

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

October 10, 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**

(adapted from Hebrews 4:12-16)

One: The word of God is alive and active,
sharper than any two-edged sword,
piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow;
it can judge our thoughts and intentions of our hearts.

Many: **We cannot hide for we are naked and laid bare
to the one whom we must render an account.**

One: Let us hold fast to our confession before Jesus who was
tested as you and I and yet was without sin.

Many: **We approach the throne of grace with boldness,
so that we may receive mercy and find grace
to help in our time of need.**

***HYMN NO. 532**

“Rejoice in God’s Saints”

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

(Unison)

**O God, you sowed the seeds of justice when you created this world.
Though your bountiful creation has enough for everyone,
it is hardly divided fairly. There are those who struggle to get
their daily bread each day and then there are those who have
more than they can use in their lifetime.
May we remember that all we have comes from you
and that you have entrusted to us all that we have.
May we take your commandments to heart so we can do as
Jesus asks of us. Grant that we, O God, use this hour to work
in our ministries to end this disparity. Amen.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess together...

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(Unison)

Almighty and Holy One, we cannot begin to count all our possessions. We have things in our closets, our attics, and our basements. We have things tucked away in boxes we haven't opened in years, and still we acquire more. We have so much stuff and yet, there are those in our communities who can fit all their worldly possessions in a shopping cart. We know that you, O God, will defend the poor and come to them in their need. But we, O God, need your forgiveness for we are more attached to our things than we willingly acknowledge. Help us confront our attachment to possessions and things more honestly so we can share our own abundance more equitably. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

We draw false and fleeting comfort from our material things. True comfort comes from God's love for us and by responding with that same love to family, friend, neighbor, and stranger. By God's love we are forgiven. Let us do likewise. 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

Mark 10:17-31

SERMON

"How Much Is Enough?"

***HYMN NO. 473**

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

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

***HYMN NO. 613**

"Your Love, O God, Has Called Us"

GOING WITH THE WORD

*BENEDICTION

(Based upon Psalm 90:12, 14, 17 adapted)

Let us count our days that we may gain a wise heart.
Let God satisfy us this morning with steadfast love,
that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
Depart in peace and let God's favor be upon us
to prosper the work of our hands.

*POSTLUDE

Praising God's glory the flowers are given by Kevin and Sue Jean
in loving memory of Sue's Mother, Priscilla E (Conti) Jowders



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

- Fall Dinner Play Rehearsal, Oct 10, 4:00 PM
- Senior Book Club, Oct 11, 10:00 AM via Zoom
- Budget Meeting, Oct 14, 7:00 PM Via Zoom
- Walk For Open Cupboard, October 16

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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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 Foundation.

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
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or Stephanie Ouellette, 654-2282.