

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



*"We shall overcome because the arc of the moral universe is long,
but it bends toward justice."*

—Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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 3, 2024

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m.

All Saints—All Souls

GATHERING CHIMES

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

GREETING AND NOTICES OF PARISH LIFE

PRELUDE

All Saints, All Souls

Luke Mayernik

INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Please rise in body or spirit.

One: Our God is the God of the living.

Many: **God breathes life into us,
moves within us,
sends us out,
and holds us close.**

One: Our God is the God of the dead.

Many: **In God's world to come,
there is no more suffering or scarcity,
there is no more hunger or grief,
there is only rejoicing and peace.**

One: Our God is the God of the here and now.

Many: **God is with us all,
the meek and the mournful,
the poor and the peaceful,
the persecuted and the merciful.**

One: Our God is the God of the future.
Many: **When God's justice will reign,
when God's grace will abound,
when God's love will prevail,
and every prayer will be answered.**

All: **Let us worship our eternal God,
whose world has no end.**

*HYMN

For All the Saints

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

**God of all people of all ages,
join us here in this hour of worship.
May we feel your presence in our minds,
so that we might learn and grow through the power of your word.
May we feel your presence in our bodies,
so that we might rest and feel renewed through song and prayer.
May we feel your presence in our hearts,
so that we might be changed by your love, in all ways, always.
Hear us now, as we pray in the words that 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

**Glory 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

ANTHEM

His Eye is On the Sparrow
Chancel Choir

Mark Hayes

*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

SCRIPTURE INTRODUCTION

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Revelation 21:1-6

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them and be their God;
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away.”

And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.”

SERMON

“Making All Things New”

*HYMN

Lord, When I Came Into This Life

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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

Break Forth, Ye Heavens!

Edward Broughton

*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)

Generous God, you surround us with saints, even when we don't recognize or appreciate them. May your Spirit of wonder move in us in this time so that we might follow in the footsteps of those who have come before us, and those who live among us now. Make use of our gifts - of time, of talent, of treasure - to make our world a more loving, compassionate, and just place for all. 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

A Song on Sunday

Michael Shea

Close to Thee

Silas J. Vail

COMMUNION PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (unison)

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

*HYMN

Live Into Hope

No. 332

*THE LIGHT OF CHRIST GOES OUT INTO THE WORLD

*COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

Song for All Saints

Mary McDonald

*(*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
Shellie Brook
Sara L. Phelps
Michael Havay
Kathleen Bouchard
Roger Hooper, John Swanson, Doug Topliffe, Gail Wiegand
Rev. Shayna Appel, Christie Gould
Andrea Cyr

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

LEADING OUR CHURCH SCHOOL TODAY

Larissa Riley
Kelly Isaacs
Larissa Riley
Dave Hagerstrom
Matt Emmons
Gretchen Davis

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

TODAY IS LEVI SUNDAY: We have a number of outdoor projects planned including leaf raking and general lawn and grounds clean up. Everyone is invited to come out after worship and help, please bring your favorite rake and tools to accomplish the jobs you would like to help with. Many hands make light work! Hope to see you there.

SANCTUARY SPACE: On **Election Day, Tuesday, November 5th** and the following day, **Wednesday, November 6th** our **church sanctuary will be open from 2:00-8:00 p.m.** for those seeking refuge, rest, renewal, or respite in this challenging election season. Stop by before or after voting, or in the aftermath, to light a candle, to lift up a prayer, to sit in silence, or to connect with others seeking sanctuary as well. All are welcome as we create space for the burdens we are carrying, the weariness we're seeking to release, and the hope we find in community.



All Saints/Souls Day

Remembering

Those We've Lost

October 2023 – October 2024

Don Potter – October 15, 2023
Gene Heighton – October 31, 2023
Elizabeth Fay Deysher – November 6, 2023
Robert Miskelly – January 11, 2024
Sally Small – March 11, 2024
Steve Cyr – March 29, 2024
Julie Brinkema – May 2, 2024
Dorothy Ulrich – June 16, 2024
Mary Howe – September 25, 2024

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.

Our Church Calendar

November 3—9, 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.	Levi Sunday
	11:30 a.m.	Small Group Ministry
	5:00 p.m.	Junior Youth Group
Monday	10:00 a.m.	WA Workshop
Tuesday	1:30 p.m.	Small Group Ministry
	2:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Space Open
	4:30 p.m.	Church Council
	7:00 p.m.	Trustees of the Facility
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Wednesday AM Adult Ed
	2:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Space Open
Thursday	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir
	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir



Sunday, November 3, 2024