

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



*"Whatever is hateful and hurtful to you, do not do to others.  
This is the entire Torah, the rest is commentary. Go learn."*

—The Talmud

# THE ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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

August 28, 2022

Twelfth 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

*Flute Sonata in G, HWV 363b - Adagio and Allegro*

G.F. Handel

Sue Werst, flute

Michael Havay, organ

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

*Please stand in body or in spirit.*

One: We come to listen to God,  
whose voice speaks from the tallest mountain  
to the depths of our humanity.

**Many: May the peace of God's words resonate within us!**

One: We come to marvel at the light of the Holy Spirit,  
which inspires us and provokes us  
to shine forth brilliantly in the darkness.

**Many: May the light of the Holy Spirit be the lamp to our true path!**

One: We come to follow Jesus wherever he leads us –  
for Jesus' way is love  
and the Good News is our guide.

**Many: May the path of Jesus lead us to change ourselves and our world!**

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

*The congregation may be seated.*

God of Good News,  
we are reminded this day  
that our faith is always personal but never private.

Bless our worship – our words, our prayers, our song  
so that we might have the motivation and the courage  
to live out our faith in tangible ways that change lives.  
In all that we do, may we do it for your Gospel.

As your Spirit draws us close, we pray the words that Jesus taught us:

**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

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you."

So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?"

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

SERMON

"Do Unto Others..."

ANTHEM

*Tendre Souvenir - Reverie*

Johannes Donjon

Sue Werst, flute

Michael Havay, 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.*

ORGAN RESPONSE

## SHARING OUR OFFERINGS

### OFFERTORY MUSIC

*For Love is All in All*

Carl Simone

#### \*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)

Gracious God, you offer us many opportunities to reach out to those who are in need of hope, healing, and financial support. You pour out your gifts upon us, trusting that we will share from our abundance so that others may receive your gifts as well. Receive these offerings of our time, talent, and treasure, multiply them, and use them in the work of grace and justice. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

#### \*HYMN

*Arise, Your Light Is Come!*

No. 411

#### \*COMMISSION AND BLESSING

#### \*THE LIGHT OF CHRIST GOES OUT INTO THE WORLD

#### \*POSTLUDE

*Our Lord, Master of All*

Rex Koury

(\*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 the liturgy have been adapted from  
LiturgyLink.net and Lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.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. Maureen R. Frescott

Michael Havay

Sue Werst

Sue Ruggiero

Gail Wiegand

Tim Wiegand

Ministers to the World

Senior Pastor

Organist/Accompanist

Guest Musician

Deacon in Charge

Liturgist

Videographer

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Rev. Katherine R. Kennedy

Sara L. Phelps

Wendy Valeri

Larissa Riley

Associate Pastor

Director of Music

Bell Choir Director

Church School Coordinator

**A REMINDER:** Next Sunday our worship service returns to 10:00 a.m.

**GOOD STUFF SALE - September 16 & 17:** The Woman's Association is still accepting donations for the sale: clothing in good condition for men, women and children; handbags and jewelry; linens. Donations can be left in the marked location in the vestry. The week of the sale, extra volunteers will be needed. See the days and times on the [WA page on the church website](#). And please help spread the word about this event! All proceeds benefit the church and local charities.

**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!

**RALLY SUNDAY IS SEPTEMBER 11!** Join us as we mark the start of a new program year. More information will be available in the September *Spire*.

### Financial Summary

(as of July 30, 2022)

	YTD	YTD	
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Income	\$92,402	\$93,291	\$ (889)
Expenses	\$69,453	\$72,453	\$(3,001)
Net Income	\$22,949	\$20,838	\$ 2,111

*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.*

## End of Summer Party!



We are excited to announce the “End of Summer” celebration at Baboosic Lake, hosted by the Dart family. There is fun for everyone—boat rides, tubing, and other activities.

**Sunday, August 28, 1:30 p.m. kickoff**

The Dart’s lake house can be found at 21 Lake Front St (take the right closest to public beach and follow the street all the way to the end). The Darts will provide burgers, hot dogs and corn. Please bring a side dish, a salad, or a dessert, and your own beverages.

Questions? Contact **Meredith Dart** (Cell: 603-305-9066)

**SHARE FOOD PANTRY** requests for August include toothbrushes and toothpaste, deodorants, shampoo and conditioner, bar soap, feminine hygiene products, diapers and wipes. 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!

## Our Church Calendar

**August 28—September 3, 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	9:00 a.m.	Worship
	10:00 a.m.	Fellowship
	1:30 p.m.	End of Summer Party
Monday	10:00 a.m.	WA Workshop
	7:00 p.m.	World Service Team

*Sunday, August 28, 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.*