

**ORDER OF WORSHIP  
The Reign of Christ Sunday**

November 21, 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**

**One:** Come let us celebrate the goodness of God.

**All:** God has blessed us with God's great love.

**One:** Jesus calls us to open our hearts to all in need.

**All:** We come this day to hear his words of encouragement.

**One:** Let us come to this time, letting go of our worries.

**All:** Let us come to this time praising God.

**One:** Come, now is the time to worship.

**All:** We come rejoicing, for God is so good to us. Amen.

**\*HYMN NO. 502**

**"Be Thou My Vision"**

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

**(UNISON)**

**We come this day, rejoicing, in the presence of the King of Kings,  
Jesus Christ. At his birth the angels proclaimed his name to be  
Emmanuel, God with us. Today in this place, in this time of worship,  
may we truly feel the power and presence of Jesus Christ in our lives.  
May our hearts and spirits be warmed and challenged to proclaim with  
our lives, "Christ is Lord!" Amen.**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Let us Confess together...

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**(UNISON)**

**Eternal Monarch,  
You who rule over all of us with justice and care,  
We your people confess that we do not submit ourselves to your rule,  
That we do not always participate in your reign of equity and integrity,  
That we have not followed the example you set forth.  
Instead we often place our trust in leaders who let us down,  
And in our own flawed leadership of others.  
Lead us, Christ our Sovereign King,  
And set us on the path to righteous rule in all that we do. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We who are dependent upon our divine ruler have Christ's example ever before us, to give us guidance and hope. Take heart that you are forgiven and may return to that example 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

John 18: 33-37

### SERMON

“A Different kind of King”

### \*HYMN NO. 341

“Jesus Shall Reign”

### 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 TO THE OFFERING

Christ our sovereign and servant sets forth a just and compassionate domain in which the needs of the vulnerable and the powerful hang in righteous balance. Let us share what we have as we work toward Christ's reign here on earth.

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

### \*DOXOLOGY Tune: OLD HUNDRETH

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)

Righteous ruler, accept all that we have offered to you.  
May these gifts we gather participate in your realm of truth.

### \*HYMN NO. 342

“Rejoice, the Lord Is King!”

## GOING WITH THE WORD

### \*BENEDICTION

As you enter your own domain today,  
remember Christ's reign of justice and compassion,  
setting it before you as an example now and always.

### \*POSTLUDE

Praising God's glory the flowers are given by John Hutchinson  
in loving memory of his granddaughter, Ryann C Mackintosh.

### 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, November 22, 10:00 AM Via Zoom  
Church Office Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday, November 24–26  
Deacon's Meeting, November 29, 7:00 PM, Via Zoom  
Christmas Fair Set-up, December 1 -3  
Christmas Fair, December 4, 9:00 AM–2:00 PM

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

Pastor Kerry Richardson (Interim Pastor)  
Patricia Cauchon, Director of Music  
Becky Kennedy, Liturgist  
All the Congregation, Ministers to the World

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