



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!*

***Order of Worship for
July 26, 2026***

Paul Fenton, Jr., Guest Preacher
Elaine Cox, Music Director

MORNING WORSHIP July 26, 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

It is right for us to praise God and keep our promises to God. Our faults defeat us, but God forgives our faults. So let us thank God for our many blessings, and worship God earnestly in this hour.

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Our Creator in heaven, God of all beauty, who makes the sun to rise in splendor, and the stars to march in quiet radiance across the sky: open our eyes until we see your beauty on the face of the earth, that we may more fully know you and may love all beauty because it speaks to us of you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN

"We Give Thee but Thine Own"

Chalice #382

**1 We give thee but thine own,
whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone,
a trust, O Lord, from thee.**

**4. The captive to release,
to God the lost to bring,
to teach the way of life and peace—
it is a Christlike thing.**

**2 May we thy bounties thus
as stewards true receive
and gladly, as thou blessest us,
to thee our first fruits give.**

**5. And we believe thy Word,
though dim our faith may be;
whate'er for thine we do, O Lord,
we do it unto thee.**

**3. To comfort and to bless,
to find a balm for woe,
to tend the lonely in distress
is angels' work below.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Though we may delight to be here, together, in worship, let us remember that the Prophet Amos offers us a word from God to challenge any complacent comfort. Our praise, our worship, our singing, however beautiful and heartfelt, must be accompanied by the work of justice in community. What pleases God is to have justice pour from our lives like waters, and righteousness from our work, like an ever-flowing stream

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

**God's grace flows through our lives, refreshing and making all things new.
Let this grace flow from us as justice and righteousness,
That our lives and work may bless our world, In Jesus' name. Amen**

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Readings

Psalm 78:1-7; Matthew 25:1-13

Reflection

Paul Fenton Jr.

***HYMN**

“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

Chalice #602

1. O Master, let me walk with Thee
In lowly paths of service free
Tell me Thy secret, help me bear
The strain of toil, the fret of care

3. Teach me Thy patience, still with Thee
In closer, dearer company
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong
In truth that triumphs over wrong

2. Help me the slow of heart to move
By some clear, winning word of love;
Teach me the wayward feet to stay,
And guide them in the homeward way.

4. In hope that sends a shining ray
Far down the future's broadening way
In peace that only Thou canst give
With Thee, O Master, let me live

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 DEDICATION (Unison)**

Gracious God, accept these gifts we offer to proclaim your presence as light in a dark world. Use our talents to help set others free. And may all things which we do in your name prosper under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

***HYMN**

“God Be With You”

NCH #81

1 God be with you till we meet again,
by His counsels guide, uphold you,

with a shepherd's care enfold you;
God be with you till we meet again.

Refrain:

Till we meet, till we meet,
till we meet at Jesus' feet;
till we meet, till we meet,
God be with you till we meet again.

2 God be with you till we meet again!
Wings of shelter safely hide you,
daily manna still provide you;
God be with you till we meet again! [Refrain]

3 God be with you till we meet again;
when life's perils thick confound you,
put unfailing arms round you;
God be with you till we meet again. [Refrain]

4 God be with you till we meet again;
keep love's banner floating o'er you,
smite death's threat'ning wave before you;
God be with you till we meet again. [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**

"Live in Charity"

Chalice #523

Live in charity and steadfast love,
Live in charity; God will dwell with you.

(Repeat 3 times)

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

First Congregational Church Staff and Officers

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Pastor: Rev. Rachelle Eaton

Moderator: Bob Evans

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Director of Music: Elaine Cox

Deacon of the Month: Lucy Mueller

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Secretary: Mary Heath

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EVENTS AND MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Tuesday, July 28	1:00 pm – Justice and Witness
Thursday, July 30	6:00 pm – AA's Beginner's Step Meeting

Looking Ahead

Tuesday, August 4	1:00 pm – Finance Committee
	2:30 pm – Deacons Meeting
Thursday, August 6	11:30 am – Wilmot Ladies Aid
Saturday, August 8	8:00 am – Yard Sale



RAISE THE ROOF FUNDRAISER

The fundraising campaign kicked off on June 28th to raise \$23,000 to replace the cedar shake roof on the back side of the horse sheds.

Mindful that this congregation already gives a lot, we ask you to simply contribute what you can. Every donation will be matched dollar for dollar thanks to generous leading gifts that have been pledged.

Donations can be made by check to First Congregational Church of Wilmot, memo line Raise the Roof, or online at wilmotucc.org.

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