



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 30, 2026

Rev. Rachelle Eaton, Minister
Elaine Cox, Music Director

MORNING WORSHIP August 30, 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

Praise be to God,
**who rescues us from the power of darkness;
who redeems us, and sets us free!**

Praise be to Jesus Christ, the first born of all creation,
**through whom all things were made,
in heaven and on the earth.**

Praise be to the Spirit of God,
**whose presence sustains us,
and whose breath renews all creation.**

Behold! I am making all things new!
**Come, O God, and make your home among us.
Pour out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.**

INVOCATION

**Jesus, in dying you took on the pain of the whole of creation.
Its labor pains became yours as you struggled on the cross
to bring the new kingdom to birth.
Your arms on the cross embrace the whole world in reconciling love,
offering healing to our polluted planet
and forgiveness to us, the polluters.
Your resurrection life greens our world with the promise of a new spring.
Renew us we pray, so that we might renew our world.
Amen.**

*HYMN

"Morning Has Broken"

Chalice #53

**1. Morning has broken like the first morning,
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing!
Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing
Fresh from the Word!**

**2. Sweet the rain's new fall
Sunlit from heaven,
Like the first dewfall
On the first grass.**

Praise for the sweetness
Of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness
Where God's feet pass.

3. Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
Born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation,
Praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Readings Psalm 85:8-13, Isaiah 55:10-13, Revelation 22:1-2

Reflection

Rev. Rachelle Eaton

***HYMN**

“For the Healing of the Nations”

Chalice #668

1. For the healing of the nations,
God, we pray with one accord;
For a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords;
To a life of love in action
Help us rise and pledge our word,
(pledge our word)
Help us rise and pledge our word.

2. Lead us forward into freedom;
From despair your world release,
That, redeemed from war and hatred,
All may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness
Fear will die and hope increase, (hope increase)
Fear will die and hope increase.

3. All that kills abundant living,
Let it from the earth be banned;
Pride of status, race, or schooling,
Dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice
May we hallow life's brief span, (life's brief span)
May we hallow life's brief span.

4. You, Creator God, have written
Your great name on humankind;
For our growing in your likeness bring the life of Christ to mind,
That by our response and service
Earth its destiny may find (may find)
Earth its destiny may find.

MORNING PRAYERS

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer followed by The Lord's Prayer

**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...)*

THE GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

***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.

*CLOSING CIRCLE AND COMMISSIONING ONE ANOTHER

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EVENTS AND MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Friday Aug. 28 – Sept. 7 Mary Heath on Vacation
Tuesday, September 1 2:30 pm – Deacons
Thursday, August 27 11:30 am – Wilmot Ladies Aid
6:00 pm – AA Beginners
Sunday, September 13 Rally Day Picnic

Rally Day

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Sunday, September 13
after worship at Lucy Mueller's
house on Lake Sunapee
(10 Birch Point Rd., Sunapee)

Hot dogs, hamburgers and soft
drinks will be provided.

Bring an appetizer, side dish,
salad or dessert if you wish.



First Congregational Church Staff and Officers

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Settled Minister: Rev. Rachelle Eaton

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