

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Third Sunday After Epiphany
January 24, 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

“Sunday Song”

F. Mendelssohn

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: We gather to respond to the call of God’s love

Reader: **Thankful that someone cared enough to share this good news with us.**

One: May we be compassionate enough to share this divine presence with others.

Reader: **Love, when shared, is not divided but multiplied.**

One: Love, given away, is not diminished but expanded.

Reader: **May our gathering beckon and welcome those near and far
to know the love of this divine presence.**

***HYMN— NO. 449**

“Day by Day”

(Verses 1 & 2)

Vocalist: Darcy Bartsch

Day by day and with each passing moment, strength I find to
Meet my trials here, trusting in my Father’s wise bestowment,
I’ve no cause for worry or for fear. He whose heart is kind beyond all
Measure gives unto each day what he deems best lovingly its
Part of pain and pleasure, mingling toil with peace and rest

Every day the Lord himself is near me with a special
Mercy for each hour; all my cares he fain would bear, and cheer me,
He whose name is Counselor and Power. The protection of his child and
Treasure is a charge that on himself he laid: “As your days, your
Strength shall be in measure,” this the pledge to me he made.

INVOCATION

From deep within us we know of a loving presence.

All around us we see glory, beauty, life and light.

We have no words for what we experience so we cry out, “God!”.

In this moment of worship may that loving presence grow deeper,
may our awareness of the divine presence around us grow more intense.

May we, gathered in this place, learn to pay more attention to God,
who loves us at all times and in all places.

Reader: **God, of love and life, in this moment of prayer be more and more in us
that we might live more and more in you. Amen.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us Confess together...

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One, what a blessing and privilege we share here in this sacred space and among this loving community. But, like Jonah, we sometimes are jealous of what we share here. We know that others are longing and thirsting for what we know and experience. Forgive us our reluctance to open our doors, open our hearts to others; some like us, some not. We repent of our hesitations and unwillingness to witness to those we have considered strangers and even enemies for fear they just might become friends. **Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The one who calls us to this place calls us to reconciliation through grace. God will not deny a repentant heart or an open spirit. Know that you are forgiven and walk in the new way that is made known to you in God's love. **Amen**

*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

"By the Water Flowing"

Mock/Lopez

READING FROM SCRIPTURE

Mark 1:14-20

SERMON

"What Moment Was it For You?"

*HYMN—NO. 347

"Lord You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

Vocals/Guitar: Paul Martin | Pianist/Barbara Fulton

You have come down to the lakeshore seeking
Neither the wise nor the wealthy, but only
Asking for me to follow,
Sweet Lord you have looked into my eyes; kindly
smiling you've called out my name. On the
sand I have abandoned my small boat; now with
You I will seek other seas.

You know full well what I have, Lord; neither
Treasure nor weapons for conquest, just these my
Fish nets and will for working
Sweet Lord you have looked into my eyes; kindly
smiling you've called out my name. On the
sand I have abandoned my small boat; now with
You I will seek other seas.

You need my hands, my exhaustion, working
Love for the rest of the weary a love that's
Willing to go on loving
Sweet Lord you have looked into my eyes; kindly
smiling you've called out my name. On the
sand I have abandoned my small boat; now with
You I will seek other seas.

You who have fished other waters; you, the
Longing of soul that are yearning; O loving
Friend, you have come to call me.

Sweet Lord you have looked into my eyes; kindly
smiling you've called out my name. On the
sand I have abandoned my small boat; now with
You I will seek other seas.

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

*OFFERING INVITATION

Gestures of gratitude are a demonstration
that a blessing or benefit has been received.
We heard a call, dropped our nets and came to this place to find new life.
The gifts we give today are but tokens of the blessings of the new life we live in Christ.
Bring your gifts with joy for they remind us of
just how blessed we are to know this love
that flows so generously from the spirit of God.

*OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Peace"

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

Reader: May these gifts, given to these ministries of grace,
be a blessing to friends and strangers,
those like us and those not, those deserving and those not,
for in this way the love of God reaches all of God's beloved.

GOING WITH THE WORD

BENEDICTION

Now may the One who is faithful to all
be with us all as we depart this blessed place.
May we be a blessing to every place we go, until we gather again. Amen.

*POSTLUDE

"Sortie"

Nordman

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



Announcements/Meetings via Zoom

- Annual Meeting - Following Worship
- Senior Book Club, Monday—January 25, 10:00 AM
- Search Committee Meeting, January 27, 7:00 PM

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, and Paul Martin Vocalists
Paul Martin—Guitar, Barbara Fulton—Piano
Ingrid Howard, Liturgist
All the Congregation, Ministers to the World

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