

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**Third Sunday After Pentecost**

June 13, 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**

“Arabesque”

E. Broughton

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

*(based on Psalm 92:1-4)*

One: Come and give thanks to our God.  
Sing praises to the holy name.

**ALL: With the melody of the lute and the harp  
and the song in our hearts,  
we declare God’s steadfast love in the morning  
and faithfulness at night.**

One: God’s works make us glad.

**ALL: Your works are great, O God.  
We sing our praises of joy to you.**

**\*HYMN NO. 461**

**“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”**

Breathe on me, breath of God, fill me with life anew,  
That I may love whate’er you love, and do what you would do.

Breathe on my, breath of God, until my heart is pure,  
Until with you I will one will, to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, breath of God, so that your will is mine,  
Until this earthly part of me glows with your fire divine.

Breathe on me, breath of God, so shall I never die,  
But live with you the perfect life of your eternity.

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

O God, maker of all that is beautiful,  
Jesus gave us the seeds of your justice and peace.  
In this time together, touch us, teach us, inspire us  
to sow those seeds through our ministries  
so that all may share in Creation’s abundance  
to make true the promise  
that no one will know scarcity  
and no one will suffer deprivation in this community and beyond. Amen.

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Let us confess together...

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Let us take a moment of silence and reflect on our own lives,  
on our limitations, on our sins.

All: Gracious God, you are indeed generous.  
You give us the gifts of the spirit which enable us to have so much.  
We forget, however, that we have been recipients  
of other people's generosity. Believing that what we have is ours,  
we forget that all we have is yours. Forgive us.  
Help us to remember that being made in your image  
we should be as generous as you. Amen.

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

The sacrifice acceptable to God is a humble spirit and a contrite heart.  
By God's steadfast love for us, we are forgiven of our sins.  
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

"Surely Goodness and Mercy"

Peterson/Smith

READING FROM SCRIPTURE

Mark 4:26-34

SERMON

"It's the little Things"

\*HYMN NO. 355

"This Is a Day of New Beginnings"

This is a day of new beginnings, time to remember  
And move on, time to believe what love is bringing  
Laying to rest the pain that's gone.

For by the life and death of Jesus, love's mighty Spirit,  
now as then, can make for us a world of difference,  
as faith and hope are born again.

Then let us, with the Spirit's daring, step from the past and  
Leave behind our disappointment, guilt, and grieving,  
seeking new paths, and sure to find.

Christ is alive, and goes before us to show and share what  
Love can do. This is a day of new beginnings;  
Our God is making all things new.

## 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.

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

**CALL TO OFFERING**

Jesus' teachings give us many seeds to sow in this community and beyond.  
It is, however, through our offering that we can nurture these seeds  
so all may know the gospel's promise.

**\*OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

Kocher/Monk

**\*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 THANKSGIVING**

You have been exceedingly generous to us, O God.  
We return a portion of what we have to you in grateful thanksgiving.  
Bless our offerings that they will nurture the seeds  
of hope and healing in this community and beyond. Amen.

**GOING WITH THE WORD**

**\*BENEDICTION**

May God's love be with you as you sow seeds of justice and peace  
along the paths you will travel so all may know the gospel's promise.  
Amen

**\*POSTLUDE**

“Faith Leads Us Onward”

S. Scott

## Announcements

Senior Book Club, June 14, 10:00 AM

Council Meeting, June 15, 7:00 PM

Father's Day—June 20



**PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

Pastor Kerry Richardson (Interim Pastor)  
Patricia Cauchon, Director of Music  
Loretta Smith, Liturgist

All the Congregation, Ministers to the World

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