

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Tenth Sunday of Pentecost
August 9, 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

OPENING MUSIC

Here I am To Worship

***SOLEMN DECLARATION**

One: In the name of the Creator, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit.
Many: *Out loud but muted*
Amen.

***OPENING SENTENCES**

Those who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint. (Isaiah 40:31 NRSV)

All: *Out loud but muted*
We need this kind of hope.

Come; worship the Holy One who meets you where you are.
Come; open yourselves to the God who lifts us up.

All: *Out loud but muted*
We are here to worship; we are here to surrender to God.

***HYMN**

“You Are My All in All”

You are my strength when I am weak, you are the
Treasure that I seek, you are my All in All
Seeking you as a precious jewel, Lord to give
up I’d be a fool, You are my All in All
Jesus Lamb of God worthy is Your name
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*OPENING PRAYER

God of Presence,
as you walked upon the water to meet the disciples,
meet us in the midst of the storms in our lives.

God of Renewal,
as you lifted Peter from the water,
lift us from despair to hope,
from distraction to focus,
from death to life.

God of the Journey,
direct us in your way,
work out your purpose in and through our lives.
We pray in the name of Christ who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

God is with you, Christ is present,
the Holy Spirit surrounds you and unites us all.

All: *Out loud but muted*
**But we have turned our eyes to the challenges of this life,
lost our focus on God and are sinking in sin.**

You can begin again.
Imagine a new way of being.

All: *Out loud but muted*
**We have cast aside our dreams to maintain the familiar.
We have cast aside the dreams of others,
fearful of what they might mean.**

God loves you,
Christ will lift you from the waves of doubt
and the Holy Spirit will rescue you from currents
of insecurity and alienation.

In these moments of quiet reflection confess
to God all that separates you from God and one another.

Time for personal reflection and confession.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Take heart, do not be afraid.
Every one who calls upon God's name will be saved.
We are forgiven.

All: *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 14:22-33

SERMON

“We Want Calm Waters”

***HYMN**

“Jesus, Priceless Treasure”

Jesus, priceless treasure, source of purest pleasure,
Truest friend to me: Ah how long I've panted, and my heart has
Fainted, thirsting, Lord, for thee! Thine I am, O spotless lamb;
I will suffer nought to hide thee, nought I ask beside thee.

In thine arms I rest me; foes who would molest me
Cannot reach me here. Though the earth be shaking, every heart be
Quaking, Jesus calms my fear. Sin and hell in conflict fell
With their bitter storms assail me

Hence, all fears and sadness, for the Lord of gladness,
Jesus, enters in. Those who love the Father, though the storms may
Gather, still have peace within. Yea, whate-er I here must bear,
Still in thee lies purest pleasure, Jesus, priceless treasure!

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**

Our God calls us to seek and find the hints
of the Kin-dom in our world,
and to nurture its growth among us.
We will use our gifts, tithes and offerings
to rebuild the body of Christ.

***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**

You have been raised with Christ.
Do the work of Christ in the world:
extend a hand to those in need,
speak up for those others would cast aside,
build bridges of reconciliation,
strengthen bonds of community,
and extend the invitation of life,
community and purpose to others knowing that
the God who created you,
the Christ who redeems you
and the Spirit who empowers you
will be with you this day and ever more.
Amen.

***SENDING**

Go forth in Wisdom, in hope, in courage
With hearts open to recognize the signs of
the reign of God in our midst,
and courage to create more space for grace
in our lives and our world.

POSTLUDE

“All Hail The Power of Jesus Name”

Q.Holden

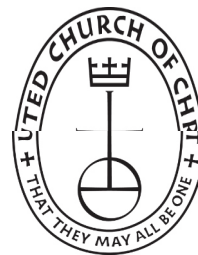
Please stay muted during the postlude and join our Virtual Coffee Hour
immediately following the service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPCOMING MEETINGS (via Zoom)

- Search Committee Meeting - August 12, 7PM

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

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