

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Pentecost Sunday

Second Congregational Church in Wilton,

United Church of Christ

*Bold print means congregational participation.*

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

*An asterisk (\*) indicates to please stand, if you are able.*

### GATHERING FOR THE WORD

#### WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

##### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Listen can you hear the wind?

**People:** *out loud, but muted*  
**Come, Holy Spirit; come!**

Leader: Look can you see the dancing flames?

**People:** *out loud, but muted*  
**Come, Holy Spirit; come!**

Leader: Can you hear the message in a language you can understand?

**People:** *out loud, but muted*  
**Come, Holy Spirit; come!**

Leader: Do you see the visions? Can you dream the dreams?

**People:** *out loud, but muted*  
**Come, Holy Spirit; come!**

Leader: Come let Pentecost become real in our lives this morning.  
Come and worship our God who sends the Spirit to touch us  
and transform Us into Pentecost people

##### OPENING PRAYER

Spirit of God, we long to be open to your presence  
In our church and in our lives.  
Fill us with your wind and fire, that we might be enlivened again.  
Help us hear the words as if for the first time,  
That they might touch us anew  
Give us visions and dreams of what you long for in your creation,  
That we might begin to live them into reality  
Into our church, into our very selves. Amen

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

### CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess together...

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, giver of the Spirit,  
We sit surrounded by red and  
Hear the amazing story of Pentecost this morning.  
But we've heard it so many times before.  
It is so familiar, we've ceased to be amazed and surprised  
Or filled with excitement.  
Forgive us for our complacency.  
Blow us out of our complacency.  
Let the flames of passion dance in our lives.  
Inspire us with visions and dreams.  
Help us appreciate each gift you give us.  
Help us be truly Pentecost People.

SILENT PRAYER ... in the name of Jesus Christ we pray. **Amen.**

### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God has promised to send us the Spirit,  
That we might know fully  
God's presence in the world  
And in our lives.  
Know that the Spirit of forgiveness and understanding  
Flows over us this day and always.

\*GLORIA PATRI Tune: GREATOREX

**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 7:34-39

SERMON

"What Do You Thirst For?"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER, SILENT PRAYER

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.**

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### \*CALL TO OFFERING

Pentecost people, we have received gifts too numerous to count,  
Now we have a chance to give thanks and joy,  
your offering will enable this church to be a Pentecost presence  
in this community and the world,  
to reach out in passionate commitment  
and bring the wind and fire of the spirit  
to a people and a world that so desperately need it.

### \*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.**

### \*OFFERTORY PRAYER

For all you have given, for all we have received, we give thanks.  
We bring before you our gifts of substance and the gifts of our lives.  
We bring our passion and joy and surprise, our visions of dreams.  
May they refresh and enliven our church and community  
as the wind of your spirit did long ago. Amen

## GOING WITH THE WORD

### \*BENEDICTION

Go forth now as Pentecost People  
Filled with the Spirit, dreaming dreams,  
And seeing visions of God's possibilities

**We go forth, knowing we are beloved and blessed  
By a God who never leaves us alone.**

Go, to be surprised by the Spirit in all that you do  
And everywhere that you go.

**We go, claiming our identity as Pentecost people-  
People of wind and fire, dreams and visions,  
People filled with that most amazing and  
Transforming Spirit. Amen**

## **PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

Pastor Kerry Richardson (Interim Pastor)

All the Congregation, Ministers to the World



**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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