

ORDER OF WORSHIP
February 7, 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

"Prayer"

E. Humperdinck

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Good people of the church,
Lift up your eyes and see.

Reader: **Have you not seen?**
Have you not heard?
Our God greets us here.

One: Good servants of the Most High,
Open your ears to hear.

Reader: **Have you not seen?**
Have you not heard?
Our God meets us here.

One: Good children of the light
Open your hearts and know what it means to delight in God.

Reader: **For we have seen, heard and known**
From the beginning to the end,
Our God...is.

***HYMN NO. 93**

"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

(Vs. 1 & 3)

Praise the One who breaks the darkness with a liberating light.
Praise the One who frees the prisoners, turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the gospel, healing every dread disease,
Calming storms and feeding thousands with the very bread of peace.

Praise the one true love incarnate; Christ, who suffered in our place.
Jesus died and rose for many that we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness, seeing what our God has done.
Praise the one redeeming glory; praise the One who makes us one.

GATHERING PRAYER

Eternal God, Creator of the universe...and then some.
We call on you, you who greet us here.
We give you thanks for making it possible to gather,
and to ponder your eternal mysteries.
Make us, creatures of this time and space,
ready collaborators with your endless grace. **Amen.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess together...

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: What do we hold and treasure most?

Reader: **Is it the promises of God?**

One: What captivates our attention?

Reader: **Is it the grace of God?**

One: God of mercy and grace:

Reader **We are vulnerable people who sometimes ignore the vulnerable.
We are broken people who don't always pay attention to the world's brokenness.**

Heal us, O God, to make us better healers.

Mend our rifts, that we might be better builders.

Cleanse our hearts, so we can clear out the damage of hurt and oppression.

We are yours, loving God. Help us to live and to know this better.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Have you known? Have you heard?

Our God lifts us up on eagle's wings

Strengthening us so that we won't be weary.

The burden of sin is but a far and distant memory

For, through Christ, our sins - all of them - are forgiven.

Reader: **God is great in strength, mighty in power, and full of endless love for us all.**

*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

"Jesus, Shepherd of My Heart"

D. Hannibal

READING FROM SCRIPTURE

Mark 1:29-39

SERMON

"Sometimes it's the little things"

***HYMN NO. 638**

“O Christ the Healer We Have Come”

(Vs. 1, 3, 4)

O Christ, the healer, we have come to
Pray for health, to plead for friends. How can we fail to
Be restored when reached by love that never ends?

In conflicts that destroy our health we
Recognize the world’s disease; our common life
Declares our ills. Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?

Grant that we all, made one in faith, in
Your community may find the wholeness that,
Enriching us, shall reach the whole of humankind.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER, SILENT PRAYER

VOCAL RESPONSE

“Wide Wide as the Ocean”

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

All of us have our thresholds - places beyond which it can be so difficult to move.

For many of us, generous giving represents such a threshold.
Some of us have given in the same way (sometimes even giving the same amount)
as we did when we were little children. Some of us have never given before.
Some of us want to give, but have no idea how.

Giving takes so many shapes - but, like any spiritual discipline, the key is for that gift to grow.
We grow in our knowledge of God, we grow in our faith.
If we aren’t already, may we not seek to grow in our giving, as well?
In the time we give? In the money we give? In the love we give?

Let us ponder this growth, and may God shine God’s light across the threshold
so that nothing can hold us back from this growth.

***OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

“Leaning Into Jesus”

P. Drennan

***DOXOLOGY Tune: OLD HUNDREDT**

**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**

**God of all that is, all we have, all we are - we give.
We give these gifts as we reach across the thresholds of our concerns.
We give these gifts, knowing that they will give so much more.
Through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

*HYMN NO. 696

Come, Share the Lord

We gather here in Jesus name, his love is burning in our
Hearts like living flame, for through his loving Son the Father
Makes us one: come, take the bread, come drink the wine, come, share the Lord
No one is a stranger here. Every one belongs
Finding our forgiveness here, we in turn forgive all wrongs.

He joins us here, he breaks the bread, the Lord who pours the cup is
Risen from the dead; the one we love the most is now our
Gracious host: come, take the bread, come, drink the wine, come, share the Lord.
We are now a family of which the Lord is head;
Though unseen he meets us here in the breaking of the bread.

We'll gather soon where angels sing, we'll see the glory of our
Lord and coming King; now we anticipate the feast for
Which we wait: come, take the bread, come, drink the wine, come, share the Lord.

COMMUNION PRAYER

May God be with you

Reader: And also with you.

Lift your hearts.

Reader: We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to the God we love.

Reader: We freely give God thanks and praise.

It is right and meet, beautiful and holy
that we should, in ceaseless joy
Give our thanks and praise to you,
Holy and merciful God,
Through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

And so, in grateful procession of endless praise
With the church that is, was, and shall be forever,
We glorify you, joining this unending song:

SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy...

BREAKING AND POURING

Holy are you, Eternal One.
You sit above, through, within the circle of the earth
Setting light into being, casting the stars in the sky
Founding the evolving earth, and all that dwell within it.

Limitless is your power, and great is your wisdom.
You look upon the lowly, As your most cherished creatures.
You visit upon the downtrodden
With presence, grace, and the promise of eternal justice.

You sent to us your own child, Jesus,
Who reached into unexpected places,
Calling women beyond the limits of their times
Equipping men for nurturing love
Welcoming children into your holy embrace.

And so we recall that on the night of betrayal and desertion,
The light of the world took bread, broke and gave it to the disciples, saying:
“This is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”
And, in like manner, after supper,
Jesus took the cup and after giving thanks give it to them saying,

“This is the cup of the new covenant [in my blood]
poured out for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink of it, for the remembrance of me.”

Life’s greatest feast before us,
We excitedly proclaim:

**Reader: Christ has died
Christ is risen
Christ will come again.**

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Dear God, you transform. You transform all that is before you
So that at the touch of your grace We are never the same.

Dear God, you illumine. You bring light to all peoples
Light to the nations, Light into our hearts, Light on your Way.

Dear God, we pray for your Spirit. Transform, illumine, bless.
Make these ordinary gifts of bread and cup
Into the extraordinary presence of Christ with us.

**Reader: In so doing, Hold us as your own
Renew us as your people. For the sake of the world you love.**

THE BLESSING

For all honor and glory are yours, O God, Through Jesus Christ,
Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit in your glorious creation
Both now and forever. **Amen.**

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.**

DISTRIBUTION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Let us pray:

Reader: We have been fed, Holy One, by your presence.
We have been led, Eternal One, by your light.
May we bask in this glow, Now and forevermore. Amen.

GOING WITH THE WORD

*BENEDICTION

May God bless and keep you. May God's face shine through yours.
And may the glorious, God protect and keep you, all the days long. Amen.

*POSTLUDE

"My Heart Ever Faithful"

J.S. Bach

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

Announcements

- Deacons/Search Committee meeting following worship.
- Senior Book Club, February 8, 10:00 AM
- Search Committee Meeting, February 10, 7:00 PM

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor Kerry Richardson (Interim Pastor)
Patricia Cauchon, Director of Music
Dana Dahl and Chris Blumm, Vocalists—
Hymns, Gloria Patri and Doxology
Deb Degan, Vocalist—Prayer Response
Peter Ouellette, Liturgist
All the Congregation, Ministers to the World

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