Endres

"People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them,

"Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them."

SERMON

"Let the Little Children Come to Me"

Alison Batey

*HYMN

This Is My Father's World

No. 293

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

Dave Hagerstrom's Middle School Class

OFFERTORY MUSIC

*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)

Owen Davis

Dear God, take everything we have learned, everything we have offered, and everything we are, and put it to use. May our education bring us closer to you, our gifts bring us closer to your beloved world, and our dreams bring us closer to the coming of your Kin-dom here on earth. Amen.

*COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION

*THE LIGHT OF CHRIST GOES OUT INTO THE WORLD

*POSTLUDE

(*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

Alison Batey

Sara L. Phelps

Michael Havay

Russ Demarest

Gretchen Davis

Church School Children

Ministers to the World

Associate Pastor

Guest Preacher

Director of Music

Organist/Accompanist

Deacon in Charge

Interim Children's Coordinator

Liturgists

Videographer

Rev. Maureen R. Frescott

Wendy Valeri

Senior Pastor

Bell Choir Director

TODAY IS CHILDREN'S SUNDAY: Join us in celebrating this past year's church school program. After worship, the Fellowship Team is hosting an ice cream social in the community room, where you can also view a slide show from the Capital Campaign showing the projects over the last four years.

STEPPING STONES: On Monday, June 13, the Woman's Association will host a guest speaker, Kathy Farland, the Executive Director of *Stepping Stones*, an agency which serves homeless youths in Nashua. (www.steppingstonesnh.org)

The program will take place in the church vestry beginning at 10:15 a.m. All interested church members are welcome to attend.

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!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is currently looking for donations for our upcoming week of fun and adventure! If you would like to donate much needed items for our VBS please check out our Amazon Wish List at www.ccamherst.org/sos/. Donations can be bought locally or online and should be delivered or dropped off to the church by August 7.

JULY 4 HELP WANTED: The Fellowship Team is looking for volunteers to donate unfrosted cookies, 2 per baggie. We especially need volunteers on July 4, 9:00 a.m. until 12:45 p.m. to pass out brochures and cookies as well as face painters/temporary tattoo applicators. Shifts start at 9:00, 10:15, and 11:30 so not a huge commitment! Youth welcome! Set up at 8:00 a.m. and take down help also needed. For details and to sign up please contact Carol at carollandon@gmail.com or text/call 603-494-7734 or contact Sue Werst 603-759-5344.

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 second 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

June 12—, 218022

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
	4:00 p.m.	Senior High Youth Group
Monday	11:00 a.m.	Woman's Association
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Diaconate
	7:00 p.m.	Trustees of the Facility

COVID-19 Protocols as of 4/2/22

Thank you for your ongoing patience as we navigate gathering as a community during this time of uncertainty. Here are the guidelines for in-person worship and using the church building:

- 1. Masking is optional throughout the church including worship, fellowship hour, church meetings, etc.*
- 2. Social distancing is optional in worship. Those who still prefer to keep a social distance while seated in the pews are encouraged to use the "Social Distancing Cards" (found at the back of the sanctuary) to create personal space.*
- 3. Friendship Registers are passed at the beginning of worship. We are no longer taking names at the door of the sanctuary.*
- 4. Offering plates are passed during worship.*
- 5. The Passing of the Peace will remain as it has been most recently: hug the one you're with and wave or share the "peace" sign with those around you.*
- 6. The choir is singing during worship, and we have reintroduced hymns to the service.*
- 7. During communion, bread and juice will be passed by the deacons throughout the congregation.*

If you have any questions about our COVID-19 protocols, please do not hesitate to reach out to a member of our reopening team or one of the pastors.

Sunday, June 12, 2022



**Don't forget to register for
Vacation Bible School 2022**

***Discovery on Adventure Island:
Quest for God's Great Light!***

Our island adventure will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on August 15-19. VBS is open to children from preschool to rising 5th grade. We will have daily snacks, crafts, science, games, songs, Bible stories, and more! Cost is \$25 per child with a family maximum of \$60.

But that's not all. Parents with infants and toddlers are invited to come join the fun in their own Parent and Me class.

You can sign up online at www.myvbs.org/CCAmherst. Once registration and payment are complete each family will receive their very own music CD!

For more information about Discovery on Adventure Island VBS contact Gretchen Davis at churchschool@ccamherst.org or visit our church's website at www.ccamherst.org

