



*Worship Service  
Children's Sunday  
June 14, 2026*

Rev. Rachelle Eaton, Minister  
Elaine Cox, Music Director

**First Congregational Church Wilmot**

**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!*

## MORNING WORSHIP June 14, 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.*

### OPENING SONG

“I Hear a Sound”

Sydney Piquette

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Are you wiggly with joy and energy, delighted by the possibilities of life?

**Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them,  
for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.**

Are you weary, tired of walking, and in need of strong arms in which to rest?

**Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them,  
for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.**

Are you feeling small and vulnerable in the face of the world's pain and grief?

**Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them,  
for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.**

Are you carrying a heart full of love and hope, ready to be friends with anyone?

**Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them,  
for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.**

Christ lays his hands on each child to bless us, saying:

**Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them,  
for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.**

### INVOCATION

**O God who has been revealed to us through many names, among them both Mother and Father, today we remember and honor that we are all your children.**

**We remember and honor our wonder, our play, our openness and generosity of spirit.**

**We remember and honor our softness, our need for care, rest, safety, and belonging.**

**We remember and honor all of those who have been excluded from your family or treated as less worthy of love.**

**We remember and honor all the children in the world who are hungry, wounded, exploited, or alone.**

**We pray that you would lay your hand of blessing on each one.**

**Prepare the way today for your nurturing, protecting, guiding love to become present in our hearts, in our church, and in the world. Guide and empower this congregation to be a home for children of all ages.**

### \*HYMN

“God, You Wrap Your Love Around Us”

Insert

God, you wrap your love around us,  
Like a blanket, soft and warm.

You give rest when we are weary,  
You protect us from the storm.  
May each person who finds shelter  
In these blankets that we share  
Also feel the joy and comfort  
Of your love's protecting care.

Jesus, you were once a baby,  
Sought by those who would destroy.  
Into Egypt you were carried —  
Far from home, a little boy.  
Were you wrapped up warm to travel,  
Safe from terror, free from harm?  
Did you feel God's strong protection,  
Snuggled there in Mary's arm?

May the women, men and children  
Fleeing danger every day  
Know, through us, your living presence;  
You walk with them on their way.  
Spirit, as you give them comfort,  
Teach us here to freely give;  
May we blanket this world over  
With your love, so all may live.

#### HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Readings            Mark 1:9-11; Psalm 139:13-16

Sermon

Rev. Rachele Eaton

PIANO ANTHEM

John Eaton

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL PRESENTATION

HONORING OUR GRADUATE

**\*HYMN                            "O God, Whose Steadfast Love"**

**NCH #426**

O God, whose steadfast love  
True motherhood has blessed;  
Who shields the infant small upon its mother's breast:  
Embrace us, too, O God, our God,  
And hold us in your loving arms,  
And hold us in your loving arms.

Your promises, O God, so sure throughout the years,  
Have lived in mothers' hearts,  
Have bloomed from mothers' tears.  
So Sarah laughed, and Hannah wept,  
And singing Mary secrets kept,  
And singing Mary secrets kept.



The Bible tells me so.

2 Jesus loves me! This I know,  
as he loved so long ago,  
taking children on the knee,  
saying, "Let them come to me." (Refrain)

3 Jesus loves me! still today,  
walking with me on the way,  
wanting as a friend to give  
light and love to all who live. (Refrain)

**\*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**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join us downstairs after the service for a special coffee hour celebrating our young people.

## EVENTS AND MEETINGS THIS WEEK

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|-------------------|--|
| Thursday, June 11 | 6:00 pm AA's Beginner's Step Meeting   |
| Friday, June 19   | 5:00 pm – Chicken BBQ  |
| Sunday, June 21   | 10:00 am – Worship<br>Pride Sunday - Guest Speaker, Chaplain Israel Cawley<br>Blankets and Tools Collection Ends |
| Sunday, June 28   | Special Congregational Meeting   |

### SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, June 28

During the service, a vote will be taken by the congregation whether to extend a call to Rev. Rachelle Eaton as Settled Pastor.

### First Congregational Church Wilmot

19 N. Wilmot Road, Wilmot, NH

# BBQ

Chicken  
Dinner

\$20 cash/check

*½ chicken, potato salad,  
baked beans and  
homemade brownies*



Friday, June 19, 2026

5 to 7pm

Eat In or Limited Takeout

**NO RESERVATIONS**

Serving until chicken runs out  
Questions? Call 603-526-7715

## **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

**Deacon of the Month:** Michiko Yamaguchi

**Religious Ed Director:** Nancy Allenby

**Secretary:** Mary Heath

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