

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



*“May we have communion with God in the secret of our hearts,
and find God to be to us as a little sanctuary.”*

—Charles Spurgeon

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."*

November 10, 2024

Twenty-fifth 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

Modal Prelude

Gordon Young

INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Please rise in body or spirit.

One: Our God who is greater than we will ever comprehend,

Many: became one of us to be closer to us.

One: Our God who is more loving than our hearts dare imagine,

Many: invites us to be more loving to all, in all ways.

One: Our God who is wiser than we will ever know,

Many: teaches us how to reflect the image of our Creator.

One: Our God who is the Creator of all things,

Many: is the God we come to worship today!

*HYMN

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

No. 210

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

The congregation may be seated.

God of compassion,

You choose us to be bearers of grace to a broken world;

You call us to be words of hope to people burdened by despair.

Jesus, our teacher,

You call us to follow you so we might bring food to the hungry;

You model kindness for us so we might bring healing to the hurting.

Spirit of grace,

When we're anxious or fearful, you fill us with your peace

When our spirits are weary, you energize us with your hope.

Come dwell in us, Holy in One, as we pray as 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**

Glorify 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 CHILDREN AND YOUTH

OUR COVENANT WITH NEW MEMBERS

Invitation to our New Members:

Nancy Greenwood

Thomas Greenwood

Amy Uehling

Maddox Uehling

Questions of Commitment

***Congregational Covenant and Welcome (in unison)**

We welcome you with joy in the common mission and life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as together we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of Jesus' ministry in the world.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Greeting and Presentation of Certificates

ANTHEM

Come My Way, My Truth, My Life
Chancel Choir

Harold Friedell

***THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

SCRIPTURE INTRODUCTION

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 146

Praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord, O my soul!
I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God all my life long.
Do not put your trust in princes,
in mortals, in whom there is no help.
When their breath departs, they return to the earth;
on that very day their plans perish.

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the Lord their God,
who made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them;
who keeps faith forever;
who executes justice for the oppressed;
who gives food to the hungry.

The Lord sets the prisoners free;
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.
The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
the Lord loves the righteous.
The Lord watches over the strangers;
he upholds the orphan and the widow,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

The Lord will reign forever,
your God, O Zion, for all generations.
Praise the Lord!

SERMON

“Sanctuary”

*HYMN

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

No. 562

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

I Have No Help But Thee

James Langran/
Lani Smith

*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)

For life sustaining gifts that we so often take for granted – for shelter, food, and warmth; for your steadfast love that awakens us and rescues us from our wandering ways; for your word that guides and heals us – we give you thanks, gracious God. As we invest a part of all you entrust to us to further the ministries of this church, may we show others the immeasurable riches of your grace. Make this church a beacon of hope for our community and our world. Amen.

*HYMN

All My Hope on God Is Founded

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*THE LIGHT OF CHRIST GOES OUT INTO THE WORLD

*COMMISSION AND BLESSING

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

Little Prelude in D minor, BWV 554

attrib. J.S. Bach

*(*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
Rev. Charlotte E. Y. Bell
Sara L. Phelps
Michael Havay
Kathleen Bouchard
Russ Demarest, Sally Hooper
Fred Dyke, Sue Ruggiero
Christie Gould
Doug Topliffe

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

LEADING OUR CHURCH SCHOOL TODAY

Larissa Riley
Sue Werst
Larissa Riley
Dave Hagerstrom
Sheryl Gottwald
Gretchen Davis

Director of Youth Ministries
Teacher, Preschool /Kindergarten
Teacher, Grades 1 to 4
Teacher, Grades 5 to 7
Teacher's Assistant
Nursery Attendant

FRIENDSHIP BASKETS: On behalf of the congregation, your Diaconate is raising funds to purchase food gift cards for families in need in our local community. This week and next, the Diaconate will be passing the Friendship baskets to collect for Thanksgiving gifts. For those listening online or unable to join us in person, donations may be made through the church's website under the donations tab. In order to provide the gift cards to the families in time for Thanksgiving, we request donations be provided prior to November 11. Thank you for your generosity!

SHARE FOOD PANTRY requests for November 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!

THREE WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITIES: 'Tis the Season to purchase gifts for friends, family, and yourself! Following worship on Sundays in November, you will have the opportunity to purchase:

- ❖ **Tickets** for the **Christmas in Amherst Village House Tour** on Sat. Dec. 14 (\$40/\$45 on day of tour)
- ❖ Hand-poured, hand-painted **Ornaments** depicting our church (\$25). These ornaments haven't been available since 2013!
- ❖ A copy of **The Church in the Village: Stories About Its People and Its History** (\$20). Previous printings sold out!

All three opportunities will also be available at the Holiday Fair and at the CAV tour.



Saturday, December 7

Come have breakfast with Santa! All children, parents, grandparents, friends and neighbors are invited to join in the fun. Admission includes a hot breakfast, games, crafts and a visit with Santa. Each child will receive an age appropriate book. A professional photographer will not be on site so be sure to bring your phone/camera to take those special Santa photos!

There are two seatings:

Seating #1: 9:00 am-10:30 am.

Seating #2: 10:30 am-12:00 pm.

Seating is limited and sells out quickly every year so register today! ***Deadline to register is December 1.***

Please note: Santa comes regardless of weather and admission fees are non-refundable.

Admission fees:

\$12 14 years old and over

\$10 under 14 years old

Free for 12 months and under

To register for the event, <https://www.ccamherst.org/bws/>. Please make sure to put in the comment box the ages of the children so we can provide an age-appropriate book. Thank you.

Congregational Church
11 Church St. Amherst



Holiday Fair

Saturday November 23rd

9:00 am to 2:00 pm



Silent Auction
Bakery
Treasures
Pecans



Cabot Cheese
Jewelry



Wreaths
Raffle Baskets



Knits



Crafts

WE DON'T JUST
GO
TO CHURCH



WE
ARE
THE
CHURCH

Sunday, November 10, 2024

Our Church Calendar

November 10—16, 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
	11:15 a.m.	Youth Choir
	11:30 a.m.	Racial Justice Group
	6:00 p.m.	Senior Youth Group
Monday	10:00 a.m.	WA Workshop
Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	WA Board
	4:30 p.m.	Church Council
	6:00 p.m.	Diaconate
Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Budget & Finance Team
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Congregational Care
	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir