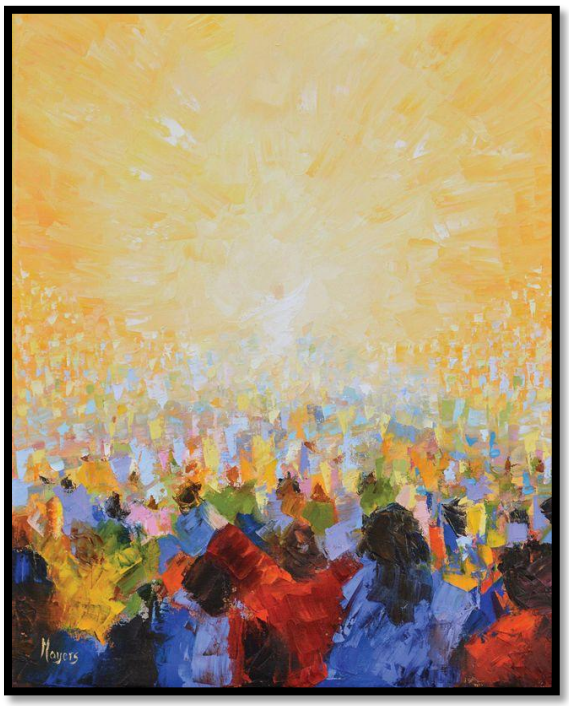


First Congregational Church Wilmot

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 with Communion
November 1, 2026
All Saints Day

Rev. Rachelle Eaton, Minister
Elaine Cox, Music Director

MORNING WORSHIP November 1, 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 remember, O God…
The countless saints of history who have blazed a trail of courage through time.
We remember, O God…
The tender touch of loved ones, the example of heroes, the healing words of comforters, the remarkable acts of fearless ones.
We remember, O God…
The gentle strength of grandparents, the loyalty of friends, the kindness of strangers, the joy of children, the sacrifice of parents.
We remember, O God…
The supreme love of Jesus, the blessing of his Spirit, the reminder of his words, the sharing of his suffering, the glory of his resurrection:
shown forth in the lives of his disciples,
young and old, dead and living,
articulate and silent, strange and familiar,
brilliant and ordinary.
We remember in every time and place the saints of God
who have shown us the Lord.
Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us worship God with joy!

INVOCATION

You are our God and we are Your people,
and we are grateful that You have claimed us as your own.
You have set us in the company of saints past and present,
among those who have made bold witness
to Your goodness and Your truth.
Your Word opens up new futures
where we see no way forward.

You know the places in our hearts
where we are afraid
— afraid of a future we cannot control;
— afraid of losing health and independence
— afraid for the well-being of our children
— afraid that past mistakes will ruin our future

Write the stories of your people deep into our hearts
so that we may learn to trust you beyond our fears.
Give us hearts and minds and spirits

ready to trust and follow wherever your Spirit leads,
confident that you will not lead us
beyond your loving embrace.
We ask in Jesus' name
whose outstretched arms welcome us
and hold us securely in your grace. Amen.

***HYMN "Gather the Family" Insert**

Chorus
Gather the fam'ly,
here we belong
And a welcome the
stranger come in
Our voices together
all singing one song
And it's here that the
future begins

1)
Our ancestors came
from away far away
From a thousand
traditions and kin
What we all share
together is:
we stand here today
With a chance to start
over again

(Chorus)

2)
Our measure of worth's
not in power or gold
The greatest truth comes
from the heart
And it's how we take
care of the weak
and the old
And this is a place
we can start

(Chorus)

3)
And so like a forest
our roots hold the past
While our branches
reach up to the sky
Let our gift to our
children be family that lasts
And a future to
which they can fly

(Chorus)

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Readings Philippians 1

Reflection Rev. Rachelle Eaton

LIGHTING CANDLES OF REMEMBRANCE

***HYMN "For All the Saints" NCH #299**

1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who to the world their steadfast faith confessed,
your name, O Jesus, be forever blessed.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 You were their rock, their refuge, and their might;
you, Christ, the hope that put their fears to flight;
'mid gloom and doubt, you were their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

3 Still may your people, faithful, true, and bold,

live as the saints who nobly fought of old.
and share with them a glorious crown of gold.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

4 Ringed by this cloud of witnesses divine,
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet in your love our faithful lives entwine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

5 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
then hearts are brave again, and faith grows strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

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.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT Paul Currier

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

***COMMUNION HYMN "One Bread, One Body" Chalice #393**

Refrain:
One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
One cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth,
We are one body in this one Lord.

