

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



*"I have no idea what's awaiting me, or what will happen when this all ends.
For the moment I know this: there are sick people and they need curing."*

— Albert Camus

THE ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Congregational Church, United Church of Christ
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November 6, 2022

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost
All Saints Day

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

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

John Henry Hopkins/
Robert J. Powell

INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Please stand in body or in spirit.

One: Our God is the God of the living.

Many: God watches over us, protects us, and guides us.

One: Our God is the God of the dying.

Many: In God's kingdom, there is no suffering or pain, no illness and no death.

One: Our God is the God of the here and now.

Many: We seek justice and peace because we know that God is with us.

One: Our God is the God of the future.

Many: When God's love will reign, and all of our prayers will be answered.

All: Let us worship the eternal God, who's kingdom has no end.

*HYMN

For All the Saints

No. 526

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

The congregation may be seated.

Lord of all good things, join us here in this hour of our worship. May we feel your presence in our minds, so that we might learn and grow through the power of your word. May we feel your presence in our bodies, so that we might rest and feel renewed through song and prayer. May we feel your presence in our hearts, so that we might be changed by your love, in this time of worship, and throughout our lives. We pray this in the words that Jesus taught us, 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.

***GLORIA PATRI**

Glory to the Creator, and to the Christ, and Holy Spirit, One;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

COMMISSIONING OF CONFIRMANDS AND MENTORS

<u>Confirmand</u>	<u>Mentor</u>
Adelia Curtis	Shirley Curtis
Oriannah Dart	Sally Bowkett
Maya Gascoyne	Winter Gascoyne
Elizabeth Kennedy	Ali Wysor

***THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

ANTHEM

To Sing Once More
Chancel Choir

Craig Courtney

Awake our souls to sing once more the songs that long have silent been.
From troubled nights and fearful days, our notes of praise and joy begin.
Inspired by hope, compelled by grace, we sing Your everlasting praise.
Most Holy God, Your song we seek and trust in Your changing ways.
With comfort, Your eternal voice is music to our fainting soul.
It speaks in times of hurt and wrong, it whispers peace, it makes us whole.
Arise, His children, rise again, your God and maker now adore.
No longer silent, lift your voice, awake our souls to sing once more.

In memory of Carolyn Mitchell
April 12, 1942—September 2, 2021

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 20:27-38

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to him and asked him a question, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her."

Jesus said to them, ‘Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die any more, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive.’

SERMON “Children of the Resurrection”

*HYMN *We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight* No. 399

JOYS AND CONCERNS and PASTORAL PRAYER

If you have a prayer to share, fill out a prayer card in your pew. Cards will be collected by one of the pastors during the hymn after the sermon, and will be shared during Joys and Concerns.

CHORAL RESPONSE

INVITATION TO SHARE OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY MUSIC *Deep River* African-American Spiritual/
David Kidwell

*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)

Oh Lord, in this world there is poverty, suffering and injustice. In your kingdom, there is abundance, peace, and equity. Bless this offering. May it give sustenance, comfort, and hope to all who wait for the coming of your kingdom here on earth. Amen.

*HYMN *I've Got Peace Like a River* No. 368

*THE LIGHT OF CHRIST GOES OUT INTO THE WORLD

*COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE *Song for All Saints* Mary McDonald

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

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 in the pews and 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. Maureen R. Frescott

Rev. Katherine R. Kennedy

Sara L. Phelps

Michael Havay

Mark Baddeley

Tim Wiegand

Ministers to the World

Senior Pastor

Associate Pastor

Director of Music

Organist/Accompanist

Deacon in Charge

Videographer

Wendy Valeri

Larissa Riley

Bell Choir Director

Church School Coordinator

FRIENDSHIP BASKETS: On behalf of the congregation, your Diaconate is raising funds to purchase food gift cards for families in need in our local community. Most of the gift cards are passed on to the World Service committee which allocates funds to SHARE and the Amherst Junior Women's Club. These organizations have the natural processes in place to ensure that needy families are the ultimate beneficiaries. The deacons also provide gift cards to recipients who are connected to our church whom we know have special current needs.

