

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Fourth Sunday After Pentecost
June 20, 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

“Melodie”

E. Broughton

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: It’s awesome when all of the people live together in unity!

Many: **When waters are rough,
We hold each other tightly.
When the sea begins to swallow us,
We hold each other tightly and call on God.**

One: But we also need God and each other when there are no looming waves.

Many: **We can splash and play in the shallow end
And venture into deeper waters with trusted friends.
Delighting in refreshing currents of community
And savoring each burst of laughter,
Let’s invite others to join in the fun!**

***HYMN NO. 495**

“Stand By Me”

When the storms of life are raging, stand by me; when the
Storms of life are raging, stand by me. When the
World is tossing me like a ship upon the seas,
Thou who rulest wind and water, stand by me.

In the midst of tribulation, stand by me; in the
Midst of tribulation, stand by me. When the
Hosts of sin assail, and my strength begins to fail,
Thou who never lost a battle, stand by me.

In the midst of faults and failures, stand by me;
In the midst of faults and failures, stand by me. When I’ve
done the best I can, and my friends misunderstand,
Thou who knowest all about me, stand by me.

When I’m growing old and feeble, stand by me; when I’m
Growing old and feeble, stand by me. When my
Life becomes a burden, and I’m nearing chilly Jordan,
O thou Lily of the Valley, stand by me.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Ever-living God, you are like the sea:
Powerful and endless,
yet soothing and constant.
Let us feel your refreshing presence
as we gather near your waters
to wade in the possibilities of life
that you offer us this day.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess together...

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, sometimes we are like David, and sometimes Goliath:
forgive us for our two-sided nature.
We face the powerful with righteous anger,
but cling to any sense of power that we attain.
We are grateful when grace is extended to us,
yet remain absent-minded of this when others have wronged us.
We treat our own as family, yet ignore sisters and brothers
whom we see only from a distance.
As people of paradox, we long for oneness with ourselves and others,
with Christ and creation,
so that justice and love may flow freely.

(Moment of silence and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God’s grace washes upon the turbulent shores of our lives;
and we are forgiven to begin again
to live at peace with ourselves and others,
with Christ and creation,
allowing justice and love to flow freely through our lives.

***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

“Footsteps of Jesus”

E. Broughton

READING FROM SCRIPTURE

Mark 4:35-41

SERMON

“I Got Nothing Left In Me!”

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER

PRAYER

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

WELCOME AND RECEPTION

People: We welcome you with joy in the common life of this church.
We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes
and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the
God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.

GREETING OF CHRISTIAN LOVE

PRAYER

BENEDICTION

*HYMN NO. 725

"Thanks to God for My Redeemer

Thanks to God for my Redeemer, thanks for all thou dost provide!
Thanks for times now but a memory, thanks for Jesus by me side!
Thanks for pleasant, balmy spring time, thanks for dark and dreary fall!
Thanks for tears by now forgotten, thanks for peace with in my soul!
Thanks for prayers that thou has answered, thanks for what thou dose deny!
Thanks for storms that I have weathered, thanks for all thou dost supply!
Thanks for pain and thanks for pleasure, thanks for comfort in despair!
Thanks for grace that none can measure, thanks for love beyond compare!
Thanks for roses by the wayside, thanks for thorns their stems contain!
Thanks for home and thanks for fireside, thanks for hope that sweet refrain!
Thanks for joy and thanks for sorrow, thanks for heavenly peace with thee!
Thanks for hope in the tomorrow, thanks through all eternity!

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 FOR THE OFFERING

O God, you have offered unique gifts to each one of us.
Teach us to celebrate and share those gifts
so that we may create communities of graciousness and love.
Through Jesus, we are reminded of the difference
that an individual contribution can make.
Let us offer our gifts generously for the service of all.

*OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"You Have Come Down to The Lakeshore"

Gaberain/Marshall

*DOXOLOGY Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

***DEDICATION**

Bighearted God,
we ask you to take these gifts, bless them, and use them
to calm storms and create in our communities
new, imaginative, and life-giving streams. Amen.

GOING WITH THE WORD

***BENEDICTION**

We are the waters in which God swims!
Through the currents, crashing waves, and depths of the unknown,
a Holy Presence remains.
May God continue charting new courses and ways of being in the world
that unites creation in a collective call of "Peace! Be still!"

***POSTLUDE**

"Praise The Lord"

J.G. Walther

Announcements

Senior Book Club—June 28th, 10:00 AM



PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

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