



Sunday, October 13, 2024

Paul Fenton, Leading Worship
Fred Ogmundson, Guest Preacher

First Congregational Church
Wilmot, New Hampshire

*No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey,
you are welcome!*

We are an Open & Affirming and Racial Justice
United Church of Christ Congregation
Gathered in 1829

ORDER of WORSHIP

October 13, 2024

PRELUDE MUSIC

Donna Reade, Music Director

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREEN MOMENT

Allan MacDonald

BRINGING FORTH THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

A TIME OF SILENCE TO CENTER OURSELVES

Our worship service takes place on N'dakinna, the traditional ancestral homeland of the Abenaki, Penacook and Wabanaki Peoples past and present. We acknowledge and honor with gratitude the land and waterways and the people who have stewarded N'dakinna throughout the generations.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

It is right for us to praise God and keep our promises to God. Our faults defeat us, but God forgives our faults. So let us thank God for our many blessings, and worship God earnestly in this hour.

***UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Holy God, We hear echoes of your Wisdom in Christ Jesus, The One you sent to dwell in our midst and lead us to abundant life. Keep us alert to the call to follow, ready to respond with justice and joy in your holy moment, which is always now.

***OPENING HYMN**

“Morning Has Broken”

Chalice 53

**1 Morning has broken
like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken
like the first bird.
Praise for the singing!
Praise for the morning!**

**Praise for them, springing
fresh from the Word!**

**2 Sweet the rain's new fall
sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall
on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness
of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness
where God's feet pass.**

**3 Mine is the sunlight!
Mine is the morning
born of the one light
Eden saw play!
Praise with elation,
praise every morning,
God's recreation
of the new day!**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

Though we may delight to be here, together, in worship, let us remember that the Prophet Amos offers us a word from God to challenge any complacent comfort. Our praise, our worship, our singing, however beautiful and heartfelt, must be accompanied by the work of justice in community. What pleases God is to have justice pour from our lives like waters, and righteousness from our work, like an ever-flowing stream

REFLECTION IN SILENCE

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God's grace flows through our lives, refreshing and making all things new. Let this grace flow from us as justice and righteousness, That our lives and work may bless our world. God hears our prayers. Through Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

ANTHEM

"In the Bulb There is a Flower"

Choir

SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 4:12-16

MESSAGE

"Meditation on an Apple Tree"

Fred Ogmundson

***HYMN**

"For the Fruit of All Creation"

Chalice 714

**1 For the fruit of all creation,
thanks be to God;
for the gifts to every nation,
thanks be to God;**

**for the plowing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping,
thanks be to God.**

**2 In the just reward of labor,
God's will is done;
in the help we give our neighbor,
God's will is done;
in our worldwide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.**

**3 For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God;
for the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God;
for the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all that love has found us,
thanks be to God.**

MORNING PRAYER

Peoples' Prayers and Pastoral Prayer followed by **The Lord's Prayer**

**Our * 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us
from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory
forever. Amen**

**We have come to know God by many different names and images. Please use the one
which speaks from your heart today. (e.g. Father, Mother, Creator, God...)*

Prayer Response

“Restless Weaver” Chalice #658 (vs 4)

**Restless Weaver, still conceiving new life now and yet to be.
Binding all your vast creation in one living tapestry:
You have called us to be weavers. Let your love Guide all we do.
With your Reign of Peace our pattern, we will weave your world
anew.**

THE GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

Offertory Invitation and Offertory

***Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.**

***Prayer of Dedication (In Unison)**

**Gracious God, accept these gifts we offer to proclaim your
presence as light in a dark world. Use our talents to help set
others free. And may all things which we do in your name
prosper under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

***HYMN “Let There Be Peace on Earth” Chalice #677**

**Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God as our Father, children all are we.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow;
To take each moment, and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.**

***CLOSING CIRCLE & COMMISSIONING ONE ANOTHER**

**Go into the world to serve God with gladness;
be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good;
render to no one evil for evil;
strengthen the faint-hearted;**

**support the weak; help the afflicted;
honor all people; love and serve God,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.**

SUNG RESPONSE “Spirit of the Living God”

Chalice #259

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Acknowledgement: We are grateful to Fred Ogmundson for bringing our message to us today and to Paul Fenton for leading our worship service.

Upcoming Events and Meetings This Week*

Sunday October 13	10:00 am –Worship in person & on zoom 11:15 – Coffee Hour
Tuesday, October 15	2:30 pm – Justice and Witness
Wednesday, October 16	4:00 pm – Choir Practice
Thursday October 17	12:00 pm – Senior Luncheon 6 pm – AA meeting in Fellowship Hall 7:00 pm – Green Team meets via zoom
Sunday, October 20	10:00 am –Worship in person & on zoom 11:15 am – Coffee Hour

**For additional calendar events check the Google Calendar at Wilmotucc.org*

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