

ORDER OF WORSHIP
May 17, 2020
Sixth Sunday Of Easter
Second Congregational Church in Wilton,
United Church of Christ

WELCOME to the worship of God at the
Second Congregational Church in Wilton,
United Church of Christ.
We are glad you are here today!

Bold print means congregational participation.
An asterisk (*) indicates to please stand if you are able.

GATHERING FOR THE WORD

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader will speak the words of the people, as well as the leader's part

Leader: We long for community
and the Presence of God.

People: *out loud, but muted*
In whom we live and move and have our being.

Leader: This day Christ tells us that we will never be alone.
An Advocate - spirit of Truth - will share our journey.

People: *out loud, but muted*
With whom we will live and create community and celebrate being.

Leader: May the love of God be with you.

People: *out loud, but muted*
And the joy of Christ surround you.

Leader: May we know the presence of the Advocate
as we gather in this community of peace,
May your Truth lead us to the path of discipleship
with deeds of bold mercy and courageous justice.

People: *out loud, but muted*

As an Easter People following a Risen Lord,
may the life of Jesus live on in us and through us. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

Ever-Present One,
we have come here today for many reasons,
each with our own story.
May these reasons and stories be immersed in your Sacred Story,
finding ourselves caught up in the drama and beauty
of Jesus' teachings, life, and ministry.
Enable us to move boldly into the future
and to fulfill the hope of love that Jesus taught,
even as we pray the prayer he taught us saying

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, 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 trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess together

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy Advocate,
it seems, at times, we forget that you know us at our very depth.
We become anxious and afraid that you are not with us,
in these days of isolation and worry.
Yet even now you call us to the work of imagination,
generosity and patience,
which are possible when we remember Whose we are.
By your mercy, help us to live out the commandments of Christ
within these walls, beyond this hour.

People: *out loud, but muted*

May we become for the world
the very presence of justice, hope and peace.

SILENT PRAYER

in the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

All of us have been created and called to be in community
Which today takes many forms!
Know this, but more importantly, live this:
As God's children we are loved and equipped for great ministry.
Follow Jesus' commandment to love boldly, even in solitude,
as you are held in the grace and love of God.

*GLORIA PATRI Tune: GREATORIX

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.

ENGAGING THE WORD

READING FROM SCRIPTURE

John 14:15-21

SERMON

"It's All About Love?"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER, SILENT PRAYER

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*CALL TO OFFERING

People: *out loud, but muted*

May these gifts, O God,
become action and intention,
fulfilling Christ's commandment to love. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.† Amen.

GOING WITH THE WORD

*BENEDICTION

Now leave this time of worship, refreshed and hopeful;
let love be true and freely given.

And may you be encouraged and blessed by the Advocate
whose love warms and surrounds you like the sun,
believing that God is with us always,
as close as our beating hearts. Amen.

A WARM WELCOME TO ALL GUESTS!

If you are visiting us, we offer you a special welcome and invite you to stay for refreshments in the Parish Hall after worship. We would love to have you join us! Please sign our visitor's book, and if you are seeking a place to live out your faith, would like more information about this community of faith, or want to talk with someone about who we are and what we do, please speak with Pastor Kerry or one of the Deacons.



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