

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost
August 8, 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**

(Psalm 130 and John 6:35)

One: Out of the depths I cry to you, O God:

Many: **We hunger for the bread of life, O Jesus, and we thirst for you, O God.**

One: O God, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

Many: **We hunger for the bread of life, O Jesus, and we thirst for you, O God.**

One: There is forgiveness with you and I wait for you O God, my soul waits, for you O God.

Many: **We hunger for the bread of life, O Jesus, and we thirst for you, O God.**

One: In your words I hope. My soul waits for you, God,
more than those who watch for the morning,
more than those who watch for the morning:

Many: **We hunger for the bread of life, O Jesus, and we thirst for you, O God.**

***HYMN NO. 346**

O Come to Me, the Master Said

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

God of Healing and Transformation,
we hunger and thirst for your abundant life.
we bring you our sorrow and ask for the bread of joy;
we bring you our despair and ask for the bread of hope;
we bring you our weariness and ask for the bread of inspiration.
Meet us here.

We need the bread of heaven to sustain us for our journey to find our way,
that we may we be one with you. In Jesus' name we pray, **Amen.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess together...

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One, we confess that we continue wars in our holy human family even though we know they cause unspeakable suffering.
Like David, who wept for Absalom, his lost son,
we are filled with sorrow for all the children
in our human family who die in war.
We see our advanced weapons kill and maim children
and yet still we do not find the ways to peace. Forgive us.

Silence

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Holy One, you make all things new; your mercy is new every morning,
Let our cries of sorrow: "O our children, O our children",
Herald the way to compassion and courage as we work for peace. Amen.

*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 6:35, 41-51

SERMON

"Wonder Bread"

*HYMN NO. 528

Here from all Nations

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

(Ephesians 5:1)

Be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love....may we give a fragrant offering. The fragrance of the bread of life rising and baking among us is a wonderful reminder of the new life which is arising in our beloved community. Let us give generously as we experience the fragrance of God's life rising in us.

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

God of love, we give thanks and ask for blessings on all our gifts.
May they be pleasing in your sight.

GOING WITH THE WORD

***BENEDICTION**

Jesus said, I am the bread of life.
May we go forth nourished by the bread of life within us.
Our spiritual hunger and thirst is satisfied when we honor the God within us.
Life is short. Be kind to one another.

***POSTLUDE**



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
Kathleen Dube, Liturgist
All the Congregation, Ministers to the World

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