

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Fourth Sunday of Pentecost
June 28, 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: God calls into our midst those who are beloved
in all their diversity:

People: *Out loud but muted*
We welcome them.

God calls into our midst all those who are vulnerable,
In need of teaching, healing, shelter

People: *Out loud but muted*
We welcome them

God calls into our midst all those with a word of challenge
That proclaims God's kin-dom for all

People: *Out loud but muted*
We welcome them.

Let us worship God, who calls us to be
"prophets of welcome":

People: *Out loud but muted*
Alleluia!

***HYMN** "We Have Come To Join In Worship"

INVOCATION

Holy One, who calls us into community,
and invites us to welcome your prophets and messengers,
let us experience your welcome to us
gathered in various places but joined in this moment.
Show us that we are beloved
and honored in your presence and in this community.
Show us how to put our resources at the service of all,
help us know that the cup of water given in your name
nourishes the one who gives and the one who receives.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess together...

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all, you call us into obedience to the ways of life and holiness,
To honor your image in all whom we meet.
When we ration your welcome to a very few:

People: *Out loud but muted*
Lord have mercy.

God of abundance, you call us to stop clinging to things,
To trust in your goodness to provide all we need.
When we grasp and hoard and do not share,

People: *Out loud but muted*
Christ have mercy.

God of hope, you call us to imagine a future “kin-dom”
where all find a place at the table,
A safe and joyful welcome to neighbors, children, creation.
When we stop short of your vision of your world of mercy and justice for all,

People: *Out loud but muted*
Lord have mercy.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Holy One, who is still speaking through our words,
Help us to hear your assurance in the peace we share together.
You will always welcome us by name. Amen.

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 10:40-42

SERMON

“Welcome, Glad You’re Here. Really?”

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

***INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

We know the reward of God's welcome.
The Holy Spirit has blown through us so that
we sing of God's steadfast love continually.
Now, gathered here as prophets of welcome,
we respond to what God has done.
We give our gifts of tithes and offerings in the certain hope
that God's welcome will continue in the ministry we offer.

***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.***

DEDICATION PRAYER

Welcoming One, bless these gifts with your Spirit
Transform these gifts into the balm that your world needs.
In these gifts, may we welcome in a new world of love. Amen.

***HYMN**

***BENEDICTION**

Whoever welcomes you welcomes me,
Quench our thirst for love,
Satisfy our need to be known,
Assure us that we are indeed prophets of welcome.
Let us go to proclaim this peace in God's name.

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor Kerry Richardson (Interim Pastor)
All the Congregation, Ministers to the World

A WARM WELCOMETO 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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