During the first two Sundays in November, the Diaconate will invite donations to this traditional Friendship Basket collection. For those listening online or unable to join us in person, donations may be made through the church's website under the donations tab.

Your generosity in the past has been greatly appreciated, and the Diaconate thanks you in advance for any contribution for this Thanksgiving collection.

All Saints/Souls Day ***Remembering Those We've Lost***

October 2021 – October 2022

Carl Johnson — October 24, 2021

Rick Safarz — November 11, 2021

Anita Getler — January 23, 2022

Chris Trudo — February 12, 2022

Vern Trudo — February 25, 2022

Phyllis Hill — July 8, 2022

Charlotte Way — July 30, 2022

Winifred Strobel — August 5, 2022

Edward Obermiller — August 9, 2022

Christy Trudo — August 10, 2022

Charlie Bouchard — August 31, 2022

*Permission to podcast/stream the music
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WOULD YOU LIKE TO SING in our Youth Choir?

This group, led by Mrs. Phelps, meets in the vestry after church school on Sundays. Open to all ages! Grab a snack in the community room and come join us!

HELP WITH THIS YEAR'S HOLIDAY FAIR: A number of tasks are available for anyone who can help with this year's WA Holiday Fair on November 19. Set-up help is needed on Thursday, November 17, beginning at 1:30 p.m., and on Friday, November 18, beginning at 9:30 a.m. On the day of the fair, helpers are needed to greet customers and assist at sale tables during the fair, and to help with clean-up from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. Please contact Adrienne Topliffe (abtopliffe@comcast.net or 603-673-7436) to sign up to help in some way or if you have any questions.

SHARE FOOD PANTRY requests for November include pancake mix and syrup, condiments, cooking sauces and seasonings, cooking oil, 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 September, 2022)

	YTD <u>Actual</u>	YTD <u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Income	\$142,642	\$150,976	\$(8,334)
Expenses	\$142,931	\$145,147	\$(2,216)
Net Income	\$ (289)	\$ 5,829	\$(6,118)

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.

Levi Sunday is November 6 after worship

We have planned a number of outdoor activities, including raking and general lawn and grounds clean up.

Please bring your own rakes and tools to help accomplish the jobs you would like to help with.



Many hands make light work!

Our Church Calendar

November 6—12, 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
	11:15 a.m.	Fellowship
	11:15 a.m.	Levi Sunday
	11:15 a.m.	Youth Choir
	11:15 a.m.	Senior High Youth Group
	2:00 p.m.	Middle High Youth Group
Monday	10:00 a.m.	WA Workshop
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Trustees of the Facility
Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Diaconate
Thursday	9:30 a.m.	Congregational Care
	4:00 p.m.	Communications
Team	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir

Sunday, November 6, 2022

Breakfast With Santa Saturday, December 10, 2022



"Breakfast with Santa" is a special event sponsored by our church community and open to others in local towns to participate. This year's event will be Saturday, December 10 and will include two sittings: 9:00—10:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.—12:00 noon. A hot breakfast with a variety of options will be served, there will be organized games and crafts, and of course the opportunity visit with Santa himself. We will not have a photographer this year, but bring your phone or camera and take your own photos of your children with Santa. Santa's bookshop is open and each child gets to choose a recycled book.

We hope many church families will participate, a great event for grandparents to bring their grandchildren. The money raised goes back into our church. To register go to ccamherst.org. Tickets sales open November 1 for church members and November 7 for the public. Tickets are limited and are on a first come basis. Tickets are \$12.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children under 14; children 12-months & younger are free. Don't wait until the last minute, we usually sell out way before the event.

We are looking for donations of casseroles and other breakfast food from church members. If you are interested in helping please contact Marti Warren: martiwarren@comcast.net.

COVID-19 Protocols (as of 4/2/2022)

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.