

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



*“Your most precious, valued possessions and your greatest powers are invisible and intangible. No one can take them away. You, and you alone, can give them. You will receive abundance for your giving.”*

~ W. Clement Stone

# 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."*

July 28, 2024

Tenth 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 "Gift of Finest Wheat"  
(You Satisfy the Hungry Heart)*

Robert E. Kreutz/  
Charles Callahan

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

*Please rise in body or spirit.*

One: The Spirit of God calls to us,

**Many: with sighs too deep for words.**

One: The Spirit of God calls to us,

**Many: claiming us,**

One: summoning us to become more than we now are.

**All: Calling us by name: God's children.**

\*HYMN

*God Is Here!*

No. 461

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

*The congregation may be seated.*

**Great and Mighty God, we seek your presence among us. We strain to hear your voice as it so often gets drowned out by the noise of the world. We pause to consider your works, your word, and your way. Speak to us now in spirit and in truth. Open your hand and our hearts that we may join in this moment of holy encounter. Forge us as a community committed to follow the path Jesus has marked for us. 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

*Gavotte*  
Natalie Berger, oboist

J.S. Bach

SCRIPTURE INTRODUCTION

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 6:1-21

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, 'Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?' He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, 'Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, 'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?' Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.' So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, 'This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.'

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, got into a boat, and started across the lake to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The lake became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the lake and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, 'It is I; do not be afraid.' Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land towards which they were going.

SERMON

"More Than Enough"

\*HYMN

*Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples*

No. 434

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      *Resignation (My Shepherd Will Supply My Need)*      William Walker/  
Charles Callahan

\*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)

**Gracious Lord, you have lavished upon us the riches of your glory. As Jesus fed the masses, providing enough for all with more than enough left over, so you have fed us and provided for us. You shelter us, care for us, and bring us safely to each stop on our journey. As you have given to us out of your abundance, we return our offering to you with praise and thanksgiving. Amen.**

\*HYMN      *Called as Partners in Christ's Service*      No. 343

\*THE LIGHT OF CHRIST GOES OUT INTO THE WORLD

\*COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE      *Passacaglia*      Girolamo Frescobaldi/  
Stanley E. Saxton

*(\*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](mailto: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](http://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. Charlotte E. Y. Bell

Michael Havay

Sally Hooper

Kathleen Bouchard, John Swanson

Alison Batey

Sue and Tom Werst

Christie Gould

Doug Topliffe

Ministers to the World

Guest Minister

Organist/Accompanist

Deacon in Charge

Deacons

Liturgist

Ushers

Greeter

Videographer

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Rev. Maureen R. Frescott

Sara Phelps

Larissa Riley

Senior Pastor

Director of Music

Church School Coordinator

**WE WELCOME** our guest musician, Natalie Berger, this morning.

**END OF SUMMER BBQ:** Save the date of Sunday, **August 18** and join us for some end of summer fun at the Dart family's lake house on Baboosic Lake in Amherst. The Darts will provide burgers, hot dogs and corn. Please bring a side dish, a salad, or a dessert to share, and your own beverages.

Questions? Contact Meredith Dart (meredith.dart@astellas.com or 603-305-9066).

**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](http://www.ccamherst.org/church-school). Contact Larissa Riley or Gretchen Davis with any questions.

**DRIVEWAY REPAIRS** are scheduled to start July 30 and we need to keep vehicles off the repaired areas for a few days. If you need to come to the church during the week, please park in the front of the building. We expect to do sealcoating of the driveway and parking lot sometime in August.

**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!



## Feeding Five Thousand

### Jesus Feeds 5000 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.

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breadbaskets	distributed	disciples	thousands
teaching	miracle	twelve	supper
hungry	Jesus	crowd	fish
boy			

*Sunday, July 28, 2024*