

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Trinity Sunday

June 7, 2020

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*

One: In the name of the Creator, the Christ and the Holy Spirit.

*Many: Out loud but muted*

**Amen.**

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

*Many: Out loud but muted*

**In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God  
and the Word was God.**

In the beginning the Spirit of God swept over the face of the waters.

*Many: Out loud but muted*

**In the beginning God said, "Let us make humankind in our image."**

And so we came into being, created by God who exists in community.

*Many: Out loud but muted*

**We are here as God's community to worship the Source of our being.**

**\*HYMN**

"Be Thou My Vision"

**OPENING PRAYER**

Holy Mother you have birthed us into life,  
Holy Father you have nurtured us along our way,  
In you we have lived and move and have our being.  
To you we bring our offering of praise and thanksgiving.  
We open ourselves to your presence in this time of worship.  
Fill us with resolve and purpose, to be your community  
and to expand our boundaries until all of creation is renewed  
and all people are welcomed and blessed.  
This we ask through the risen and ascended Christ  
who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.

## CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess together...

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us pray.

Holy God, we were created in your image,  
an image of mutuality and respect for one another;  
an image of a dance ever moving, ever in tune one with others;  
an image of community with shared blessing and mission.  
You have given us dominion over the work of your hands.  
You have charged us to be fruitful and multiply,  
to make disciples of all nations.

**Many: *Out loud but muted***  
**Forgive us God; we have denied our purpose.**

We have abused the earth's resources for our own selfish gain  
and the consequences wreak havoc upon the fish of the sea,  
the birds of the air and every living thing that moves upon the earth.

**Many: *Out loud but muted***  
**Forgive us God; we have defiled your image.**

We have regarded some of your children as "other"  
and therefore, beyond the reach of your love and care  
because their professed faith in you, or lack thereof,  
is different from our own.

**Many: *Out loud but muted***  
**Forgive us God; for we have sinned.**

*Silence for personal reflection and confession*

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

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God desires to see broken relationships restored  
and has heard our prayer.  
In the name of Jesus the Christ and in the power of the Holy Spirit,  
we are forgiven.

**Many: *Out loud but muted***  
**Thanks be to God.**

\*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

Matthew 28:16-20

SERMON

"What Event Transformed You?"

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

### \*OFFERTORY INVITATION

God has abundantly bestowed upon us the gift of life.  
Our best response is to offer our whole lives  
as agents for God's mission in the world.  
Give as you are able to build the community of God  
in our homes, our congregation and around the world.

### \*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 DEDICATION

Receive these gifts,  
even our very lives for your service.  
Multiply them and our effort to meet the need.  
We are yours God, use us we pray, **Amen.**

### \*HYMN

"Let us break bread together"

## HOLY COMMUNION

As grain that was scattered on the hillside  
was gathered together and made into one loaf,  
so too, are we, scattered at tables in our own homes,  
are bound together around Christ's table and become one.

As grapes grown in the field  
are gathered together and pressed into wine,  
so too are we drawn together  
and pressed by our times  
to share a common lot  
and are transformed into Christ's self-giving love for all.  
God be with you.

**Many:** *Out loud but muted*  
**And with your spirit.**

Lift up your hearts

**Many:** *Out loud but muted*  
**We lift them up to God.**

Give thanks to God, Blessed Trinity

**Many:** *Out loud but muted*  
**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Praise to you Divine Creator.

Thank you for the gift of life,  
the beauty of nature,  
the structure of the law  
and your steadfast loving kindness.

Praise to you Divine Redeemer.

Thank you for sharing our human existence,  
from birth through death to everlasting life  
you have shown us a way worth emulating,  
bringing healing and hope to those most in need.

Praise to you Divine Sustainer.

Thank you for the vision to see beyond the immediate,  
a calm in the midst of storm,  
the strength to build an ever expanding community  
and the courage to bring about any change necessary within our lives.

#### THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION/REMEMBRANCE

#### PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Holy God, descend your Spirit upon these gifts of grain and grape  
that they might be for us the presence of the living Christ  
and pour out your Spirit upon us  
so that we might be taken, blessed, broken and distributed  
so that others might know the blessings  
of living in communion with you and one another.  
Through Christ, with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor are yours Almighty God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

#### BREAKING AND POURING

#### THE PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR

#### THE DISTRIBUTION

#### THE BLESSING

May the presence of Christ, Body and Spirit, keep and preserve you to everlasting life.

#### THANKSGIVING

Let us pray.

**Many: *Out loud but muted***

**For the beauty of creation,  
the gift of life and your presence with each of us,  
even though we are physically distanced,  
we give you thanks.  
Work through us so that we might be channels  
of your mission in the world,  
to build your community on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.**

## GOING WITH THE WORD

### \*HYMN

“Nearer My God To Thee

### \*BENEDICTION

God calls us from this time of worship  
to share the hope of abundant life in the presence of hardship,  
relationship that transcends the barriers of isolation,  
and to do what we can, where we are,  
to be the body of Christ.

*Many: Out loud but muted*

**This is what we were created for.**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit  
will go with you and before you, today and ever more.  
**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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