

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



*“Music gives a soul to the universe,  
wings to the mind,  
flight to the imagination  
and life to everything.”*

– attributed to Plato

# 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 10, 2026

Sixth Sunday of Easter

10:00 a.m.

## *MUSIC SUNDAY*

GATHERING CHIMES

*Let us be gathered in silence so that we may prepare to worship.*

GREETING AND NOTICES OF PARISH LIFE

PRELUDE

*Morning Has Broken*  
Bell Choir

arr. Linda R. Lamb

INTROIT

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

*Please rise in body or spirit.*

based on Psalm 150

One: Praise God in this sanctuary!

**Many: Praise God with trumpet sound!**

One: Praise God with lute and harp;

**Many: Praise God with tambourine and dance!**

One: Praise God with strings and pipe;

**Many: Praise God with loud clashing cymbals!**

One: Praise God with voices raised high!

**All: Let everything that breathes praise God!**

\*HYMN

*All Creatures of Our God and King*

No. 455

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

*The congregation may be seated.*

**God of birdsong, forest choruses, and waterfall symphonies;  
we hear your music all around us –  
in the crashing waves, in the desert winds,  
in the calling creatures of the night.**

**May we add our voices to the mix,  
lifting them up in joy and sorrow,  
in praise and protest, in harmony and solitude.  
Send your Spirit among us this morning,  
to energize our worship and enliven our witness to the world,  
in word and song and service.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray saying:**

**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.**

CHILDREN'S ANTHEM *A Place in the Choir* Bill Staines  
Youth Choir

MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

ANTHEM *Swingin' With the Saints* Mark Hayes  
Chancel Choir

\*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE  
The peace of God be with you. **AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

SCRIPTURE INTRODUCTION

SCRIPTURE READING Colossians 3:7-17

These are the ways you once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, enslaved and free, but Christ is all and in all!

Therefore, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

SERMON "Perfect Harmony"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CHORAL RESPONSE

SHARING OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY MUSIC

*Pastorale in F Major, BWV 590*

J. S. Bach

\*SONG OF BLESSING

Tune: *Lobe den Herren*

**Sing praise to God, who has shaped and sustains all creation!**  
**Sing praise my soul, in profound and complete adoration!**  
**Gladsome rejoice – organ and trumpet and voice – joining God’s great congregation.**  
**Sing praise my soul, the great name of your high God commending.**  
**All that have life and breath join you, their notes sweetly blending.**  
**God is your light! Soul, ever keep this in sight: Amen, Amen never ending!**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

**Loving God, your abundant gifts are offered to all of your children. You wait expectantly to hear our response. In this hushed moment, we respond by giving in return. We respond in word, melody, and harmony. We respond by praising your name in prayer. We respond by singing, “Glory be to God!” Amen.**

\*HYMN

*When in Our Music God is Glorified*

No. 264

\*COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION

One: We go from this place, speaking of what God has done.  
**Many: Reminding everyone that God loves us, always.**  
One: We go from this place, singing of what God is doing.  
**Many: Rejoicing that God’s Spirit is singing with us.**  
One: We go from this place, imagining what God will do.  
**Many: Witnessing to the hope that carries us forward.**  
**All: We go, making a joyful noise! Amen!**

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

\*THE LIGHT OF CHRIST GOES OUT INTO THE WORLD

\*POSTLUDE

*Toccata on “All Creatures of Our God and King”*

Gilbert M. Martin

(\*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](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. Maureen R. Frescott  
Rev. Charlotte E. Y. Bell  
Sara L. Phelps  
Michael Havay  
Colleen Cushing  
Sally Bowkett, Doug Topliffe  
Susan and Bruce Manchester  
Patricia Bodan

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

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## **LEADING OUR CHURCH SCHOOL TODAY**

Larissa Riley  
Kelly Isaacs  
Deb Boczenowski  
Matt Emmons  
Vicky Leknes  
Larissa Riley  
Melissa Lewis

Director of Youth Ministries  
Teacher, Preschool/Kindergarten  
Assistant Teacher, Preschool/Kindergarten  
Teacher, Grades 1 and 2  
Assistant Teacher, Grades 3 and 4  
Teacher, Grades 5 to 7  
Nursery Attendant

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## **OUR CHANCEL CHOIR**

Richard Affolter  
Mark Baddeley  
Charlotte Bell  
Steve Boczenowski  
Becky Bolin  
Peter Cipparone

