



***Sunday, November 3, 2024***

Rev. Dr. Nancy DeVries, Guest Minister

**First Congregational Church**  
**Wilmot, New Hampshire**

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

An Open & Affirming and Racial Justice United Church of Christ Congregation  
*Gathered in 1829*

# ORDER OF SERVICE FOR DIVINE WORSHIP

November 3, 2024

## SILENT PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*For all that has been, thanks!*

*For all that will be, YES!*

*-Dag Hammarskjold, Markings*

## PRELUDE MUSIC

## WORDS OF WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

## INVITATION TO SHARE JOYS AND CONCERNS

## BRINGING FORTH THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

## A TIME OF SILENCE TO CENTER OURSELVES

## \* CALL TO WORSHIP

*Psalm 100*

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands!

**Serve the Lord with gladness!**

Come into God's presence with singing!

**Know that the Lord is God!**

It is he that made us, and we are his;

**We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!

**Give thanks to him, bless his name!**

For the Lord is good;

**his steadfast love endures for ever,**

and his faithfulness to all generations.

## \*HYMN

## “We Plow The Fields and Scatter”

*Verse*

The image shows the musical notation for the hymn 'We Plow The Fields and Scatter'. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

We plow the fields and scat - - ter  
He on - ly is the Mak - er  
We thank you, then, O Fa - - ther,

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the good seed on the land, but it is fed and wa - tered  
of all things near and far; he paints the way - side flow - er,  
for all things bright and good, the seed - time and the har - vest,

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by God's al - might - y hand; he sends the snow in win - ter,  
he lights the eve - ning star; the winds and waves o - bey him,  
our life, our health, our food; no gifts have we to of - fer

16

the warmth to swell the grain, the breez - es and the sun - shine,  
by him the birds are fed; much more to us, his chil - dren,  
for all your love im - parts, but that which you de - sire now:

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*Refrain*

and soft re - fresh - ing rain. All good gifts a - round us  
he gives our dai - ly bread.  
our hum - ble, thank - ful hearts.

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are sent from heav'n a - bove; then thank the Lord,

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O thank the Lord for all his love.

## A LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God,

**Whose love is everlasting.**

For the good world; for things breathtakingly beautiful and awe-inspiring;  
for the pulse of life and a universe woven as a magnificent tapestry;

**We thank you, Gracious God.**

For human life; for talking and moving and thinking together; for common  
hopes and hardships shared from birth until our dying;

**We thank you with all our hearts.**

For work to do and strength to work; for the companionship of labor; for  
exchanges of good humor and encouragement;

**We thank you with all our hearts.**

For marriage; for the mystery and joy of flesh made one; for mutual  
forgiveness and burdens shared; for secrets kept in love;

**We thank you with all our hearts.**

For family; for living together and eating together; for family memories and  
pleasures;

**We thank you, God.**

For children; for their energy and curiosity; for their sudden sympathies  
and sudden insights;

**We thank you, God.**

For the young; for their high hopes; for their search for meaning and their  
passion;

**We thank you, God.**

For growing up and growing old; for wisdom deepened by experience; for  
rest in leisure; and for time made precious by its passing;

**We give you our deepest thanks!**

For your help in times of doubt and heaviness of heart; for healing our  
diseases; for preserving us in temptation and through danger;

**Our hearts reach out to you in gratitude!**

For this church into which we have been called and our own congregation;  
for the good news we receive by Word and Sacrament; for our life together  
in the Lord;

**Thank you, Lord.**

For your Holy Spirit, who guides our steps and brings us gifts of faith and  
love; that prays within us and prompts our grateful worship;

**We give you our thanks and praise.**

We thank you for the gift of radical hope; even in very dangerous and threatening times, for the mercy of tenderness and loving-kindness, and for joy and laughter that lifts our hearts and brings us new life;

**Our songs arise to call you blessed!**

Give thanks, for God is very good,

**And God's love is everlasting. Amen.**

**\*PEACE**

Philippians 4:6-7

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds forever. May the peace of God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us greet one another with the peace that passes all understanding.

**EPISTLE READING**

PSALM 15 and 34

Stephen Mitchell, ed.

**MEDITATION**

“Giving Thanks in Real Time”

Rev. Dr. Nancy DeVries

**\*HYMN**

“We Praise You, O God”

**420 NCH**

**1 We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;  
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.**

**We lay it before you, we kneel and adore you;  
we bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.**

**2 We worship you, God of our mothers and fathers;  
through life's storm and tempest our guide you have been.  
When perils o'ertake us, you never forsake us,  
and with your help, O Lord, in life's struggles we win.**

**3 With voices united our praises we offer,  
and gladly our song of thanksgiving we raise.  
Our sins now confessing, we pray for your blessing;  
to you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!**

**MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP**

## **THE GIVING OF OUR GIFTS**

**Invitation...Offering...Offertory**

### **\*DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Let songs rise up from earth below  
Let stars and galaxies enthrone  
Creator, Christ and Spirit, One.**

### **\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**When you say to us “Seek my face,” let our hearts and lives  
respond, “Your face, Lord, do I seek.” Through Jesus Christ our  
Lord. Amen.**

## **SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER**

**Please follow along in your bulletin insert.**

All are welcome at our Table. We always use Gluten Free Bread and grape juice.

### **\*HYMN**

**“Now Thank We All Our God”**

**419 NCH**

**1 Now thank we all our God  
with heart and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things has done,  
in whom this world rejoices,  
Who, from our parents' arms,  
has blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love,  
and still is ours today.**

**2 O may this bounteous God  
through all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts  
and blessed peace to cheer us,  
And keep us still in grace,  
and guide us when perplexed,**

**And free us from all ills  
in this world and the next.**

**3 All praise and thanks to God  
our Maker now be given,  
To Christ, and Spirit, too,  
our help in highest heaven,  
The one eternal God,  
whom earth and heaven adore.  
For thus it was, is now,  
and shall be evermore.**

**\*CLOSING CIRCLE & COMMISSIONING**

**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**

**“ALLELUIA”**

**#765 NCH**

**\*BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE**

*\* Please stand if you are able*

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**Thank you, Rev. Dr. Nancy DeVries,** for leading worship today and assisting us during this time of transition.

### **“Small group sessions with Paul Nickerson of “Nickerson Coaching – Congregations Moving Forward”**

On Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup> we will be holding small group meetings at the Church. Everyone is encouraged to attend. Up to 5 people per time slot per hour starting at 9:00 AM. Please sign up online using Doodle program. We will also have sign-up sheets at church Sunday, Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup>.

### **Upcoming Events and Meetings This Week**

<b>Sunday, November 3</b>	10:00 am –Worship in person & on zoom 11:15 am – Coffee Hour
<b>Tuesday, Nov. 5</b>	2:30 pm – Deacon’s Meeting
<b>Wednesday, Nov. 6</b>	2:00 pm – Choir Practice
<b>Thursday, Nov. 7</b>	Wilmot Ladies Aid 6 pm – AA meeting in Fellowship Hall
<b>Sunday, Nov. 10</b>	10:00 am –Worship in person & on zoom 11:15 am – Coffee Hour

**Acknowledgement:** 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.

### **Staff and Leadership**

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