

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Last Sunday After Pentecost
November 22, 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

“We Gather Together”

Netherlands folk hymn Baker/Kremser”

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Know that the Holy One is God.

Reader We are God’s people.

Worship the Holy One with gladness;

Reader Come into God’s presence with singing.

Enter God’s gates with thanksgiving, and God’s courts with praise.

Reader Make a joyful noise!

For God is good;

God’s steadfast love endures forever,
and God’s faithfulness to all generations.

Reader Let us worship with thanks and joy!

Let us praise God in song and word and prayer!

***HYMN**

“When The Church Of Jesus”

When the church of Jesus shuts its outer door,
Lest the roar of traffic drown the voice of prayer:
May our prayers, Lord, make us ten times more aware
That the world we banish is our Christian care.

If your hearts are lifted where devotion soars
High above this hungry, suffering world of ours:
Lest our hymns should drug us to forget its needs,
Forge our Christian worship into Christian deeds.

Lest the gifts we offer, money talents, time,
Serve to salve our conscience, to our secret shame:
Lord, reprove, inspire us by the way you give;
Teach us, dying Savior, how true Christians live.

***INVOCATION**

Gracious God, we long to know you better.
Open us to recognize your presence,
to receive you fully,
and to be ready to follow your leading. Amen.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Loving God, too often,
we overlook the needs of people around us
while we proclaim our devotion to you.
We could do so much more to feed the hungry,
clothe the naked, to welcome the stranger, and heal the sick.
We fail to see how our prison system diminishes the humanity of all of us,
how our medical system denies healing to the poor,
how poverty leaves children without coats,
how legal obstacles keep the strangers at a distance.
Open our eyes to see your presence in every person,
and to respond to their needs so that we may be rightly called by your name. Amen

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Though we wander, God searches us out.
Speaking through Ezekiel, God said,
“As shepherds seek out their flocks
when they are among their scattered sheep,
so I will seek out my sheep.
I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered
on a day of clouds and thick gloom.”
God reaches out to us, longing to bring us ever closer.
Hear this good news: you are forgiven and free.

GLORIA PATRI Tune: GREATORIX

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

- ANTHEM** "Blessing After Blessing" Stratton/Courtney
- READING FROM SCRIPTURE** Matthew 25: 31-46
- SERMON** "It Should Be Easy"
- *HYMN** "The Church of Christ In Every Age"

The church of Christ in every age, beset by
Change but Spirit led, must claim and test its
Heritage and keep on rising from the dead.
Across the world, across the street, the victims
Of injustice cry for shelter and for
Bread to eat, and never live until they die.
Then let the servant church arise, a caring
Church that longs to be a partner in Christ's
Sacrifice, and clothed in christ's humanity.

For Christ alone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
Fever in our blood, and teach us how to
Share our bread and feed the starving multitude.

We have no mission but to serve in full
Obedience to our Lord: to care for all, without
Reserve, and spread Christ's liberating word.

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 FOR THE OFFERING**

Generosity may come as an impulse,
but it is cultivated by the practice of regular giving.
Let us today move from beliefs to actions that make a difference in the world.
We give in gratitude for God's gifts to us,
and we give because we need to live beyond ourselves.
Use this time of offering as an opportunity
to grow and to grow the realm of God.

***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.*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

God of abundance,
we give these offerings of material goods
as our commitment to give back to you
and to care for your people.
Let our giving remind us to see Jesus all around us.
Use our offerings of money and of our lives
for ministry to your purposes. Amen.

***BENEDICTION**

May God give you wisdom and revelation.
May the eyes of your heart be enlightened.
May you know the hope to which God has called you,
And may the blessings
of the Creator, the Redeemer and the Sustainer
go with you this day and always. Amen.

POSTLUDE

"Come Ye thankful People, Come"

Alford/Elvey H. Purcell



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Senior Book Club Via Zoom, November 23, 10:00 AM
- Deacons Meeting Via Zoom, November 24, 7:00 PM
- Thanksgiving Day - Have a Happy Thanksgiving, November 26
- "Virtual Office" is closed November 26 - 27
- Worship Service Via Zoom, November 29, 9:30 AM



PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

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

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When the Church of Jesus

WITNESS & MISSION

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1 When the Church of Je - sus shuts its out - er door,
2 If our hearts are lift - ed where de - vo - tion soars
3 Lest the gifts we of - fer, mon - ey, tal - ents, time,

lest the roar of traf - fic drown the voice of prayer:
high a - bove this hun - gry, suf - fering world of ours:
serve to salve our con - science, to our se - cret shame:

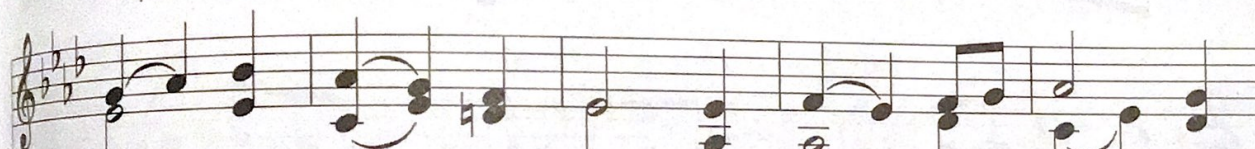
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Lord, re - prove, in - spire us by the way you give;

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teach us, dy - ing Sav - ior, how true Chris - tians live.

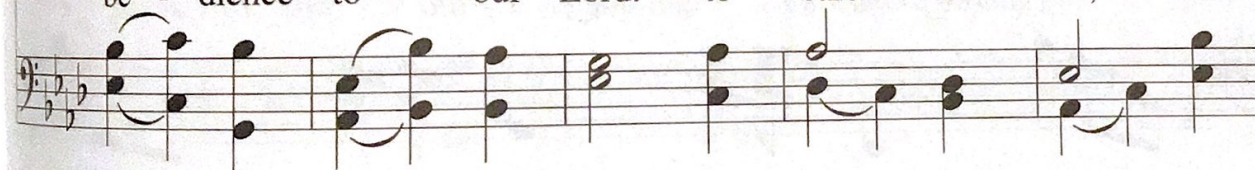
The Church of Christ in Every Age 623



1 The church of Christ in every age, be set by
2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing
4 For Christ a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -



change but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its
of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for
church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's
fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to
be - dience to our Lord: to care for all, with -



her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.
bread to eat, and nev - er live un - til they die.
sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
out re - serve, and spread Christ's lib - er - at - ing word.