Reid Cunningham  
Camille Davis  
Susan Deschenes  
Laurie Elwin  
Scott Hewett  
Jana Howe

Bruce Kinney  
Howell Mitchell  
Dave Phelps  
Kathe Richardson  
Beth Secor  
Kathy Skoglund

Joan Stone  
Susan Stout  
Sue Werst  
Tom Werst  
Barb Wolfe  
Ken Wolfe

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## **OUR BELL CHOIR**

Nancy Gagnon  
Cheryl Greany  
Kim Hagerstrom

Katie Henderson  
Rita King  
Avis Moller

Jean Pollack  
Jenn Rogers  
Beth Secor

Susan Stout  
Anita Swanson  
Barb Wolfe

# Updated Results of Our Faith Promise Stewardship Campaign

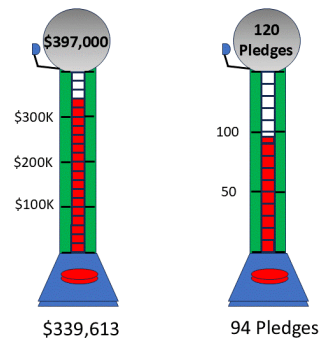
Our 2026-2027 fiscal year **Stewardship Campaign** is underway. Thank you to all that have responded so far. To those who are still considering your pledge, you can email your intents to Andrea at [andrea@ccamherst.org](mailto:andrea@ccamherst.org), mail in your pledge intentions, call Andrea (673-3231) or go to the church website <https://www.ccamherst.org/stewardship-pledge/>.

*Patricia Ansdell*  
*Herb & Emily Archer*  
*Mark & Fran Baddeley*  
*Cynthia Baker*  
*Terri Behm & Ken D'Ambrosio*  
*Ken & Charlotte Bell*  
*Gregg Berube*  
*Steve & Deb Boczenowski*  
*Patricia Bodan*  
*Gabe & Becky Bolin*  
*Jessica Bortolotto*  
*Kathleen Bouchard & Christie Gould*  
*Sally Bowkett*  
*Lee Bowley & Gail Miller*  
*Jack & Pat Buben*  
*Peter & Liz Cipparone*  
*Sydney Conti*  
*Wayne & Audrey Croswell*  
*Colleen Cushing*  
*Obadiah & Meredith Dart*  
*Eric Davis*  
*Gretchen & Tyler Davis*  
*Judi Dunbar*  
*Susan Deschenes & Fred Dyke*  
*Joan Egbertson*  
*Stephan Egbertson*  
*Matthew & Stephanie Emmons*  
*Matt & Laura Endres*  
*Alvin & Heidi Fortune*  
*Maureen Frescott*  
*Nancy & Andy Gagnon*  
*Edith Gамbee*  
*Sheryl Gottwald*  
*Nathan & Jessica Greer*  
*Dave & Kim Hagerstrom*  
*Brian & Alice Handwerk*

*Katie & Reid Henderson*  
*Leona Hendrickson*  
*Scott & Sally Hewett*  
*Susan & Don Holden*  
*Roger & Sally Hooper*  
*Jana Howe*  
*Kelly & Stephen Isaacs*  
*Patty Jillson*  
*Rita & Leigh King*  
*Bruce & Regina Kinney*  
*Romi Krosch*  
*Peter & Irene Labombarde*  
*Keith & Gail Lammers*  
*Tedd & Carol Landon*  
*Linda Lannin*  
*Art & Vicky Leknes*  
*Elizabeth Levesque*  
*Don & Carol Lyon*  
*Heather MacDonald & William Dallas*  
*Elizabeth MacMillan*  
*Ric & JoAnn Magro*  
*Bruce & Susan Manchester*  
*Ingrid Michaelis*  
*Kerri Miller*  
*Howell Mitchell*  
*Avis Moller*  
*Mary Moore*  
*Avery & Maude Morin*  
*Dan & Samantha Pawlowski*  
*Judy Peterson*  
*David & Sara Phelps*  
*David & Joan Poltack*  
*Nancy & Daniel Protzmann*  
*Craig & Kathe Richardson*  
*Travis & Larissa Riley*  
*Sue Ruggiero*

