

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 8, 2026

Rev. Rachelle Eaton, Minister
Elaine Cox, Music Director

MORNING WORSHIP November 8, 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

God sends light to us this day
and invites us to meet one another in this light.
Light breaks forth like the dawn,
drawing us into relationship with one another.
Humble yourselves for the worship of God,
that you may be empowered to serve.
God calls us to trust with steady hearts
and to serve with righteous compassion.
Seek not for lofty words of wisdom,
but for powerful demonstrations of God's way.
God makes us to be the salt of the earth
and lights to show God's works to the world.

INVOCATION

Gracious Light-Bearer,
Into the shadows of our isolation
you speak words of life and community.
Challenger of our lives,
you call us from places we call home
to lead us more deeply into the world you love.
With your gentle, healing touch
you redeem the broken places of our lives
and you heal the wounded places of the earth.
Inspire our worship here this day,
so that we may receive liberation in your word,
and be filled to overflowing
to share your reconciling love throughout the earth.
We pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

***HYMN "Go Light Your World" Insert**

There is a candle in every soul
Some brightly burning, some dark and cold
There is a Spirit who brings a fire
Ignites a candle and makes His home

So carry your candle, run to the darkness
Seek out the hopeless, confused and torn
Hold out your candle for all to see it

Take your candle, and go light your world
Take your candle, and go light your world

Frustrated brother, see how he's tried to
Light his own candle some other way
See now your sister, she's been robbed and lied to
Still holds a candle without a flame

Carry your candle, run to the darkness
Seek out the lonely, the tired and worn
Hold out your candle for all to see it
Take your candle, and go light your world
Take your candle, and go light your world

We are a family whose hearts are blazing
So let's raise our candles and light up the sky
Praying to our Father, in the name of Jesus
Make us a beacon in darkest times

Carry your candle, run to the darkness
Seek out the hopeless, deceived and poor
Hold out your candle for all to see it
Take your candle, and go light your world

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Readings Philippians 2

Reflection Rev. Rachelle Eaton

***HYMN "Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant" NCH #539**

Verse 1
Won't you let me be your servant,
Let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace
To let you be my servant, too.

Verse 2
We are pilgrims on a journey,
We are travelers on the road;
We are here to help each other
Go the mile and bear the load.

Verse 3
I will hold the Christ-light for you
In the shadow of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
Speak the peace you long to hear.

Verse 4
I will weep when you are weeping;
When you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
Till we've seen this journey through.

Verse 5
When we sing to God in heaven
We shall find such harmony,
Born of all we've known together
Of Christ's love and agony.

(repeat Verse 1)

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 Sue Houston

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 "This Little Light of Mine" NCH #524**

1. This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine..
This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

2. This joy I have,
The world didn't give to me...
This joy I have,
The world didn't give to me.
This joy I have,
The world didn't give to me.
No, the world didn't give it,
The world can't take it away.

***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 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
Tuesday, November 17	**1:00 pm** - Justice and Witness
	2:30 pm – Budget Committee
Thursday, November 19	**12:**00 pm – Senior Lunch
	6:00 pm - **-** AA Men's Beginners Big Book Step Meeting
Sunday, November 22	**Stewardship Sunday**



The Sunday School will learn about "Being the Light" in the world by showing gratitude. Then we'll make Thanksgiving magnets to give to the congregation and play our Thanksgiving Jeopardy game.

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: November: Lucy Mueller
Religious Ed Director: Nancy Allenby
Secretary: Mary Heath

ATTRIBUTIONS:

Call to Worship from the State College Presbyterian Church in Pennsylvania.
http://scpresby.org/
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