

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



*“The truth about human beings is that we're broken.
The larger truth is that we heal.
The even larger truth is that we heal each other.
We have the power, often by the simplest of acts, to help each other heal.”*

— The Rev. Dr. Mary Luti

THE ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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June 11, 2023

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/
Nancy H. Cobb

INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Please rise as you are able in body or spirit.

One: People of God, gather round,
we have a story to tell -
**Many: of one who reached inside himself
and grabbed a handful of love and grace
and said: "This is for you."**

One: He said, "This is all you need -
it is all you will ever need,
**Many: for there is enough here
to change the whole world -
take it."**

One: Many laughed at him
or ignored the invitation,
**Many: but some dared to accept what he offered
and those who did
were changed.**

One: They discovered they had the power to heal -
they could stand with the lost
eat with the hungry
bring peace to the brokenhearted,

**Many: they found by offering what was given to them -
by grabbing a handful of love and grace
they became healers as well.**

One: And as they gave of themselves
others learned to do the same,

**Many: and many still do
and many still trust
it is enough to change the whole world.**

*HYMN

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
verses 1, 2 & 4 only

No. 376

PRAYER OF INVOCATION and THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)
The congregation may be seated.

God of Love and Grace,
as followers of Jesus,
you've anointed us
to live boldly and bountifully as he did.

We come before you seeking the courage to live into that call -
to recognize the power we have
to offer grace to our neighbors,
to push back when we encounter injustice,
to feed your beloved children
who hunger in a world of plenty.

We call on you today, healing God,
to make us courageous servants
of your justice, peace, and wholeness.
We pray in the name of the one who embodied your healing presence,
and 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.**

*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.

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

***THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

ANTHEM

Lord, Here Am I
Chancel Choir

John Ness Beck

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

SERMON

"Jesus was walking along..."

*HYMN

Wont You Let Me Be Your Servant?

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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

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

Marilyn Thompson

*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)**

O God of light, our hearts overflow with thanksgiving for the bounty of this world that you've given to us. As you have led us down the path of wholeness and grace, we seek to offer grace to others. We reach out to help, expecting no reward but the satisfaction of sharing what you have so richly entrusted to us. Bless our offering of self and substance, we pray. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

We welcome all people to join in receiving this sacrament. Children may participate at the discretion of their parents.

CALL TO COMMUNION

One: God be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

Many: We lift them to God.

One: Let us give thanks to God most high.

Many: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

COMMUNION PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

BREAKING OF THE BREAD and POURING OF THE CUP

CONSECRATING PRAYER

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

Communion at CCA is open to anyone who would like to partake. When you receive the bread, eat at your own pace, symbolizing our individual relationship with God. When you receive the juice, drink with the whole congregation, symbolizing our communion as the Body of Christ. The bread is gluten, egg, and dairy free and the juice is non-alcoholic, so that there may be no barriers to Christ's table.

ORGAN MEDITATION

Contemplation on "Davis"

Freeman Lewis/
Nancy H. Cobb

I Need Thee Every Hour

Robert Lowry/
Jason D. Payne

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (unison)

We give thanks, loving God, for feeding us at this table. Send us out into the world as followers of Jesus, as healers—full of courage, compassion, and commitment, and eager to be Christ's church in the world. Amen.

*HYMN

Come, O Fount of Every Blessing

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*THE LIGHT OF CHRIST GOES OUT INTO THE WORLD

*COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

Processional in B-flat

Anthony Giamanco

*(*Please rise as you are able in body or spirit.)*

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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 in the pews. 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 WORSHIP SERVICE

Members and Friends of The Congregational Church

Rev. Maureen R. Frescott

Sara L. Phelps

Michael Havay

Fran Baddeley

Mark Baddeley

Patricia Bodan

Ministers to the World

Senior Pastor

Director of Music

Organist/Accompanist

Deacon in Charge

Liturgist

Videographer

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given in honor of the wedding of Ariel Wiegand to Joshua Baker on Saturday, June 10th at Letchworth State Park in Castile, New York. Ariel is the daughter of Tim and Gail Wiegand.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is August 14th-18th! For more information regarding registration, volunteering, or donating with our Amazon Wish List, see the Church School Website: www.ccamherst.org/church-school

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!

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!

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, 9:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. to pass out cookies and brochures. Anyone who could assist with face painting and tattoos, especially youth, would be welcome! Please email Carol Landon at carollandon@gmail.com or text or call at 603-494-7734, or Sue Werst at sue.w.0323@gmail.com.

Our Church Calendar

June 11—17, 2023

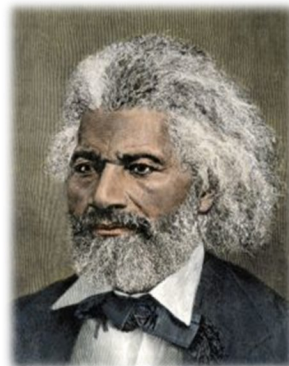
Some events are taking place virtually. Links are sent out directly by email, and a list of recurring meetings with their links can be found in the member section of our website.

Today	10:00 a.m.	Worship
	11:15 a.m.	Fellowship
	11:15 a.m.	Racial Justice Group
Monday	10:00 a.m.	WA Workshop
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Diaconate
	7:00 p.m.	Trustees of the Facility

Sunday, June 11, 2023

Frederick Douglass Speech Event

Saturday, 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 Saturday, July 1, 2023 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.