

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Tenth Sunday After Pentecost
August 1, 2021
Second Congregational Church in Wilton,

Welcome to the worship of God at the
Second Congregational Church in Wilton,
United Church of Christ.
We are glad you are here today!

United Church of Christ

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: You call your people to prayer and praise in many ways.
This day, bring us together just as you called the people of Israel
to gather manna in the desert to eat and sustain life.

Many: **God of unity, give us this day our daily bread.**

One: Offer us the nutrients we need to remain connected to you.
As spiritual beings, we desire to receive food that endures—
faith, hope, and love.

Many: **God of grace, give us this day our daily bread.**

One: All life is created and nourished by you!
May we grow into new circles of understanding and being,
reflecting the ways in which we have been touched by your holy manna.

Many: **Holy Spirit, come! Give us this day our daily bread.**

***HYMN NO. 501** "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

INVOCATION

**Life Sustainer, we receive the things you desire to offer us
today and each new day! Grant us wisdom and openness to
your Word and use its teachings to energize our bodies and spirits.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess together...

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, we confess that we often spoon-feed ourselves items and ideas
that do not provide us the energy we need to do your work.
This creates space between you and us, between ourselves and each other,
as members of Christ's one body. Oftentimes,
we are willing to risk our sustained health and well-being
for immediate satisfaction.

(Moment of silence and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Through Jesus, we have been given an example of one who was truly nourished and sustained by God. In Christ, we are forgiven, made whole, and restored to the one body. Let us outwardly profess our Christian unity by offering each other a sign of peace.

*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

John 6:24-35

SERMON

“Can We Live With Just Bread?”

*HYMN NO. 701

“There’s A Quiet Understanding”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER, SILENT PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Jesus said, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”
Let us offer our loaves and fishes in the service of God’s kin-dom.

*OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*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

O God, we share these gifts in the spirit of those who shared their loaves and fishes: we ask that you take these gifts and use them to feed all of creation—to produce seed and grain, filling humans and animals alike, and to restore wholeness in the places where malnourishment exists.

HOLY COMMUNION

*HYMN NO. 689

“One Bread, One Body”

COMMUNION PRAYER

In one hand, we embrace a piece of one common loaf.
Sharing one cup, we drink of the Christ's new covenant of unity.
With one voice, we lift up our prayers to you,
the one great God, who embraces our differences
yet rejoices in our unity in this one communion act. Amen.

SANCTUS

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.

BREAKING AND POURING

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GOING WITH THE WORD

*BENEDICTION

Let us go forth in faith in our Nonperishable God,
who gives us daily what we need to feed our bodies and spirits.
Our common need for nourishment
unites us together as the body of Christ.
May the holy Bread of Life create
sustenance for the journey,
calm for troubled stomachs,
grace-filled movement for aching limbs,
and joyful activity for all bodies
as we seek to live in sacred community. Amen.

*POSTLUDE

The Altar Flowers this morning are given
by Lamar and Loretta Smith in Celebration of Family



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Missions Meeting—August 2, 10:00 AM

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

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

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