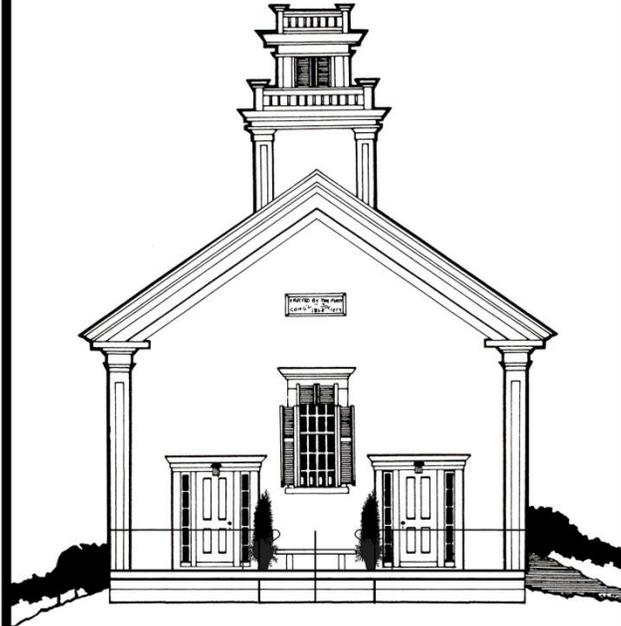


Church *on the* Rise



**First Congregational Church, UCC
Wilmot, New Hampshire**

*No matter who you are or where you are on your life's journey, you are welcome in this
Open and Affirming congregation of the United Church of Christ.*

***Order of Service for
Sunday, November 22, 2020***

Minister: Rev. Sara Marean

Music Director: William Ogmundson

ORDER of WORSHIP – November 22, 2020

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Introit

A Time of Silence to Center Ourselves

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: To the Thanksgiving table of plenty,

People: Come, thankful people, come!

Leader: To the kitchen where familiar hands prepare with love,

People: Come, thankful people, come!

Leader: To the farm where calloused hands plant and tend,

People: Come, thankful people, come!

Leader: To the rich earth, where roots stretch and seeds grow,

People: Come, thankful people, come!

Leader: To this service of worship and praise of the God of creation,

People: Come, thankful people, come!

HYMN “COME, YE THANKFUL PEOPLE, COME” CHALICE HYMNAL #718

Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home,

All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin;

God, our Maker, does provide for our wants to be supplied;

Come to God’s own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

All the blessings of the field, all the stores the gardens yield,

All the fruits in full supply, ripened ‘neath the summer sky,

All that spring with bounteous hand scatters o’er the smiling land,

All that liberal autumn pours from its rich o’er flowing stores,

These to thee, our God, we owe, source whence all our blessings flow;

And for these our souls shall raise grateful vows and solemn praise.

Come, then, thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home;

Come to God’s own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

O God of steadfast love
we entered this space today
to worship you in gladness.
We come into your presence
Singing your praises.
You are our creator; we are your people.
Be with us, O God, as we celebrate all of creation:
We give thanks for the sun, water, air and winds
that nourish your earth
which provides the bounty we enjoy.
Bless us as we bless your name. Amen.

SCRIPTURE 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

MESSAGE

REV. SARA MAREAN

HYMN "Now Thank We All Our God" Chalice Hymnal #715

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done, in whom the world rejoices,
Who, from our mothers' arms, has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
And keep us full of grace, and guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God our Father and our Mother,
To Christ and to the One who binds us to each other,
The one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore,
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

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...)*

Prayer Response Hymn #658 Restless Weaver (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 AND PLEDGING OUR FINANCIAL COMMITMENT

Bless, O God, the financial resources that pass through our hands – that our planning be wise, our spending be faithful, our giving be joyful and our saving offer peace of mind. Guard us from waste and worry, keep us sensitive to the needs of those who have less than we do, and let justice guide our earning and our investing. Amen.

THE GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

Invitation and Offertory

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,

Praise God all creatures here below.

Praise God for all that love has done,

Creator, Christ and Spirit, One. Amen

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of abundance,

we give these offerings of material goods

as our commitment to give back to you

and to care for your people.

Let our giving remind us to see Jesus all around us.

Use our offerings of money and of our lives

for ministry to your purposes. Amen.

HYMN “LET ALL THINGS NOW LIVING” CHALICE HYMNAL #717

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving

To God our Creator triumphantly raise;

Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,

By guiding us on to the end of our days.

God’s banners are o’er us, pure light goes before us,

A pillar of fire shining forth in the night;

Till shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished,

As forward we travel from light into Light.

By law God enforces. The stars in their courses,
The sun in its orbit obediently shine;
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
The depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.
We, too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing
With glad adoration, a song let us raise:
Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving,
To God in the highest, hosanna and praise.

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. Amen.

BENEDICTION

SUNG RESPONSE "Alleluia!"