

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**Fifth Sunday After Pentecost**  
June 27, 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**

One: Sing Praises to God, all you faithful ones

Many: **God hears us in our fear and our sorrow**

One: Where there was no way

Many: **God leads us in a new way**

One: Where there was no mercy

Many: **God surprises us with fresh mercy**

One: Where there was weeping

Many: **God invites us to step into a new dance.**

**\*HYMN NO. 628**

“We Cannot Measure How You Heal”

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)**

O Faithful God  
You yearn to be so close to us  
that we can know you in every breath,  
in every hope, in every relationship.  
You long for us to trust in your power  
to bring to life new possibilities  
where there has been no hope.  
Meet us here today and  
teach us to recognize  
the ways of life and hope into which you are leading us.  
So may our desires become your desires,  
our work become your work,  
and our community  
the place where you are sought and found.  
In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

God calls us in our lives to take a risk,  
to be like the woman in the gospel  
who reaches out to Jesus for healing for herself;  
or the father who risks the scorn of others to bring Jesus to his dying daughter.  
Let us ponder for a moment the places of our lives where we may resist  
turning to God for healing and change. *(silence)*

## LITANY OF CONFESSION

One: When we resist your call to open our hearts to allow  
the freshness of your grace to enter:

Many: **God have mercy.**

When we close our eyes to your new and unexpected possibilities  
of healing and reconciliation:  
**Christ have mercy.**

When we let fear overwhelm us, and cling to the security of what we know  
instead of risking new steps toward your freedom and justice:  
**God have mercy.**

## ASSURANCE OF GRACE

God's mercies are fresh every morning.  
In Christ, God offers forgiving grace  
and welcomes us into a community of trust, abundance, and hope.  
Let us give thanks for the mercy of God,  
and pass the peace of Christ in community among us.

## \*GLORIA PATRI TUNE: GREATORIX

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 5:21-43

### SERMON

"Improved Communications"

### \*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.

## OFFERING INVITATION

The freshness of God's mercy and love,  
the continued generosity of God's gifts to us,  
call for thanksgiving and generosity on our part.  
This church stands because of the faithful generosity  
of those who came before us, and its ministry grows today  
because of the hopeful, expectant generosity that lives in us.  
Let us gather our gifts together, then, and offer them to God  
in gratitude, heartfelt commitment, and praise.

## \*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.

## \*BLESSING OF THE GIFTS (UNISON)

Generous God, take our gifts this day and use them  
so that we may be part of your great work in this world.  
Through our giving, bring a brighter day of justice and love,  
not just in our community but in the world beyond these walls.  
Strengthen our church and the whole United Church of Christ  
so that we grow together each day  
into a powerful voice for healing and peace. Amen.

## GOING WITH THE WORD

### \*BENEDICTION

Deep in our hearts, we know that we are children of God.  
Remember who you are, then, and walk in the assurance  
of God's presence and love with you always,  
calling you beyond fear into belief and joy.  
And may the grace and peace of God the Creator,  
the Redeemer, and the Sustainer  
come upon you this day and remain with you.

### \*POSTLUDE

# 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.

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Senior Book Club—June 28th, 10:00 AM

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## **PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

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

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