

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



*"Children are not things to be molded,
but are people to be unfolded."*

- Jess Lair

THE ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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

June 9, 2024

Children's 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

All Things Bright and Beautiful

David Paxton

INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Please rise in body or spirit.

One: To all Children of God!

Many: Welcome!

One: To all seeking to pray!

Many: Welcome!

One: To all seeking to sing!

Many: Welcome!

One: To all seeking to serve!

Many: Welcome!

One: To all seeking to celebrate!

Many: Welcome!

One: To all seeking community!

Many: Welcome!

One: To all Children of God!

All: Welcome!

*HYMN

Jesus Loves Me

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PRAYER OF INVOCATION ("Repeat After Me Prayer")

The congregation may be seated.

One: Loving God,

Many: Loving God,

One: you are our creator,

Many: you are our creator,

One: and we are your children,

Many: and we are your children.

One: We come to you saying, "Thank You!"

Many: We come to you saying, "Thank You!"

One: We feel you with us today,

Many: We feel you with us today,

One: opening our hearts to your love.

Many: opening our hearts to your love.

One: We hear you all around us,

Many: We hear you all around us,

One: in our music and our prayers.

Many: in our music and our prayers.

One: We see you all around us,

Many: We see you all around us,

One: in the beauty of creation,

Many: in the beauty of creation,

One: and in the way we care for each other.

Many: and in the way we care for each other.

One: For our lives and your love,

Many: For our lives and your love,

One: we say, "Thank You!"

Many: we say, "Thank You!"

One: Amen!

Many: Amen!

TEACHER APPRECIATION

Larissa Riley, Vicky Leknes, Sue Werst

*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

ANTHEM

Misty Morning
Chancel Choir

Carl Nygard

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Third Grade Bible Verses

2 Corinthians 9:7

Nicholas Matthew Endres

Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

Ephesians 4:32

Shea Eve Gascoyne

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

Matthew 7:7

Julia Christine Greer

Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you.

Isaiah 41:13

Emma Katherine Houle

For I, the Lord your God, hold your right hand; it is I who say to you, "Do not fear, I will help you."

Mark 10:21

Fiona Ellen Schmidt

Let the little children come to me, do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

CALL TO THE OFFERING

Dedication of Children's Offering

SHARING OUR OFFERINGS AND PRAYERS

All are invited to write a prayer or draw a picture prayer on the post-it note included in the bulletin and then bring it forward to post on our prayer banner.

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

Children of the Heavenly Father

Don Hustad

PRAYER RESPONSE – THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

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 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION and 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

Tell Me the Story of Jesus

John R. Sweney/
Mary McDonald

Interlude on "Give Me Jesus"

Robert Lau

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (in unison)

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

*HYMN

This Little Light of Mine

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!
Let it shine! Let it shine! Let it shine!

Come put your hand in mine, I'm gonna let it shine!
Come put your hand in mine, I'm gonna let it shine!
Come put your hand in mine, I'm gonna let it shine!
Let it shine! Let it shine! Let it shine!

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine!
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine!
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine!
Let it shine! Let it shine! Let it shine!

*THE LIGHT OF CHRIST GOES OUT INTO THE WORLD

*COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

Fanfare Postlude

Douglas E. Wagner

*(*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 available for children Pre-K through grade 7.
- Our church nursery is staffed and available for parents with young children.
- 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
Kevin G. S. Marsh
Sara L. Phelps
Michael Havay
Sally Hooper
Steve Boczenowski, Roger Hooper, Gail Wiegand
Keira and Fiona Schmidt
Tim Wiegand

Ministers to the World
Senior Pastor
Acting Associate Pastor
Director of Music
Organist/Accompanist
Deacon in Charge
Deacons
Greeters
Videographer

THE ROSE ON THE ALTAR is from Roger and Sally Hooper, in celebration of the birth of their first great grandchild, Frederick James Clark Farrow, born June 3, 2024. Thanks be to God!

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, 9:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. to pass out cookies and brochures on the village green during the town activities. Please email Carol Landon at carollandon@gmail.com for more information or to sign up to help.

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.

Art Prep Days: We will be making decorations for VBS in the community room on July 16 & 17 from 10-2. All are welcome to help us make coral reefs, jellyfish, and more.

Seeking Supplies: We have created an Amazon wish list with supplies that are needed for VBS. Check it out at: <https://a.co/9vXGSgG>

SAVE THE DATE: Our annual end of summer Baboosic Lake BBQ Event, hosted by the Dart family, will be Sunday, August 18.

Ice Cream Social Today

All are welcome to join us in the community room after worship for our annual ice cream social, as we celebrate the end of the church school year.



THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH! Each day, visions and dreams are created in the hearts of many in the United Church of Christ. Through the Strengthen the Church offering, they can become a reality. As God calls our congregations to be “church” in new ways, your gift will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches, and develop spiritual life in our youth and young adults. Because of this offering, many more will hear the good news that “God is still speaking.” Your offerings are directed to your church’s Conference, and Local Church Ministries.

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

June 9—15, 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
Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	WA Board
	7:00 p.m.	Diaconate
	7:00 p.m.	Trustees of the Facility
Thursday	4:00 p.m.	Communications

Jesus Loves the Children!

