

Third Sunday After Epiphany
January 23, 2022

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: This day is holy to the Lord your God.

Many: Let us come ready to see, hear, and touch the Word of God.

One: Do not mourn or weep, and do not be grieved.

Many: How can we be sad when we can experience God's Word
and know God's love through our worship together?

All: The joy of the Lord is our strength.

Let us come together to worship the God of joy, strength, and love.

***HYMN NO. 159**

"The King of Glory Comes"

INVOCATION

(Unison)

O God, who gives us strength when we feel weak,
we gather to hear your Word,
sing your songs, and give you praise.
We know that you are always with us, and we are grateful.
Help us to live our lives in ways that show you are near.
Thank you for your presence and constant care for us –
in worship, and in each day of our lives.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us Confess together...

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(Unison)

Loving God, we recall the times when your Word feels distant,
and when we forget how much you love us.
We let our egos take hold, and we treat others as threats to our sense of self.
We forget your words of comfort, love, and care.
We forget to look to your Word for guidance.
We forget that you are our ultimate source of joy.
Forgive us, O God.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: The Holy One's instruction is perfect, reviving one's very being.
God's laws are faithful, making naive people wise.
God's regulations are right, gladdening the heart.
God's commands are pure, giving light to the eyes.
Know that you are loved and forgiven.

Many: Thanks be to God.

*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

Luke 4:14-21

Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. He was teaching in their synagogues, and everyone praised him. He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

“The Spirit of the Lord is on me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners
and recovery of sight for the blind,
to set the oppressed free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.”

Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. He began by saying to them, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”

SERMON

“Help Me Listen More Deeply”

*HYMN NO. 59

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

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

We share from what we have and from who we are
as a sign of our desire to bring good news to the poor.
May these gifts bring light to those in need,
and put the joy of the Lord in their hearts.

***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**

O God of all gifts, we join with Jesus in proclaiming the year of your favor.
Bless our gifts and bless us as we seek to bring joy and comfort to those
who are unknown to us, and to those who are near and beloved. **Amen**

***HYMN NO. 199**

“Carol At the Manger”

GOING WITH THE WORD

***BENEDICTION**

(attributed to St. Teresa of Avila)

Christ has no body but yours.
No hands, no feet on earth but yours.
Yours are the eyes through which he looks compassion on this world.
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good.
Yours are the hands through which he blesses all the world.
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are his body.
Christ has no body now on earth but yours.
Amen.

***POSTLUDE**

Announcements

If you need or want a visit by the pastor
please contact the church office 603-654-9045 (Messages are usually returned by the next
business day)
or the pastor directly at 603-620-0235

On The Calendar

Annual Meeting, January 23, following worship
Senior Book Club, January 24, 10:00 am via Zoom
Deacon's Meeting, January 24, 7:00 PM via Zoom
Spring Play Rehearsals Begin February 6th at 4:-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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