

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



*"Our ability to reach unity in diversity will be
the beauty and the test of our civilization."*

~Mahatma Gandhi

THE ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Congregational Church, United Church of Christ
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you are welcome here.”*

July 21, 2024

Ninth 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

*Prelude on “Evan”
(Help Us to Help Each Other, Lord)*

William H. Havergal/
arr. Gerald Peterson

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Please rise in body or spirit.

One: How do we worship God?
There are many ways!

Many: **We worship God in prayer,
in presence,
in persistence.**

One: We worship God in scripture,
in song,
in solitude.

Many: **We worship God in movement,
in miracles,
in masterpieces.**

One: We worship God in our words,
in our work,
in our wanderings.

Many: **We worship God in connection,
in Creation,
in community.**

All: **We worship God, together,
right here, right now.**

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

**God of sacred spaces
and simple places,
we worship you wherever we are
in whatever we are doing.
Help us to feel your presence
in this hour we've set aside
to hear your word, to lift up our prayers,
to seek your comfort, to sing your praise.
Hear our voices, receive our offerings,
enter our hearts, as we celebrate the gifts
you have given us in your grace.
Hear us now, as we pray together
using the words that Jesus has 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.

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

Steal Away
Chancel Choir Men

Brazeal Brennard

SCRIPTURE INTRODUCTION

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 11:1-9

Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. And as they migrated from the east, they came upon a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks, and fire them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves; otherwise we shall be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth." The Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which mortals had built. And the Lord said, "Look, they are one people, and they have all one language; and this is only the beginning

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of what they will do; nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. Come, let us go down, and confuse their language there, so that they will not understand one another's speech." So the Lord scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. Therefore it was called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth; and from there the Lord scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

SERMON "Lost in Translation"

*HYMN *Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant?* side page 5

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 the pastor during the hymn after the sermon, and will be shared during Joys and Concerns.

ORGAN RESPONSE

SHARING OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY MUSIC *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness* Anna Laura Page

*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)

Wherever people are in need - the broken, the hungry, the hopeless - you are with them, O God, healing them, feeding them, and sustaining them through the gifts that we return to you. Holy One, all that we have comes from you. May our gifts do your work in the world. Amen.

*HYMN *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* No. 514

*THE LIGHT OF CHRIST GOES OUT INTO THE WORLD

*COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *Variations on "Deo Gracias"* David Lasky

*(*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 for the summer, and will resume on Rally Day, September 8, 2024.
- Our church nursery is open, but not staffed during the summer months. It 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 memorial garden for a time of fellowship after the worship service. (In case of rain, we gather in the community room.) Refreshments are offered.
- In the event of an emergency, please remain seated until instructions have been given.

The church office is open for visitors Wednesdays and Fridays 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 Phelps

Michael Havay

Gail Wiegand

Russ Demarest, Roger Hooper

Peter Labombarde

Barbara and Ken Wolfe

Regina Kinney

Patricia Bodan

Ministers to the World

Senior Pastor

Director of Music

Organist/Accompanist

Deacon in Charge

Deacons

Liturgist

Ushers

Greeter

Videographer

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.

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

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 July include canned fruit, flour, sugar, coffee and tea, juice, instant rice, cold cereal, instant oatmeal packets, individually wrapped snacks. 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!

Red Cross Blood Drive

**Friday, July 26
12:00 to 5:00 p.m.**

Community Room
The Congregational Church
of Amherst, NH, UCC



Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter **ACCNH** to schedule an appointment.

Maximize your blood donation and help more patients.

If you are an eligible type O, B- or A- donor, consider making a **Power Red** donation. Red blood cells are the most commonly transfused blood component.

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

**Be part of something big.
Make an appointment.**



The Tower of Babel Word Search

At the bottom of the page is a list of words. These words are hidden in the puzzle. The words have been placed horizontally, vertically, and diagonally. When you find a word, draw a circle around it.



HEAVEN	WORDS	BRICK	LANGUAGE	BABEL	REACH
TOWER	SPEAK	CITY	CONFUSED	LOOK	BUILD