



First Congregational Church **Wilmot, New Hampshire**

**An Open & Affirming Racial Justice Congregation
Of the United Church of Christ**

Gathered in 1829

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

***Order of Worship for
Sunday, March 30, 2025***

Minister: Rev. Rachelle Eaton
Music Director: Donna Reade

MORNING WORSHIP - March 30, 2025

Our worship service is taking 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.

A TIME OF GATHERING AND SHARING

Prelude
Words of Welcome and Announcements
Bringing of the Light of Christ
A Time of Silence to Center Ourselves

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Have you come far to be here today?
Many: You enlarge our gathering: welcome!
One: Have you come from around the corner?
Many: You anchor our gathering: welcome!
One: Do you seek sanctuary? Do you seek inspiration?
Many: May this worship meet you.
One: Do you come with purpose? Do you come with questions?
Many: We welcome you as you are!
All: Let us worship God together!

*HYMN

“Amazing Grace”

NCH 547

1 Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

4 My God has promised good to me,
whose word my hope secures;
God will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

5 When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

OPENING PRAYER

**God of patient love,
you await the return of the wayward and wandering**

*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 Hymn #658 Restless Weaver (Verse 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

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

OFFERTORY

***RESPONSE: DOXOLOGY**

(tune of "Old Hundredth"; Lenten Words)

**The glory of these forty days,
we celebrate with songs of praise,
For Christ, by whom all things were made,
himself has fasted and has prayed. Amen**

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION and BLESSING OF BLANKETS**

***HYMN**

"This Little Light of Mine"

NCH 524

**1 This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine;
this little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**2 Everywhere I go,
I'm gonna let it shine;
everywhere I go,
I'm gonna let it shine.
Everywhere I go,
I'm gonna let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**3 All through the night,
I'm gonna let it shine;
all through the night,
I'm gonna let it shine.
All through the night,
I'm gonna let it shine;
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

***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.**

*BENEDICTION

***SUNG RESPONSE**

"Spirit of the Living God"

NCH #283

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. (sing 2x)
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

POSTLUDE

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UP-COMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

- Wednesday, April 2** 2:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal
- Thursday, April 3 –** 6:00 pm – AA Beginner’s Step Meeting
 7:00 pm - Zoom Lenten Book Study –
- Sunday, April 6 -** **Easter Flowering Plant Orders and donations to One Common Man for Ukraine deadline**
 10:00 am Worship with Communion
 10:00 am - Sunday School meets at the church

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

- Sunday, April 13** **10:00 am – Palm Sunday Service in person and on Zoom**
- Thursday, April 17** **5:00 pm Maundy Thursday Soup and Bread Supper with communion**
 6:00 pm Tenebrae Service in person and on zoom
- Easter Sunday, April 20** **6:00 am – Sunrise Service at Slope N Shore Beach on Pleasant Lake (In Person)**
 10:00 am – Easter Worship Service - In person and on Zoom

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