

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost
August 15, 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: Come into this household of God
that we might all listen to God's Word
and discern the wisdom that comes only from God.

All: **How can we discover such wisdom?**

Leader: Reverence for God is the beginning of wisdom.
When we choose to live according to God's will and plan,
God will give to each of us a wise and discerning heart.

All: **God fills us with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs!
We have come to praise with music from our hearts.**

Leader: Jesus is here in our midst as living bread.
We want to be nourished and strengthened that we may remain with him.
Jesus is so close to us that we can taste his presence.

All: **Praise the Lord! Learn of God's compassion and mercy.
Praise the Lord with our hearts! Praise the Lord!**

***HYMN NO. 232 "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

(Unison)

**Holy one, we ask for your presence with us in this place, we hunger
for the living bread that will sustain us in this hour, stay with us as we
go about our "daily" lives, for as we pray "gives us this day, our daily
bread", we have said this so many times, and yet we seem to just say
it without realizing what we have said. Help us to open our ears and
hearts to hear your words that they might pierce our closed minds.**

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

**As Jesus gathers us together in his presence,
let us turn now to name and confess the many ways
we so often deny or overlook that what we need
that comes only from beyond our imaginations and knowledge.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(UNISON)

All Wise God, we thank you for giving us this time
to look into our words, thoughts and deeds.
We confess that we fool ourselves into believing
that we possess all of the knowledge that we need.
As we go from place to place, we try to block you out.
Even though we say we want to hear your Word and speak with you,
we fail to see that we are always in your presence.
We stray, seeking other gods, whose ways may be easy
but cannot show us the ways of love and truth.
We are afraid of being fed with the living bread of Jesus.
Fill us with the Holy Spirit that we might live each day
according to your will and plan for us and for your world.
Help us to discern your wisdom
that we might live eternally with you and Christ.

WORDS OF GRACE AND MERCY

In God's wisdom and compassion ,
we receive grace that we might live anew,
unburdened by the obstacles and pride of the past.
Continue to feast on the living bread which is given to us each day.
Give thanks to God who lifts us up with the gift of forgiveness.

***GLORIA PATRI TUNE: GREATOR EX**

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 6:51-58

SERMON

"You're All I Need, To Get By"

***HYMN NO. 505**

"All the Way My Savior Leads Me"

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

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

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.

***COMMISSIONING**

Go forth into the world trusting with your hearts
the wisdom God bestows upon all who seek to follow God's will.
When called to lead, do so with humility and confidence in God.
Be in this world a sign of Jesus' presence.
Share compassion with all whom you encounter.
Live wisely in God's name,
and glorify God in all you do.

GOING WITH THE WORD

***BENEDICTION**

And may the grace, mercy and wisdom of God
be our support, guidance and strength
from this day forward and for ever more. Amen.

***POSTLUDE**

Praising God's glory the flowers are given by George & Dana Dahl
in celebration of their 34th wedding anniversary.



Announcements

If you need or want a visit by the pastor
please contact the
church office 603-654-9045
or the pastor directly at 603-620-0235

On The Calendar

Glances Rummage Sale Set up
August 18 and 19

Second Glances Rummage Sale

August 20, 1:00–6:00 PM
August 21, 9:00 AM–2:00 PM

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

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

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