

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



*“Embrace diversity.
Unite— Or be divided, robbed, ruled, killed
By those who see you as prey.
Embrace diversity
Or be destroyed.”*

— Octavia E. Butler, *Parable of the Sower*

THE ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Congregational Church, United Church of Christ
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June 19, 2022

Second Sunday after Pentecost

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

Fanfare on "Nicaea" (Holy, Holy, Holy)

John B. Dykes/
arr. Nancy Hill Cobb

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: As we gather for worship, oh God, help us let go...

Many: Of the fears and anger that trap us.

One: As we gather for worship, oh God, help us let go...

Many: Of the worry or stress that distract us.

One: As we gather for worship, oh God, help us pick up...

Many: The gift of your peace that soothes and strengthens us.

One: As we gather for worship, oh God, help us pick up...

Many: The gift of your grace that always forgives us.

One: As we gather for worship, oh God, help us pick up...

Many: The gift of your call that empowers and emboldens us.

One: As we gather for worship O Lord, help us say together,

Many: We are here. We are not alone.

Jesus Christ is among us today.

Alleluia! Amen.

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

Holy God, you who made each of us and unite us in this community, may this service be a meaningful offering before you. Though we do not always feel it, remind us that our diversity makes our church resilient and beautiful. Though we do not always see it, remind us that our differing perspectives and experiences strengthen and enliven us for the work of your church in the world. Though we do not always long for it, remind us that the things that challenge us inspire us to grow into the people you long for us to be. In this hour of worship, may we open our hearts to receive your word, open our minds to new ideas, and open our spirits for your service. We pray this in the name of the one we strive to follow, 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.

*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Corinthians 12:12-26

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot were to say, ‘Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body’, that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear were to say, ‘Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body’, that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, ‘I have no need of you’, nor again the head to the feet, ‘I have no need of you.’ On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it.

SERMON

“Unity without Uniformity”

ANTHEM

Give Me Jesus
Sara Phelps, soprano
Michael Havay, piano

Jack Shrader

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

INVITATION TO OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Father, Most Holy

David Cherwien

*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)
Faithful God, you have given us each of us gifts to use as members of the body of Christ. We offer today the fruits of these gifts, a portion of the resources put into our hands for such a time as this. Bless them, and use them for the furthering of your justice and mercy here on earth. Amen.

*HYMN *Though I May Speak* No. 335

*COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION

*THE LIGHT OF CHRIST GOES OUT INTO THE WORLD

*POSTLUDE *Fanfare Postlude* Douglas E. Wagner

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

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*Portions of today's service were adapted from worship resources
written by Rev. Shannan R. Vance-Ocampo, posted on Liturgylink.com.*

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 on break for the summer. Young children are welcome to choose an activity from our **"A Child in Church" Basket** to bring to the pew with their families.
- 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.

The church office is available 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

Rev. Heidi Carrington Heath

Sara L. Phelps

Michael Havay

Russ Demarest

Leona Hendrickson, Carol Landon

Ministers to the World

Associate Pastor

Guest Preacher

Director of Music

Organist/Accompanist

Deacon in Charge

Ushers

Rev. Maureen R. Frescott

Wendy Valeri

Gretchen Davis

Senior Pastor

Bell Choir Director

Interim Children's Coordinator

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!

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

GARDEN FLOWERS: Fresh cut garden flowers are lovely for simple altar arrangements during the summer. If you can provide a bouquet of cut flowers, or can simply contribute flowers for a bouquet, please contact Sue Stout or Andrea in the church office to schedule a Sunday. Thank you for sharing your flower gardens!

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.

Our Church Calendar

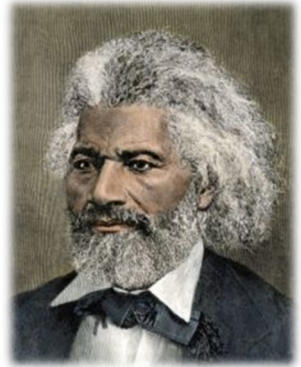
June 19—25, 2022

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
Monday	10:00 a.m.	WA Workshop
	6:00 p.m.	Budget & Finance Team

Frederick Douglass Speech Event

Friday, July 1 at 12:00 p.m.



On July 5, 1852, Frederick Douglass, an abolitionist and heroic orator for liberty, delivered one of his most famous speeches in which he asked, “What to the slave is your Fourth of July?” In addressing an Independence Day observance in Rochester, New York, his speech was an indictment of an American idealism that ignored and accepted the inhuman treatment of enslaved African Americans as part of the country’s identity and economy. Ironically, even though Douglass’ words spoke directly to this moment in history, they still ring with an unsettling power today.

On Friday, July 1, 2022, CCA’s Racial Justice Group is hosting a reading of Douglass’ historic protest speech. The reading will take place on the steps of the church opposite the Village Green. Come and listen to part or all of the speech and then join us for refreshments and discussion in the Memorial Garden. The reading will begin at 12:00 noon.

Sunday, June 19, 2022

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.