

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Fifth Sunday Of Lent
March 21, 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

“Lento Religioso”

G. Nevin

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Let us gather to worship.

Reader: **O God, we wish to see Jesus!**
We come to worship, to pray, and learn.

We come looking for Jesus in Scripture lessons,
in our own life experiences, in helping our world,
in prayers for each other.

Reader: **We seek to follow in the way of Jesus.**

We lay bare before God and one another
our own wilderness journey filled with some
gladness and hope, with reluctance and sorrow,
with fear and confusion.

Reader: **O God, speak to us, show us, touch us with your presence!**

Let our Lenten journey lead us to Jesus, so that we may show Jesus forth
in our lives, our faith community, and our world. **Amen.**

***HYMN— NO. 491**

“Open Our Eyes”

Open our eyes, Lord,
we want to see Jesus,
To reach out and touch him,
and say that we love him.

Open our ears, Lord,
and help us to listen,
Open our eyes, Lord,
We want to see Jesus.

INVOCATION

God of the journey,
you invite us, the church,
“to accept the cost and joy of discipleship”
and “to be your servants in the service of others.”
In so doing, may your presence be our guide and Jesus our model.
May we respond to you in loving faithfulness. Amen

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess together...

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.

Reader: **Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.**

One: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.

Reader: **Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge.**

One: Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

Reader: **Yet you desired faithfulness even in the womb; you taught me wisdom in that secret place.**

One: Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

Reader: **Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice.**

One: Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity.

Reader: **Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.**

One: Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.

Reader: **Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.**

One: Go in peace, restored and renewed.”

*GLORIA PATRI TUNE: GREATOR EX

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

“Lenten Meditation”

J. Althouse

READING FROM SCRIPTURE
SERMON

“Who Am I, Really?”

John 12:20-33

*HYMN—NO. 264

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

In the cross of Christ I glory, towering o’er the wrecks of time;
All the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.
When the woes of life o’ertake me, hopes deceive and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me. Lo! It glows with peace and joy.
When the sun of bliss is beaming light and love upon my way,
From the cross the radiance streaming adds more luster to the day.

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, by the cross are sanctified;
Peace is there that knows no measure, joys that thro' all time abide.

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

“Hear Our Prayer, O Lord”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*CALL TO THE OFFERING

Jesus compels us to join him in service to others.
Our church accepts the invitation and challenge
to show Jesus' Way using the resources we share.
Let us give as we are able to the ministries of our church.

*OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley ”

Spiritual

*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

God, there are many who “wish to see Jesus.”
In joy and celebration of the many gifts that we share,
we ask you to bless all of our offerings.
May Jesus shine in all the world. Amen.

GOING WITH THE WORD

BENEDICTION

Dear God. We thank you for today,
for being with us, accepting our worship and prayers,
and for guiding us on our way.
Bless us as we go, and in turn, may we bless others.
In Jesus' name. Amen.

*POSTLUDE

“We All Believe in One True God”

J. Walther

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

Announcements/Meetings via Zoom

- Senior Book Club, March 22, 10:00 AM
- Search Committee Meeting, March 24, 7:00 PM
- If you would like Palms for Palm Sunday you can pick them up on Saturday, March 27 from 10am - 12pm at the Parish Hall



PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

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

VOCALISTS

Hymns and Offertory Anthem

Darcy Bartsch

Vocal Response

Darcy Bartsch, Dana Dahl, Deb & Mike Degan,
Paul Martin, Loretta Smith, & Marilyn Warner

Gloria Patri and Doxology

Chris Blumm and Dana Dahl

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