



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 August 2, 2026

Rev. Rachelle Eaton, Minister
Elaine Cox, Music Director

MORNING WORSHIP August 2, 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

From Psalm 104

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

O Lord my God, you are very great.

You set the earth on its foundations, so that it shall never be shaken.

You make springs gush forth in the valleys; giving drink to every wild animal;

You cause the grass to grow for the cattle and plants for people to cultivate,

to bring forth food from the earth and bread to strengthen the human heart.

O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

These all look to you to give them their food in due season;

when you give to them, they gather it up;

when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

When you hide your face, they are dismayed;

when you take away their breath, they die and return to the dust.

When you send forth your spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the ground.

May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works.

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

Praise the Lord!

INVOCATION

Creator, you bent the earth like a bow until was one, round, shining planet. At your word the land was drawn into mountains and deserts, forests, and plains; the waters were gathered together into rivers, lakes and seas. The circle of your creation has been broken time and again by greed and violence and many lives have been shattered. Renew the circle of the earth and turn the hearts of all your people to one another; that they and all the earth may live, and be drawn toward you and through the power of your son, Jesus Christ, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit now and always. Amen.

*HYMN

“All Creatures of our God and King”

Chalice #22

1 All creatures of our God and King,

lift up your voice and with us sing

Alleluia, Alleluia!

O burning sun with golden beam,

O silver moon with softer gleam:

Refrain

O praise God, O praise God,

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

2 O rushing wind with voice so strong,

you clouds that sail in heav'n along,
O praise God, Alleluia!
O rising morn, in praise rejoice,
you lights of evening find a voice:

3 O flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for your God to hear,
Alleluia, Alleluia!
O blazing fire who lights the night,
providing warmth, enhancing sight,

4 And all forgiven tender hearts,
forgiving others, take your part,
sing praises, alleluia!
You who long pain and sorrow bear,
praise God, who knows your ev'ry care.

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Readings

Hosea 4:1-3; Matthew 6:24-34

Reflection

Rev. Rachelle Eaton

***HYMN "Pray for the Wilderness" NCH #557**

1 Pray for the wilderness, vanishing fast,
pray for the rain forest, open and vast;
Pray for the waterfalls, pray for the trees,
pray for the planet brought down by degrees.

2 Learn from the elephant, eagle, and whale,
learn from the dragonfly, spider, and snail;
Learn from the people in neighboring lands,
learn from the children who play in their sands.

3 Work for the justice created things need,
work for the health of each plant and its seed;
Work for the creatures abuse has betrayed,
work for the garden God's wisdom once made.

4 Trust that God's Christ overcame nails and wood,
trust that earth's people will turn to the good;
Trust that creation forever will grow,
trust that God's goodness to us overflows.

5 Pray for the atmosphere, pray for the sea,
learn from the river, the rock, and the tree;
Work till shalom in full harmony rings.
Trust the connection of all living things.

MORNING PRAYERS

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

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

Prayer Response

"Restless Weaver"

Chalice #658, Verse 3

When our violent lust for power ends in lives abused and torn,
From compassion's sturdy fabric fashion hope and trust reborn.
Where injustice rules as tyrant, give us courage, God, to dare
Live our dreams of transformation. Make our lives incarnate prayer.

OFFERTORY

**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.**

When we eat bread, we eat the soil and sun,
The quiet winter rest, the surge of spring;
We eat the summer heat, the clouds and rain,
And every breeze that makes the meadows sing.
When we drink wine, we drink the soil and sun,
We drink the tendril's curl, the pruning grief;
The green, the deepest purple, and the pale,
The swelling cluster and the shady leaf.
When we receive Communion's wine and bread,
The Earth enfolds us as her very own;
We eat and drink the Life that gives us life;
To every sense Love makes its presence known.
Now as we eat the sun and drink the rain,
And praise you, God, for Earth and all her care,
Let thanks and reverence ripen in the hands
We lend to her protection and repair.

See Communion Insert

1 Touch the earth lightly,
use the earth gently,
nourish the life of the world in our care:
gift of great wonder,
ours to surrender,
trust for the children tomorrow will bear.

2 We who endanger,
who create hunger,
agents of death for all creatures that live,
we who would foster
clouds of disaster —
God of our planet, forestall and forgive!

3 Let there be greening,
birth from the burning,
water that blesses and air that is sweet,
health in God's garden,
hope in God's children,
regeneration that peace will complete.

4 God of all living,
God of all loving,
God of the seedling, the snow and the sun,
teach us, deflect us,
Christ reconnect us,
using us gently, and making us one.

***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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EVENTS AND MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Tuesday, August 4	1:00 pm – Finance Committee
	2:30 pm – Deacons Meeting
Thursday, August 6	11:30 am – Wilmot Ladies Aid
	6:00 pm – AA's Beginner's Step Meeting
Saturday, August 8	8:00 am – Yard Sale
Sunday, August 9	10:00 am – Worship
	4:00 pm – Service at North Wilmot Church, Rev. Eaton Preaching





\$17,000 raised as of 7-26-26

RAISE THE ROOF FUNDRAISER

The Raise the Roof Fundraiser ends today, August 2, 2026. As announced last week, the matching donations have brought our total to 70% of our goal of \$23,000. We are grateful to everyone who has contributed to this campaign,

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

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