

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
November 15, 2026

Rev. Rachelle Eaton, Minister
David Almond, Guest Pianist

MORNING WORSHIP November 15, 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 come because we want to know God,
who seeks to shape us as faithful people.
Not that we already are,
but we strive to be the community of grace.
We come because we want to know Jesus,
who would plant justice deep in our hearts.
Not that we always do,
but we seek to welcome each person.
We come because we want to know the Spirit,
who shines hope on all people.
Not that we always are able,
but we seek to share the light of peace in our world.

INVOCATION

God of grace and mercy, your love has no boundaries.
Your power does not discriminate.
Your healing does not favor one race, ethnicity, or creed.
In a world that teaches a false scarcity of resources and preaches the false gospel of blessedness through prosperity, help us to understand your grace is enough.
It is enough to help us live in trust.
It is enough to carry us into and through faithful action.
It is enough to open our minds to new and imaginative ways to bring all people together for the sake of peace, for sake of community, for the sake of Jesus.
Hear our prayer, O God.
And, in your mercy, answer us.

***HYMN "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" Chalice #25**

1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, who rules all creation!
O my soul, worship the wellspring of health and salvation!
All ye who hear; now to God's temple draw near,
join me in glad adoration.

2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth
Who, as on wings of an eagle uplifted, sustaineth.
Hast thou not seen? All that is needful hath been
Granted in what God ordaineth

3 Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee.
Surely God's goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.

Ponder a new what the Almighty can do,
Who with great love doeth befriend thee.

4 Praise to the Lord, who doth nourish thy life and restore thee,
Fitting thee well for the tasks that are ever before thee.
Then to thy need God as a mother doth speed,
Spreading the wings of grace o'er thee.

5 Praise to the Lord! O let all of earth's peoples and races,
All that hath life and breath, give thanks for manifold graces.
Let the Amen sound from God's people again.
Gladly forever sing praises.

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Readings Philippians 3

Reflection Rev. Rachelle Eaton

***HYMN "Help Us Accept Each Other" NCH #388**

1 Help us accept each other
as Christ accepted us;
teach us as sister, brother,
each person to embrace.
Be present, Lord, among us
and bring us to believe
we are ourselves accepted
and meant to love and live.

2 Teach us, O God, your lessons,
as in our daily life
we struggle to be human
and search for hope and faith.
Teach us to care for people,
for all, not just for some,
to love them as we find them
or as they may become.

3 Let your acceptance change us,
so that we may be moved
in living situations
to do the truth in love,
to practice your acceptance
until we know by heart
the table of forgiveness
and laughter's healing art.

4 God, for today's encounters
with all who are in need,
who hunger for acceptance,
for righteousness and bread,
we need new eyes for seeing,
new hands for holding on;
renew us with your Spirit;
God, free us, make us one!

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 Allan MacDonald

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 "Take My Life and Let it Be" NCH #448**

1 Take my life, God, let it be consecrated faithfully.
Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.

2. Take my spirit, let it move at the impulse of your love.
Take my intellect and use all its powers as you choose.

3 Take my will; your will be done! Make your will and mine be one.
Take my heart, and by your grace make of it your dwelling place.

4 Take my love and help it grow; let my loving overflow.
Take me now, and help me be part of Christ's community.

***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

We extend a "Thank You" to David Almond for joining us today as the pianist for our worship service. Elaine Cox is on vacation for two weeks.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wilmot Senior Luncheons Held at FCCW



OPEN TO ALL!
HELD EVERY 3RD THURSDAY AT NOON

NOVEMBER 19
JANUARY 21, FEBRUARY 18
MARCH 18, APRIL 15

Suggested donation: $6.00
Donation (Breakfast bag to take home included)

$2.00 for frozen take away

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED.

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UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Tuesday, November 17	**1:00 pm** – Justice and Witness
	2:30 pm – Budget
Thursday, November 19	**8:00 am – 11:30 AM** – Church Cleaning
	12:00 pm – Senior Lunch
	6:00 pm - **-** AA Men's Beginners Big Book Step Meeting
Sunday, November 22	**Stewardship Sunday**
Thursday, November 26	**Thanksgiving**
Sunday, November 29	**Greening the Church**



First Congregational Church Staff and Officers

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ATTRIBUTIONS:

Call to Worship by Thom Shuman https://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/2026/09/alternate-texts-liturgy-wcommunion-for_01871188203.html
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