ORDER OF WORSHIP Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

July 4, 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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In awe and wonder, we lift our eyes to the heavens,

We raise our songs of joy to the Ruler of all time and space.

All: Sing praises to God, sing praises. Shout to God with loud songs of joy

Leader: We gather to remember the One who shared our common lot.

Jesus Christ, who visited this earth, dwells in heaven.

All: We celebrate the life and ministry of Jesus.

We rejoice in the hope to which Christ has called us.

Leader: We open ourselves to baptism with the Holy Spirit.

We expect to be empowered as witnesses in today's world.

All: We seek a spirit of wisdom and revelation.

We are here to be filled with power from on high.

*HYMN NO. 571 "Christ, You Call Us All to Service"

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Leader: The prophets of old spoke of God's justice,

even when it was unwelcome. Who will hear their message?

All: We will listen and we will hear!

Leader: Responding to God's call, Jesus traveled,

preaching and teaching to all who would listen.

Who will hear his message?

All We will listen and we will hear!

Leader: Christ sent out disciples two by two,

to spread the good news in any place that would welcome them.

Who will hear their message?

All We will listen and we will hear!

Leader: God's prophets are among us still,

around the world and in these pews.

Who will hear their message?

All We will listen and we will hear!

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess together...

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Hear us God, our hope, for we have too easily denied our heritage amid the competing claims all around us. We declare ownership of what is only lent to us for a time, we strive for knowledge and control beyond our capacity, wanting power on our terms rather than through the unpredictable empowerment of your spirit. O God, open our eyes and our hearts that we might be forgiven and find true life in you. Amen

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

In Jesus Christ, God knows and receives us as we are, listen, give thanks, and live.

*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

READING FROM SCRIPTURE Mark 6:1-13

SERMON

*HYMN NO. 638 "O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come"

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.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

Having heard God's call to generosity, let us listen and respond with open hearts.

*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.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Outspoken Prophet,

hear the message we are speaking through these, our gifts and aid us in spreading that message of hope and love to those whose voices have been silenced. May they strengthen our congregation so that we may continue to listen to those in need.

GOING WITH THE WORD

*HYMN NO. 731

"My Country, 'Tis of Thee"

Verses 1 & 4

*BENEDICTION

Go out now with eyes and ears open, to hear and be heard as you share the good news with one another.

*POSTLUDE

Flowers placed on the altar this Sunday are given by Stephanie & Peter Ouellette in loving memory of Stephanie's father, Robert Straw.

Announcements

Pastor Kerry will be away during the month of July.

If you have a pastoral need or concern
please contact the church office (603) 654-9045 and leave a message.

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor Kerry Richardson (Interim Pastor)
Patricia Cauchon, Director of Music
Guest Worship Leader, Lori Dick
Stephanie Ouellette, Liturgist
All the Congregation, Ministers to the World

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