



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
October 25, 2026
Ukama Sunday***

Rev. Rachelle Eaton, Minister
Elaine Cox, Music Director

MORNING WORSHIP October 25, 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 Psalm 66

We celebrate the Holy One who eases our souls.

Come and see what God has done!

We celebrate the Holy One who keeps us from slipping.

Come and see what God has done!

We celebrate the Holy One whose steadfast love sustains us.

Come and see what God has done!

INVOCATION

Loving God, Compassionate Architect,

You are the bearer of all our souls, the hope of all possibilities when walls surround us. You carve paths in mountainous regions when our roads appear blocked. You build bridges between people separated by gaps and distances. May we be ones who create channels so that your children continue to form relationships with one another and with you. Amen.

***HYMN**

“Jesu, Tawa Pano”

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Jesu, Tawa Pano

Jesus, We Are Here

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Shona: Je - su, ta - wa pa - no; Je - su, ta - wa pa - no;
English: Je - sus, we are here; Je - sus, we are here;

Je - su, ta - wa pa - no; ta - wa pa - no mu zi - ta re - nyu.
 Je - sus, we are here; we are here for you.

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Zimbabwe

GREETINGS FROM EASTLEA CHURCH

ANTHEM

"As the Deer"

Choir

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Readings

Ephesians 2:13-22

Reflection

Rev. Rachelle Eaton

*HYMN

"In Christ There is no East or West"

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| <p>1. In Christ there is no East or West,
 In Him no South or North;
 But one great fellowship of love
 Throughout the whole wide earth.</p> <p>2. In Him shall true hearts ev'rywhere
 Their high communion find;
 His service is the golden cord
 Close binding all mankind.</p> | <p>3. Join hands then, children of the faith,
 Whate'er your race may be;
 Who serves my Father as a child
 Is surely kin to me.</p> <p>4. In Christ now meet both East and West,
 In Him meet South and North;
 All Christly souls are one in Him
 Throughout the whole wide earth.</p> |
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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

EXCHANGING PRAYER PARTNERSHIP CARDS

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	"We Are Walking/Siyahamba"	Chalice #442
Verse 1		
We are walking in the light of God,		Siyahamba, hamba, hamba
We are walking in the light of God.		Siyahamba, hamba, hamba,
We are walking, walking,		Siyahamb ekukhanyen kwenkhos.
We are walking, walking,		
We are walking in the light of God.		
Verse 2		Verse 3
Siyahamb' ekukhanyen kwenkhos,		Caminando en la luz de Dios,
Siyahamb' ekukhanyen kwenkhos.		Caminando en la luz de Dios.
Siyahamb' ekukhanyen kwen khanyen		Caminando en la luz, de la luz de Dios.
kwenkhos.		Caminando vamos,
		Caminando vamos,
		Caminando en la luz de Dios.

***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 27 **3:00 pm** – Finance Committee
Thursday, October 29 **6:00 pm** - AA Men's Beginners Big Book Step Meeting
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

Clerk: Open Position

Director of Music: Elaine Cox

Deacon of the Month: October: Michiko Yamaguchi

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Attributions

Call to Worship and Invocation from Return to Give Glory: Service Prayers for the Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost written by Rev. Michelle L. Torigian, an ordained UCC minister in Belleville, Illinois.

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