

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



*"In human beings, matter has become aware of itself.
In us, God has given all creation a voice."*

— Barbara Brown Taylor

THE ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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

*"No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here."*

May 26, 2024

Trinity Sunday

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

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

Diane Bish

INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Please rise in body or spirit.

One: Let us sing praises to our father/mother God,

Many: the Source of Love and Life, who creates us.

One: Let us sing praises to our brother Jesus,

Many: the Risen One, who lives among us.

One: Let us sing praises to our sister Wisdom,

Many: the Holy Spirit, who inspires us and guides us.

One: Let us worship our God – Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer!

All: Thanks be to God!

*HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
verses 1, 2 and 4 only

No. 138

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

The congregation may be seated.

**God of majesty and power,
you created the universe,
in all its vastness and unknowable mysteries.
Yet you come to us in love and tenderness,
knowing each of us by name,
longing to live with us in relationship.
We praise you, O God, for the miraculous truth,
that we are made in your image.
And every day you invite us
into the wonderful, creative, unpredictable
realm of your Spirit.
Open our hearts to hear your Word today,
and move us to bring more love and peace to your world.
May your sacred presence fill this place,
as we join together in the prayer 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.**

***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

God Is Seen
Chancel Choir

Alice Parker

SCRIPTURE INTRODUCTION

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 14:8-17, 25-27

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in

me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

“I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.”

SERMON

“Unity, Trinity, and Divinity”

*HYMN

God of Our Life

No. 275

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

Prelude on “Old Hundredth”

Louis Bourgeois/
Kevin Uppercue

*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)

Still Speaking God, receive our offering, that our church may come alive in the Spirit. Help us to use the resources that you have given us to further carry your presence into the world, in word and in deed. Guide us, inspire us, move us, so that we may build and sustain the peaceable community that you call us to be. Amen.

*HYMN

Womb of Life, and Source of Being

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*THE LIGHT OF CHRIST GOES OUT INTO THE WORLD

*COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

Te Decet Hymnus (A Hymn Befits You)

John E. West

*(*Please rise 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 on break this week and will resume next Sunday.
- Our church nursery is open, but not staffed today, and is available for parents with young children to use.
- 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.

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

Kevin G. S. Marsh

Sara L. Phelps

Michael Havay

Kathleen Bouchard

Sally Hooper, Gail Wiegand

Christie Gould, Avis Moller

Doug Topliffe

Ministers to the World

Senior Pastor

Acting Associate Pastor

Director of Music

Organist/Accompanist

Deacon in Charge

Deacons

Ushers

Videographer

ICE CREAM SOCIAL: Join us after the Children's Sunday worship on June 9 for our annual ice cream social, when we'll celebrate the end of the church school year.

SHARE FOOD PANTRY requests for May 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!

SCUBA Vacation Bible School 2024 will be held August 12-16 from 9:00 a.m. to noon. **Registration is now open** for children and/or youth volunteers at www.ccamherst.org/church-school. Contact Larissa Riley or Gretchen Davis with any questions.

Financial Summary

(as of April 30, 2024)

	YTD	YTD	
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Income	\$381,109	\$374,058	\$ 7,051
Expenses	\$366,603	\$381,154	\$(14,552)
Net Income	\$ 14,506	\$ (7,097)	\$ 21,603

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: Ken Bell, Don Lyon, Paul Spiess (Treasurer), Doug Topliffe, and Todd Whitney.



Home Starter

Furnishing New Beginnings

The Home Starter program is hosting a drive for the items that they need the most in the coming months. This ever-expanding program has already helped 32 families/individuals furnish their homes this year, with many more to come. Please consider donating some of the items below, or if you would prefer, you can provide a monetary donation, or consider helping out in other ways.

Items purchased below can be shipped directly (or dropped off) to the following locations:

Terri Behm
30 Woodland Dr, Amherst, NH 03031-2520

Donna Watson
9 Smithfield Terrace, Nashua, NH 03064

- [Kitchen Trash Can](#)
- [Cookware Set](#)
- [Coffee Maker](#)
- [Toaster](#)
- [Cookie Sheet](#)
- [Wastebasket](#)
- [Towel Set](#)
- [Laundry Basket](#)
- [Shower Curtain Liner](#)

Please visit the [Home Starter Page](#) for more details and information if you would like to help out in other ways. Questions? Contact homestarter@ccamherst.org



Sunday, May 26, 2024

Milford Rotary 100 Holes of Golf Raffle Tickets



- 10 cash prizes range from \$500–\$5,000. Yes, you could win \$5,000!
- Ticket price is \$20, and \$10 comes straight back to the church.
- Drawing Friday, June 14, 2024 – you do not need to be in attendance to win.
- Bonus: each ticket comes with great local coupons, including Giorgios, Aroma Joes, and more.

Each year this event raises considerable funds that are distributed to local, regional and international community and non-profit organizations, and are used to provide \$30,000 in scholarships to area students.

To purchase tickets, follow this link:

<https://golf100holes.com/product/raffle-ticket?ref=59>

Our Church Calendar

May 26—June 1, 2024

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
	11:30 a.m.	Racial Justice Group
Thursday	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation Dinner and Rehearsal
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir
Friday	4:00 p.m.	Wedding
Saturday	2:00 p.m.	Doberstein/Spector Wedding