Verse 1
Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
Woman or man, no more.

(Repeat Refrain)

Verse 2
Many the gifts, many the works,
One in the Lord of all.
(Repeat Refrain)

Verse 3
Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
Gathered to one, for all.

INVITATION

Leader: Beloved in Christ, the Gospel tells us that on the first day of the week Jesus Christ was raised from death, appeared to Mary Magdalene, on that same day sat at the table with two disciples, and was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

All: This is the joyful feast of the people of God. Men and women, youth and children, come from the east and the west, from the north and the south, and gather about Christ's table.

Leader: This table is for all who wish to know the presence of Christ and to share in the community of God's people. All are welcome at this table.

COMMUNION PRAYER

Leader: God be with you.
All: And also with you.
Leader: Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them to God.
Leader: Let us give thanks to God Most High.
All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Leader: We give you thanks, Holy One…
Therefore, with the entire company of saints in heaven and on earth, we worship and glorify you, God Most Holy.

All: Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God Most High. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God! Hosanna in the highest!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Leader: For in the night of betrayal Jesus took bread…
Therefore we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Leader: Eternal God, we unite in this covenant of faith…
Restore the earth with your grace that is able to make all things new.

All: Be present with us as we share this meal, and throughout all our lives, that we may know you as the Holy One, who with Christ and the Holy Spirit, lives for ever. Amen.

SHARING BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: Let us pray.

All: Bountiful God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

***HYMN "A Mighty Fortress is our God" NCH #439**

1 A mighty fortress is our God,
A bulwark never failing;
Our present help amid the flood
Of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe
Does seek to work us woe
With craft and power great,
And armed with cruel hate,
On earth without an equal.

2 Did we in our own strength confide,
Our striving would be losing,
But there is one who takes our side,
The One of God's own choosing.
You ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus sets us free!
With mighty power to save
Victorious o'er the grave
Christ will prevail triumphant.

3 And though this world, with devils filled,
Should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God has willed
The truth to triumph through us.
The powers of evils grim,
We tremble not for them;
Their rage we can endure,
For lo! their doom is sure;
One little word shall fell them.

4 That Word above all earthly powers
Forever is abiding;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours
For Christ is with us siding.
Let goods and kindred go,
This mortal life also;
The body they may kill:
God's truth shall triumph still;
God's reign endures forever.

***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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
FIRST CONGREGATION CHURCH of WILMOT, NH, UCC

You, as a church member, are hereby notified that there will be a special meeting on Sunday, November 15, 2026, immediately following worship to act on the following:

1. To participate in a discussion about our need to transfer funds from the investment account to the general account. The general account funds will be used for operating expenses.
2. To vote, as a church member, on the proposed transfer to the general account.

We encourage attendance as such decesions require that a quorum of members be present.

Robert Evans
Moderator
October 27, 2026

UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Tuesday, November 3	**11 am – 2 pm -** Election Day Lunch
Thursday, November 5	**11:30 am –** Wilmot Ladies Aid
	6:00 pm - AA Men's Beginners Big Book Step Meeting
Tuesday, November 10	**1:00 pm** – Church Council
	2:30 pm – Deacons
Thursday, November 12	**6:00 pm** - **-** AA Men's Beginners Big Book Step Meeting
Sunday, November 15	**10:00 am** – Sunday School
	11:00 am – Special Congregational Meeting
Sunday, November 22	**Stewardship Sunday**

First Congregational Church Staff and Officers

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