ORDER OF WORSHIP

Trinity Sunday

May 30, 2021

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 "Nearer Medley" Hiller

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come into this household of the living God, the Three in One.

Gather in the wonder of the mystery that God has invited us to share in.

Reader: We have come as the family of Christ, led by the Spirit of God.

Leader: Ascribe to the Divine glory and strength; ascribe to God the glory that is due.

Worship the Triune God in the Beauty of Holiness. (Adapted from Psalm 29)

Reader: Our hope is that in this time of worship and learning,

we might embrace what lies beyond our imagination and understanding.

*HYMN NO. 348

"Softly and Tenderly"

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling
Calling for you and for me
See on the portals He's waiting and watching
Watching for you and for me
Come home, (come home)
Come home, (come home)
Ye who are weary come home
Earnestly, tenderly Jesus is calling
Calling, "O sinner come home"

O for the wonderful love He has promised
Promised for you and for me
Though we have sinned He has mercy and pardon
Come home, (come home)
Come home, (come home)
Ye who are weary come home
Earnestly, tenderly Jesus is calling
calling, "O sinner come home"

INVOCATION

O God of Mystery,

You are the Wisdom within our hearts, The Spirit who calls us beyond ourselves. Let us know your presence here today in a new way, that we might celebrate your love and go forth rejoicing with the Prophet Isaiah, saying: "Here am I. Send me." (Isaiah 6:8b)

CALL TO CONFESSION

As heirs of God, let us come to lay before God our sin and wrongdoings and lack of faith. Let us come with hearts that seek newness.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One, we acknowledge that too often we try to live not acknowledging the mystery of your Being. Even though you have shown us your truth, we allow ourselves to rest in our own uncertainties. We find ourselves unable or unwilling to embrace the love through which you sent Christ to live among us. We take for granted the grandeur of you as Creator, of Christ as Redeemer, and of the Holy Spirit as ever-present sustainer. We do not live out the beloved community you desire for all. Forgive us, we pray, and help us give testimony to your love.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SERMON

We trust in these promises: that the Triune God, in each of its persons, promises us newness of life, a gift of new birth.

The Divine Trinity invites us to testify to its Being as the foundation for reconciliation all of God's people and for Creation. In these truths we trust and give thanks.

Thanks Be to God!

*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 "America" arr. M. Ware

"Can You Have One Without The Other?"

John 3: 1-17

READING FROM SCRIPTURE

*HYMN NO. 68 "Give to Our God Immortal Praise"

Give to our God immortal praise, mercy and truth are all his ways; wonders of grace to God belong: repeat his mercies in your song.

He sent his Son with power to save from guilt and darkness and the grave; wonders of grace to God belong: repeat his mercies in your song.

Through this vast world he guides our feet and leads us to his heavenly seat; his mercies ever shall endure when this our world shall be no more.

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

"Hymn of Promise"

CALL TO OFFERING

God is the Giver of life, Christ is the Gift sent to share our life, and the Holy Spirit the power that enables us to continue in generosity, justice and joy.

Let us open our hearts and our lives to God and one another

*OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Day by Day"

T. Keesecker

*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

Holy one we offer these gifts and ask that you bless them and those who have offered them. May they be a comfort to those in need here in this place as well in the wider community. Amen.

GOING WITH THE WORD

*BENEDICTION

And the peace of God which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. (*Philippians 4:7, RSV*)

*POSTLUDE "You Call Us, Lord" Gurlitt

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

Announcements

Memorial Day—May 31
In Person Worship, Communion Sunday, —June 6th, 9:30 AM



PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

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

VOCALISTS

Darcy Bartsch, Dana Dahl, Deb & Mike Degan, Paul Martin, Loretta Smith, & Marilyn Warner Gloria Patri and Doxology Chris Blumm and Dana Dahl

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Email for Church Administration Del Mogavero, 2ccwilton@gmail.com Church Phone Number: 603-654-9045

Website: 2ccwilton.org Pastor Kerry: 603-620-0235

Email: kerrywrichardson@comcast.net

The Second Congregational Church in Wilton,
United Church of Christ
25 Gregg Street
P. O. Box 246
Wilton, NH 03086