



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 Indigenous Peoples' Day

October 11, 2026

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Elaine Cox, Music Director

MORNING WORSHIP October 11, 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

We gather to worship the God who crafted the whole of creation, yet who can be neither contained by its expanse nor fully represented by its beauty and majesty.

We gather to worship the God who gave birth to our entire human family, who brought us into being, in all our diversity, as bearers of the divine image.

We gather to worship the God who inhabits every second through all eternity, who animates us with the breath of Spirit, and inspires us with the call to serve in Christ's name.

We gather to worship the God who bids us build a healthy global home filled with justice and peace, who equips us with a capacity for mercy and compassion.

ALL: We gather this day as God's people, brothers and sisters to one another, proclaimers of good news in every time and place.

INVOCATION

Mystery that surrounds us,

Untwist us, bring us clarity today,

Help us to recognize the image of Creation in us all.

Help us to understand the depth and richness of many cultures.

God, we sometimes shy away from taking responsibility for the scars left by our history. We would much rather enjoy the many blessings from our ancestors and neglect their burdens.

God, we are sorry. We seek your forgiveness and healing grace as we take steps toward building respectful, compassionate, and loving relationships with indigenous peoples.

In the midst of a long journey towards repentance, reconciliation, and healing, commit us to work toward ensuring that we will not use our power to hurt others.

Softening our hearts so that we do not confuse our ways for the full breadth, length, and height of Christ Jesus. Journey together with us in the Spirit of Christ so that all your peoples may be blessed and the fullness of creation healed. Amen.

*HYMN

"This Is My Father's World"

Chalice #59

**1 This is my Father's world,
And to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings
The music of the spheres.**

This is my Father's world:
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas--
His hand the wonders wrought.

2 This is my Father's world:
The birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white,
Declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world:
He shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass,
He speaks to me everywhere.

3 This is my Father's world:
O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world:
Why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King: let the heavens ring!
God reigns; let earth be glad!

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Readings Psalm 24:1-2, Psalm 104:24-28

Reflection

Rev. Rachelle Eaton

***HYMN "Many and Great, O God, Are Thy Things" Chalice #58**

Verse 1

Many and great, O God, are thy things,
Maker of earth and sky.
Thy hands have set the heavens with stars;
thy fingers spread the mountains and plains.
Lo, at thy word the waters were formed;
deep seas obey thy voice.

Verse 2

Grant unto us communion with thee,
thou star-abiding one;
come unto us and dwell with us;
with thee are found the gifts of life.
Bless us with life that has no end,
eternal life with thee.

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 “O God the Creator” NCH #291**

Verse 1
O God, the Creator, the Three in One,
The Creator of earth and moon and sun,
You have loved and protected us since time first begun,

Refrain:
And we're brothers and sisters in God's love, in God's love,
And we're brothers and sisters in God's love.

Verse 2
For the earth is our mother where all things grow,
And her valleys are green where the waters flow,
Gentle deer and the eagle and the mighty buffalo,

Refrain:
And we're brothers and sisters in God's love, in God's love,
And we're brothers and sisters in God's love.

Verse 3
We are one in the Spirit, in the great mystery,
Joined together in beauty as we dwell in harmony,
Bringing all of God's children into one community,

Refrain:
And we're brothers and sisters in God's love, in God's love,
And we're brothers and sisters in God's love.

Verse 4

God, we ask you for leaders with your wisdom blessed,
And we pray you will join us in our vision quest.
God, we welcome you into our hearts as our guest,

Refrain:

And we're brothers and sisters in God's love, in God's love,
And we're brothers and sisters in God's love.

***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 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" Chalice #433**

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love:
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.
When we are called to part, it gives us inward pain,
But we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Tuesday, October 13	1:00 pm – Church Council
Thursday, October 15	12:00 pm – Senior Lunch
	6:00 pm - AA Men's Beginners Big Book Step Meeting
Sunday, October 18	10:00 am - Guest Speaker Nikki Shults, Executive Director of Building Community in New Hampshire
Sunday, November 1	3:00 pm – Rachelle's Installation

Second Round of Appreciative Inquiry Gatherings

- Tuesday, October 20, 3 pm at the church
- Thursday, October 22, 7 pm on Zoom
- Sunday, October 25, at the church following coffee hour

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