

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost**  
September 12, 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**

Jesus asks the disciples:  
**All: "Who do people say I am?"**

They answer, "Some say John the Baptist; some say Elijah;  
and others say one of the prophets."

But Jesus presses them:  
**All: "Who do *you* say I am?"**

Peter answers, "You are Christ—God's anointed one, God-with-us!"

Now Jesus pushes *us*:  
**All: "What about you?  
Here, in this moment, in this community,  
Who do you say I am?"**

Where do we find the wisdom to answer?

**\*HYMN NO. 252** "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

(unison)

**Holy Wisdom of God  
You call to us from the depths of our hearts,  
where we long for connection with you and with one another.  
You call to us from busy streets and neighborhoods,  
Where human pain and possibility are most urgent.  
You call to us from our sacred stories,  
where God, Christ, Spirit create, challenge, comfort.  
Guide us, we pray, on an adventure of hope,  
And help us see with your eyes  
the ways which lead to beloved community  
where Christ Jesus is at the center.**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Let us confess together...

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Christ calls on us to “lose our life in order to save it”;  
To “take up our cross and follow”  
in the ways of justice and peace.  
Like the disciples before us,  
we are often amazed and overwhelmed by this command.  
We close our ears to such challenge and our hearts to such risk.

*Silence*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God’s words and actions are never careless;  
In sending Jesus Christ to the world, God offers a model and a companion,  
A source of ever-flowing love and acceptance and wisdom.  
In Christ we are forgiven all our failings, and given strength to start again.

## \*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

Mark 8:27-30

### SERMON

“We Win By Losing”

### \*HYMN NO. 351

“Take Up Your Cross,” the Savior Said”

### 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

The psalmist declares, “The heavens are telling the glory of God.  
Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.”  
Let us share our gifts  
so that we can also partake in telling others of God’s glory!

### 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.

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

(unison)

All-knowing God, teach us to use these gifts  
to create greater access, insights, and wisdom  
for people within and outside of these walls. So be it!

**GOING WITH THE WORD**

**\*BENEDICTION**

Let us ponder the challenge of Jesus this week:  
--Who do we say Christ is in our lives, our community, our world?  
Let Holy Wisdom shine through all our pondering,  
and lead us to recognize and serve our Risen Savior in all our encounters.  
Amen.

**\*POSTLUDE**

Praising God's glory the flowers are given by Howard and Katy Gotham in memory of loved ones.



## 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

- Senior Book Club, September 13, 10:00 AM
- Set Up for Rummage Sale, September 17
- Rummage Sale, September 18, 8:00 AM–2:00 PM
- Walk For Open Cupboard

### **OPEN CUPBOARD PANTRY (OCP)**

The OCP is an emergency food source for residents of Temple, Wilton, Lyndeborough and Greenfield. It was founded in 1996 and is currently occupying space in the Wilton Falls Building across from the Police Station. The OCP is staffed solely by volunteers.

All are welcome, no one in an emergency situation has ever been turned away. People coming to the OCP have different needs. Some come once a year, some once a month and some come every two weeks. Families who come regularly must meet state income guidelines.

The OCP is totally supported through donations from generous individuals and organizations in the towns served. All donations are tax deductible.

### What Hunger Looks Like in New Hampshire

In New Hampshire, 119,990 people are facing hunger - and of them 27,980 are children.  
1 in 11 people



face hunger.  
1 in 9 children face hunger.

Our “Walk for Open Cupboard” will help to stock the Pantry for the fall and winter. The Second Congregation Church Missions group is organizing the walk.

### What can I do to help?

Ask friends and family to sponsor you on the walk. All proceeds will go directly to the Open Cupboard Pantry through the Wilton Lions Charitable Founda-

tion.

### When is the walk?

The walk will be on October 16, rain or shine. Registration begins at 9:00 at the flats adjacent to the elementary school in Wilton.

### What if I cannot walk very far?

There will be two routes planned. One will be around the school, the longer route will go down Maple Street and back up to the school. There will be crossing guards as needed.

### Where do I get sponsor forms?

Forms will be available at the Wilton Library, FRES, and the Wilton Lyndeborough Coop School. And our website:  
<https://2ccwilton.org/open-cupboard-pantry/>

### Who do I contact with more questions?

For more information, please contact Cindy Broderick, 654-6204 or Stephanie Ouellette, 654-2282.

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

Pastor Kerry Richardson (Interim Pastor)  
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All the Congregation, Ministers to the World

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