

Second Sunday After Epiphany
January 17, 2021
Second Congregational Church in Wilton,
United Church of Christ

Bold print means congregational participation.

Welcome to the worship of God at the
Second Congregational Church in Wilton,
United Church of Christ.
We are glad you are here today!

An asterisk () indicates to please stand, if you are able.*

GATHERING FOR THE WORD

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“Largetto”

Giordani

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

(Inspired by 1 SAMUEL 3:1-10)

We are called to worship this morning, but like Samuel others have heard the call of our Lord to come and to serve, some have gone ahead of us, some are sitting with us now. They heard the Lord calling them and answered, to name just a few, Rollie, John, Paul, Peter, eQuanimiti, Priscila, Heather, Cindy, Sue, Sam, Dot, let us sit in silence and listen for our name.....

***HYMN— NO. 419**

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

(Verses 1-3)

Vocalist: Darcy Bartsch

My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
Guilt away; O let me from this day be wholly thine!

May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart,
My zeal inspire; as thou has died for me, O may my
Love to thee pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire!

While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs around me spread,
Be thou my guide; bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's
tears away, nor let me ever stray from thee aside.

INVOCATION

Reader: Something made the hairs stand up on our necks. Was it you, O God?
Was it you that we saw blowing over the water?

Reader: Was it you that we heard in those steps?
Was it you that we felt in the beating of our own hearts?

Reader: Was it you that called our names?
Come, O God. Come to search us. Come to know us again.

Reader: We were knit in your womb. We have tried to count your works.
**Come, O God, so that we can hear you calling our names.
Here and now.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us Confess together...

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One, you have called us by name.
You will not let us lounge in bed.
You wake us up in the middle of the night to remember...

I Invite you to remember God’s works.

You will not let us hide under the tree.
You summon us from the shade to be changed...

I invite you to pray for those things that need to be changed.

You will not let us bury our secrets within the earth.
You unearth our fears and speak them aloud...

I invite you to name your fears.

Forgive us, O God, when we cannot speak.
Reveal the words we need most.
In Jesus Christ, we pray. **Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

(inspired by Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18)

Our God knows you by name.
Our God knows what you fear.
For you are fearfully and wonderfully made.
In your name, God’s works are revealed again to us. 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

ANTHEM

“Precious Lord”

T. A. Dorsey
Vocalist: Darcy Bartsch

READING FROM SCRIPTURE

John 1:35-42

SERMON

“What Are You Looking For?”

***HYMN—NO. 466**

“Take My Life and Let It Be”

Verses 1,2 & 4)
Vocalist: Darcy Bartsch

Take my life and let it be consecrated,
Lord, to thee; take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of thy love, at the impulse of thy love.

Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful
For thee; take my voice and let me sing
Always, only, for my King, always, only, for my King.

Take my love, my God, I pour at thy feet its
Treasure store; take myself and I will be
Ever, only, all for thee, ever, only, all for thee.

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.

VOCAL RESPONSE

“I Need Thee Every Hour”

Vocalists: Dana Dahl

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***CALL FOR THE OFFERING**

God knows you by name. God knows all that you can do.
God appears in your works for justice.
God is revealed in our hope for change.
Let us carry this spirit into our giving.
Let us praise God with our gifts of tithes and offerings.

***OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

“Hearts Full Of Gratitude”

B. Sirchio

***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 OF THE OFFERING**

O God, you offer us wonderful gifts.
In these offerings, may we make for change that doesn't yet exist.
May we give it a name. May we move through our fears.
May we dare to call this hope wonderful, in the hope of Christ Jesus, we pray. Amen.

GOING WITH THE WORD

BENEDICTION

Send us, O God.
Send us to search for your name.
Send us to count your works.
Send us to feel you calling our name.
Send us, O God, into your dream.

***POSTLUDE**

“Postlude in D”

Rinck

*Please stay muted during the Postlude and join our
Virtual Coffee Hour immediately following the service*



Announcements/Meetings via Zoom

- Deacon's Meeting, January 17, Following Worship
- Church Council, January 19, 7:00 PM
- Search Committee Meeting, January 20, 7:00 PM
- Annual Meeting- January 24, Following Worship

Administrative Assistant, Del Mogavero will be on Vacation January 25–31st.

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor Kerry Richardson (Interim Pastor)

Patricia Cauchon, Director of Music

Darcy Bartsch, Dana Dahl, Vocalists

Peter Ouellette, Liturgist

All the Congregation, Ministers to the World

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