



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!*

Worship Service The Day of Pentecost

May 24, 2026

Rev. Rachelle Eaton, Minister

MORNING WORSHIP May 24, 2026

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

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.

CALL TO WORSHIP

On this day, may Grace's breath
shatter the shutters of our hearts.

**On this day, may we step out of our fears
to welcome the new life gifted to us.**

Here, in the midst of our siblings of every age and place,
may our frozen souls be enflamed by justice's Spirit.

**As we catch a glimpse of the dreams of those around us,
as we listen to the voices of the oppressed in every language.**

In the days to come, may we speak
of God's love and the Spirit's peace for all.

**So that people will find a community awaiting them,
even for those rejected by everyone else.**

INVOCATION

Give us just a spark on this day, Imaginative God,
to kindle our smoldering apathy until we burst into bonfires
to melt all the injustice which threatens to consume the world.

Give us just a word this day, Poet of Pentecost,
that we might be the voice of those dispersed by fears,
that we might proclaim the good news to all we would meet.

Give us a cool breeze this day, Shattering Spirit,
stirring and shaking us until we become a storm
of hopes to clear the despair from all our neighborhoods and lands.

God in Community, Holy Three in One, give us yourself this day.

***HYMN**

“On Pentecost They Gathered”

NCH #272

1. On Pentecost they gathered Quite early in the day,
A band of Christ’s disciples, To worship sing, and pray.
A mighty wind came blowing, Filled all the swirling air,
And tongues of fire aglowing Inspired each person there.
2. The people all around them Were startled and amazed
To understand their language, As Christ the Lord they praised.
What universal message, What great good news was here?
That Christ, once dead, is risen To vanquish all our fear.
3. God pours the Holy Spirit On all who would believe,
On women, men and children Who would God’s grace receive.
That Spirit knows no limit, Bestowing life and power.
The church, formed and reforming, Responds in every hour.
4. O Spirit, sent from heaven On that day long ago.
Rekindle faith among us In all life’s ebb and flow.
O give us ears to listen And tongues aflame with praise,
So folk of every nation Glad songs of joy shall raise.

**Let us build a house where prophets speak
And words are strong and true
Where all God's children dare to seek
To dream God's reign anew
Here, the cross shall stand as witness
And the symbol of God's grace
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus
All are welcome, all are welcome
All are welcome in this place**

**Let us build a house where love is found
In water, wine, and wheat
A banquet hall on holy ground
Where peace and justice meet
Here, the love of God through Jesus
Is revealed in time and space
As we share in Christ the feast that frees us
All are welcome, all are welcome
All are welcome in this place**

**Let us build a house where hands will reach
Beyond the wood and stone
To heal and strengthen, serve, and teach
And live the Word they've known
Here the outcast and the stranger
Bears the image of God's face
Let us bring an end to fear and danger
All are welcome, all are welcome (all are welcome, all are welcome)
All are welcome in this place**

**Let us build a house where all are named
Their songs and visions heard
And loved and treasured taught and claimed
As words within the Word
Built of tears and cries and laughter
Prayers of faith and songs of grace
Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter**

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Readings Acts 2:1-21; Philippians 4:4-7

Reflection

Rev. Rachele Eaton

***HYMN**

“All Are Welcome”

**Let us build a house where love can dwell
And all can safely live
A place where saints and children tell
How hearts learn to forgive
Built of hopes and dreams and visions
Rock of faith and vault of grace
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions
All are welcome, all are welcome
All are welcome in this place**

All are welcome, all are welcome (all are welcome)

All are welcome in this place

All are welcome, all are welcome (all are welcome)

All are welcome in this place

Source: [Musixmatch](#)

Songwriters: Paul Tate / Marty Haugen

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Invitation and Introductions

Sentences

Questions of the Candidates

***Affirmation of Faith (Congregation and Candidates)**

We covenant with you, O God, and one with another, and do bind ourselves in your presence to walk together in all your ways, according as you are pleased to reveal yourself to us in your blessed word of truth.

L: Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

L: Let us pray.

Blessing of Water

Baptism

Address

Question about Participation

*Welcome

L: Let us, the members of The First Congregational Church of Wilmot, United Church of Christ, express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ.

All: We welcome you with joy in the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and share the good news of Christ.

Presentations

Prayer

O God, we praise you for calling us to faith and for gathering us into the church, the body of Christ. We thank you for your people gathered in this community and rejoice that you have increased our community of faith. Together may we live in the Spirit, building one another up in love, sharing in the life and worship of this church, and serving the world for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

MORNING PRAYERS

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

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, 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

EXCHANGING PRAYER PARTNERSHIP CARDS

OFFERTORY

***Doxology**

NCH #778

Praise God, from whom all blessing flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God for all that love has done;

Creator, Christ, and Spirit. One.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

***HYMN “Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow”**

Chalice #236

Wind who makes all winds that blow,
gusts that bend the sapling low,
gales that heave the sea in waves,
stirrings in the mind's deep caves:
Aim your breath with steady power
on your church, this day, this hour.
Raise, renew the life we've lost,
Spirit God of Pentecost.

Fire who fuels all fires that burn
suns around which planets turn,
beacons marking reefs and shoals,
shining truth to guide our souls
come to us as once you came:
burst in tongues of sacred flame!
Light and Power, Might and Strength,
fill your church, its breadth and length.

Holy Spirit, Wind and Flame,
move within your mortal frame.
Make our hearts an altar pyre,
kindle them with your own fire.
Breathe and blow upon that blaze
till our lives, our deeds and ways,
speak that tongue which every land
by your grace shall understand.

***CLOSING CIRCLE AND 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

SPECIAL NOTICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Congregational Meeting
Sunday, May 31, 2026
Immediately following the worship service

The Church Council has called a special congregational meeting to approve moving funds from our investment accounts to our cash accounts to cover anticipated possible expenses. Proposed amount is \$10,000 which can be returned to investments if not all used.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today we welcome Sarah and Tracy Lareau, Sue Houston, and Don Castle into church membership. Please stay for a special coffee hour to greet and celebrate them!

EVENTS AND MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Monday, May 25	Memorial Day
Thursday, May 28	6:00 pm AA's Beginner's Step Meeting
Sunday, May 31	10:00 am – Worship
	11:15 – Special Congregational Meeting

LOOKING AHEAD

June 7 - Juneteenth Celebration
June 13 – 11 am - Memorial Service for Tom Trent at the church, followed by reception.
All are most welcome
June 14 - Children's Sunday
June 19 – BBQ Chicken Dinner
June 21 - Pride Sunday Guest Speaker
Blankets and Tools Collection Ends

First Congregational Church Wilmot
19 N. Wilmot Road, Wilmot, NH

BBQ
Chicken Dinner



\$20 cash/check

Half a chicken, potato salad, baked beans and homemade brownies

Friday, June 19, 2026
5 to 7 pm
Eat In or Limited Take-out

NO RESERVATIONS
Serving until chicken runs out
Questions? Call 603-526-7715

Blankets and Tools



From Mother's Day through Father's Day we are receiving donations for the Church World Service Blankets and Tools Fund.

Each donation of \$10 is recognized by a cloth heart pinned to our blanket at the front of the church. Last year we raised about \$900 and had 90 hearts filling the blanket! Let's try for 100 hearts this year knowing that every donation will bring both comfort and hope to people in desperate need.

First Congregational Church Staff and Officers

Ministers: Members and Friends of the Congregation

Pastor: Rev. Rachelle Eaton

Moderator: Bob Evans

Clerk: Open Position

Director of Music – Elaine Cox

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