



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 September 27, 2026

Rev. Rachelle Eaton, Minister
Elaine Cox, Music Director

MORNING WORSHIP September 27, 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

(inspired by Isaiah 55: 1-3)

Come to the water, all you who thirst—

come drink deeply from the river of life.

Come to the water, all you who are weary—

come rest in the quiet pools of God's love.

Come to the water, all you who long for justice—

come be renewed in God's ever-flowing stream.

For God is here among us,
washing away the dust and grime of our lives,
and pouring out the Spirit on all who thirst.

Let's worship God together.

INVOCATION

God, you split rocks in the wilderness, and gave your people abundant drink, as from the deep.

Come to us, Lord. Give us that abundant water.

You made streams come out of the rock, and caused waters to flow down like rivers.

Come to us, Lord. Send the waters down upon us.

You turned the desert into pools of water, the parched land into springs of water.

Come to us, Lord. Create springs in the parched desert of our hearts.

As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God.

My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. Come to us, Lord, and fill our longing.

*HYMN

"Shall We Gather at the River"

(Verses 1-3) Chalice # 701

1 Shall we gather at the river,
where bright angel feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever
flowing by the throne of God?

[Refrain:]

Yes, we'll gather at the river,
the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river
that flows by the throne of God.

2 On the margin of the river,
washing up its silver spray,
we will walk and worship ever,
all the happy golden day. [Refrain]

3 Ere we reach the shining river,
lay we every burden down;
grace our spirits will deliver,
and provide a robe and crown. [Refrain]

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Readings:

Ezekiel 47:1-12

Reflection

Rev. Rachelle Eaton

***HYMN**

“As I Went Down to the River to Pray”

Insert

[Chorus]

As I went down in the river to pray
Studyin' about that good ol' way
And who shall wear the starry crown?
Good Lord, show me the way

[Verse 1]

O, sisters, let's go down
Let's go down, come on down
O, sisters, let's go down
Down in the river to pray

[Chorus]

As I went down in the river to pray
Studyin' about that good ol' way
And who shall wear the robe and crown?
Good Lord, show me the way

[Verse 2]

O, brothers, let's go down
Let's go down, come on down
Come on, brothers, let's go down
Down in the river to pray

[Chorus]

As I went down in the river to pray
Studyin' about that good ol' way
And who shall wear the starry crown?
Good Lord, show me the way

[Verse 3]

O, sinners, let's go down
Let's go down, come on down
Come on, sinners, let's go down
Down in the river to pray

[Chorus]

As I went down in the river to pray
Studyin' about that good ol' way
And who shall wear the starry crown?
Good Lord, show me the way

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 “I’ve Got Peace Like a River”**

Chalice #530

1 I’ve got peace like a river,
I’ve got peace like a river,
I’ve got peace like a river in my soul.

2 I’ve got joy like a fountain,
I’ve got joy like a fountain,
I’ve got joy like a fountain in my soul.

3 I’ve got love like an ocean,
I’ve got love like an ocean,
I’ve got love like an ocean in my soul.

***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 “Shall We Gather at the River” (Refrain)Chalice #701**

Yes, we'll gather at the river,
the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river
that flows by the throne of God.

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Tuesday, September 29 1:00 pm – Justice and Witness

Thursday, October 1 11:30 am – Wilmot Ladies Aid

6:00 pm – AA Beginners

Sunday, October 4 10:00 am – Worship –

11:15 pm – Coffee Hour

1:00 pm – CROP Walk

Thursday, October 15 12:00 pm – Senior Lunch

Sunday, November 1 3:00 pm – Rachelle’s Installation

First Congregational Church Staff and Officers

Ministers: Members and Friends of the Congregation

Settled Minister: Rev. Rachelle Eaton

Moderator: Bob Evans

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