



*Worship Service
Pride Sunday
June 21, 2026*

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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 21, 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

The heavens are telling the glory of God!

**Day to day and night to night,
unending is their silent speech of beauty and wonder.**

How shall we join their joyful witness?

**With words that proclaim God's inclusive love,
with works that bring forth God's powerful justice,
with worship that rejoices in God's wondrous presence,
now and always. Amen!**

INVOCATION

Wondrous God, lover of lion and lizard, cedar and cactus, raindrop and river, we praise You for the splendor of the world! We thank You, that woven throughout the tapestry of earth are the varied threads of human diversity. Created in Your image, we are of many colors and cultures, ages and classes, gender and sexual identities. Different and alike, we are Your beloved people. Free us, we pray, from fears of difference that divide and wound us. Move us to dismantle our attitudes and systems of prejudice. Renew our commitment to make this a household of faith for all people – gay, bisexual, lesbian, transgender, and straight – that all who worship and minister here may know the grace and challenge of faith. In our life together, grant us minds and hearts eager to learn, reluctant to judge, and responsive to the leading of Your loving Spirit. We ask in Christ's name, Amen.

*HYMN

“All Are Welcome”

Insert

**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.

**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 as 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.

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Readings 1 Samuel 16:7b, Matthew 22:35-40

Reflection

Israel Cawley

*HYMN

“God of Many Faces”

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God of many faces, we offer our praise,
singing your glory through all of our days.
Hear ever growing voices, once fragile, now strong,
carrying melodies in expansive new songs.

God of many genders, our world reflects you,
sunrise and sunset uniting our hues,
woven into a city with jewels of all shades,
houses of ruby and walls rowed with jade.

God of many names, we invite you to show
us the new names that reflect our true souls.
Breathe with your holy spirit to give us the Word
that will indwell dry bones, granting new life once heard.

God of many bodies, abide within ours,
shifting more each day through time and through scars.
Come sanctify our bodies, all fashioned by you,
holier every day still becoming more true

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

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**

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

NCH #4

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore you,
God of glory, God of love
Hearts unfold like flowers before you,
Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day.

3. You are giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blessed,
Well-spring of the joy of living,
Ocean depth of happy rest!
Loving Spirit, Father, Mother,
All who love belong to you;
Teach us how to love each other,
by that love our joy renew.

2. All your works with joy surround you,
Earth and heaven reflect your rays,
Stars and angels sing around you,
Center of unbroken praise;
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain,
Teach us what our praise should be..

4. Mortals, join the mighty chorus
Which the morning stars began;
Boundless love is reigning o’er us,
reconciling race and class.
Ever singing, move we forward,
Faithful in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us onward
in the triumph song of life.

***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 Pride Sunday.

EVENTS AND MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Thursday, June 25	6:00 pm AA's Beginner's Step Meeting
Saturday, June 27	12:00 pm - Frederick Douglas Reading in Andover
Sunday, June 28	10:00 am – Worship Special Congregational Meeting “Raise the Roof” Shed Roof Fundraising Begins
Sunday July 12	1:00 pm - Climate Future Film Festival Screening

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, June 28


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

Please Join us

Save the Date for the Andover Historical Society's participation in the statewide community reading of Frederick Douglass' most famous speech:

"What to the Slave is Your Fourth of July?"

Saturday, June 27 | 12:00 PM at the Potter Place Festival
105 Depot Street, Andover, NH

 <p>CLIMATE FUTURE FILM FESTIVAL HONORARY JUDGES: EDWARD NORTON BILL McKIBBEN DRAMA - DOCUMENTARY - COMEDY - ANIMATION</p>	Sponsored by the Wilmot Public Library and the FCCW, UCC
	Sunday July 12, 2026 1 - 4 pm At the Wilmot Library Free Admission

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