

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



*“What you seek is seeking you.”*

—Rumi

# THE ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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July 10, 2022

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m.

GATHERING CHIMES

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

GREETING AND NOTICES OF PARISH LIFE

PRELUDE

*Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown*

trad. Scottish/  
arr. Dale Wood

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The world calls to us in its distress. How shall we answer?

**Many: We cannot pass by as though nothing is wrong.**

One: Our neighbor calls to us in need. How shall we answer?

**Many: We cannot become so focused on ourselves that others mean nothing to us.**

One: God calls us to serve. How shall we answer?

**Many: We shall be the neighbor in service, reconciliation and compassion wherever we can.**

One: Let us worship together, at the feet of Jesus.

**Many: We come to hear God's call and discover our answer.**

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

Our hope is in you, Lord, our hearts belong to heaven. Our hope is the gospel, the word of the truth that you brought to us. May it bear abundant fruit in our lives. Let the whole world be filled with your hope! As we grow in faith, help us truly comprehend your grace, O God; help us understand this amazing race, as we seek to lead lives worthy of you, O Lord. Hear us now as we pray the words Jesus taught us to pray...

**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 neighbour 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 neighbour 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

“Compassionate Neighbors”

ANTHEM

*Here I Am, Lord*  
Michael Havay, piano

Daniel L. Schutte/  
arr. John Carter

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

*O Perfect Love*

Joseph Barnby/  
arr. Robert J. Powell

\*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)

Loving God, who in Christ has already come alongside our neighbors in the country and around the world, we bring these gifts and ourselves in fresh dedication to your service. May these offerings enable your church to render loving ministry to those in need, through the same Christ our strong Savior. Amen.

\*HYMN

*When Morning Gilds the Skies*

No. 487

\*COMMISSION AND BLESSING

\*THE LIGHT OF CHRIST GOES OUT INTO THE WORLD

\*POSTLUDE

*A Charge to Keep I Have*

Lowell Mason/  
arr. Dan R. Edwards

(\*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.*

*Portions of today's service were adapted from  
Worship Resources at [Ministrymatters.com](http://Ministrymatters.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 memorial garden, weather permitting, following worship to welcome visitors and friends and enjoy refreshments.
- 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](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 at [www.ccamherst.org](http://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. Charlotte E. Y. Bell

Michael Havay

Sally Hooper

Carol St. Jean

Heidi Fortune

Andrea Cyr

Ministers to the World

Guest Preacher

Organist/Accompanist

Deacon in Charge

Usher

Liturgist

Videographer

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Rev. Maureen R. Frescott

Rev. Katherine R. Kennedy

Sara L. Phelps

Wendy Valeri

Gretchen Davis

Senior Pastor

Associate Pastor

Director of Music

Bell Choir Director

Interim Children's Coordinator

**THE CHURCH IN THE VILLAGE**, the historical booklet containing columns written by Anne Krantz, is still available for purchase. They are being sold for \$15 (cash or check made out to the church). They can also be obtained from Sue Spiess or Kay Steeves or ordered through the church website.

**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!

**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 July include pancake mix and syrup, condiments, cooking sauces and seasonings, cooking oils, 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!

### Financial Summary

(as of May 31, 2022)

	YTD <u>Actual</u>	YTD <u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Income	\$374,956	\$396,688	\$(21,736)
Expenses	\$398,141	\$403,561	\$ (5,420)
Net Income	\$ (23,184)	\$ (6,873)	\$(16,311)

*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 (Treasurer), Doug Topliffe and Todd Whitney.*



## 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](mailto:churchschool@ccamherst.org) or visit our church's website at [www.ccamherst.org](http://www.ccamherst.org)



### **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, July 10, 2022*