*Vic & Carolin Sanchez*  
*Paul & Maggie Schellenberg*  
*Kelly Schmidt*  
*Beth Secor*  
*Kathy Skoglund*  
*Paul & Sue Spiess*  
*Carol St. Jean*  
*Dick & Kay Steeves*  
*Sean & Ann Stevenson*  
*Dick & Sue Stout*  
*John & Anita Swanson*  
*Bill Swift*  
*Kate & Keith Thompson*  
*Holly Tonnesen*  
*Jean Tonnesen*  
*Douglas & Adrienne Topliffe*  
*Sally & Michael Varanka*  
*Charlie & Rolinda Vars*  
*Marti Warren*  
*Tom & Sue Werst*  
*Todd & Jennifer Whitney*  
*Tim & Gail Wiegand*  
*Jodi Woroski & Gwenael Busnel*

Pledge Results as of 5/7



Sunday, May 10, 2026

# CCA Worship Service Reflection

The theme of the service was...

I learned...

I did not understand or still wonder about...

Something that helped connect my faith to my everyday life was...

**COOKIE WALK TODAY!:** Be sure to stop in the Vestry after worship for the Senior Youth Group's "Cookie Walk!" Purchase a box for \$5 (cash, check, or venmo) and fill it with your choice of cookies from our selection of homemade treats! All proceeds benefit the SYG's Mission Trip to Savannah, GA in July.

**ANNUAL MEETING IS NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 17:** In accordance with the By-laws of the Congregational Church of Amherst, NH, United Church of Christ, the call for the Annual Meeting is hereby made for Sunday morning, May 17, 2026, immediately following worship services. The meeting will be held in the community room at the church and also via Zoom (details will be emailed and also available on the church website). Your officers and council members look forward to your attendance and input at this important meeting.

**LEVI SUNDAY IS MAY 31:** Wear your work clothes to church and join us after worship for our annual Spring cleaning day. We have our usual spring projects such as yard cleanup, spreading mulch, and sweeping/cleaning the parking lot. Bring your own tools for the job you want to tackle. Many hands make light work!

**NEW CONTACT INFO:** Michael Havay has started training this week with Andrea Cyr for his eventual transition to the role of Church Office Administrator. His email address is officeadmin@ccamherst.org. Please use this email for all church-related communications.

<b>Our Church Calendar</b>		
<b>May 10—16, 2026</b>		
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.	Cook Walk SYG Fundraiser
	11:15 a.m.	Fellowship
	11:30 a.m.	Youth Choir
Monday	10:00 a.m.	WA Workshop
Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	WA Board
	7:00 p.m.	Communications Team
	7:00 p.m.	Diaconate
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Adult Confirmation Class
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Congregational Care
	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir
	6:00 p.m.	Safety Review Team
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir

## Congregational Church of Amherst Fundraiser



Ecosmith Recyclers Inc. and Congregational Church are proud to partner in hosting a fundraising clothing and shoe drive.

Raise money to support your local church by donating new or used articles of clothing, pairs of shoes, and household textiles.



# CLOTHING & SHOE DRIVE

### WHAT TO DONATE

- Shirts
- Jeans
- Pants
- Shorts
- Sweaters
- Jackets
- Socks
- Dresses
- Skirts
- Bed linen
- Purses
- Backpacks
- Hats
- Scarves
- Belts
- Sneakers
- Sandals
- Dress Shoes
- Boots
- Towels

PLEASE BAG SHOES AND CLOTHING  
SEPARATELY

### WHEN

**April 29<sup>th</sup> through May 18<sup>th</sup>**

### WHERE

**Meeting Place Plaza**

199 Route 101, Amherst, NH

### CONTACT

**Colleen Cushing**

[colleencushing54@gmail.com](mailto:colleencushing54@gmail.com)

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Sunday, May 10, 2026

## Milford Rotary's 100 Holes of Golf



### Raffle Tickets

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.

Raffle tickets are on sale now, and can be purchased by following this link: <https://golf100holes.com/product/raffle-ticket?ref=59>. This link is specific to our church and we will receive direct credit from all tickets purchased through this link.

The drawing will be Friday, June 19, 2026 during the 100 Holes of Golf event, and you do not need to be present to win.

- 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 19, 2026**— you do not need to be in attendance to win.
- Bonus: each ticket comes with great local coupons, including Giorgios, Aroma Joes, and more.

# MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE

