

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**Eleventh Sunday of Pentecost**  
**August 16, 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

**Prelude** **“Faith”** **F. Mendelssohn**

**\*OPENING SENTENCES**

How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

**All:** **Out loud but muted**  
**It is like a summer rain which restores the parched earth.**

It is like a cool breeze at the shore of a lake, at the top of a mountain or through a crowded city street.

**All:** **Out loud but muted**  
**God meets us here.**

We have gathered to worship the Maker of Our Days, the Restorer of Our Souls and the Breath of Our Lives.

**\*HYMN** **Jesus Calls Us O'er The Tumult**

Jesus calls us o'er the tumult of our  
life's wild, restless sea; day by day his sweet voice  
soundeth, saying "Christian, follow me."

Jesus calls us from the worship of the  
vain world's golden store, from each idol that would  
keep us, saying "Christian love me more."

In our joys and in our sorrows, days of  
toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and  
pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these."

Jesus calls us by thy mercies, Savior  
may we hear thy call, give our hearts to thine o-  
bedience, serve and love thee best of all.

## \*OPENING PRAYER

Maker of Our Days,  
you created each of us unique beings with differing strengths and weaknesses. Help us not only to use our strengths to assist others but also to allow others to use their strengths to meet our weaknesses.

**All:** *Out loud but muted*  
Restorer of Our Souls,  
you have seen the parched places we have made in our lives,  
along with the devastation thrust upon us by the action or inaction of others. Meet us in the places of our deepest pain so that our facades of self-sufficiency might fall away, and we might be drawn into right relationship with you and one another.

Breath of Our Lives, without you we are but a mound of clay.  
Fill us with your presence, invigorate our worship, set us on fire so that others might be drawn into your light and nurtured by the warmth of your loving care.

## CONFESSION OF SIN

When we try to go it on our own lacking faith in divine providence,

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

When we have not recognized God at work in the faith of others,

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

In all that we have done and all that we have left undone,

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

## \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God calls each of us by name and cries out with tears of joy as we recognize God in our admission of need.

**All:** *Out loud but muted*  
Praise be to God who welcomes us as we are,  
challenges us to let go of our guilt  
and provides a way for us to walk on together.

## 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 15:10-28*

SERMON

“Painful Growing”

\*HYMN

“Be Still For the Spirit of the Lord”

Be still, for the Spirit of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.  
Come, bow before him now, with reverence and with fear.  
In him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground.  
Be still, for the Spirit of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;  
He burns with holy fire, with splendor he is crowned.  
How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light!  
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place,  
He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace.  
No work too hard for him, in faith receive from him.  
Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in the place.

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

In times of plenty and want, God provides for our deepest needs.  
Give generously out of the abundance of God's blessing  
so that in these challenging times God's work might continue.

\*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**

**All:** *Out loud but muted*

Holy God, you are our provider.  
We dedicate to your service our lives and these offerings  
from your blessing and our labor.  
Work in us and through us to extend your love and care,  
here and around the world. Amen.

**SENDING**

You have been reconciled with Christ.  
Do the work of Christ in the world:  
extend support to those in need,  
speak up for those cast aside,  
build bridges of reconciliation,  
strengthen bonds of community,  
knowing that  
the Maker of Our Days,  
the Restorer of Our Souls  
and the Breath of Our Lives  
will be with you this day and ever more.  
**Amen.**

**POSTLUDE**

**“Trust in Him”**

**F. Schubert**

Please stay muted during the postlude and join our Virtual Coffee Hour  
immediately following the service.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPCOMING MEETINGS (via Zoom)**

- Book Club - August 17, 10 AM
- Search Committee Meeting - August 19, 7PM

**PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

Pastor Kerry Richardson (Interim Pastor)  
Patricia Cauchon, Director of Music  
Ingrid Howard, Liturgist  
All the Congregation, Ministers to the World



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