

Second Congregational Church in Wilton, United Church of Christ

# ORDER OF WORSHIP Sixth Sunday After Epiphany February 13, 2022

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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

CATTLEMING FOR THE WORD

# WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **PRELUDE**

One:

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

All: We are each a child of God.

No matter who we are, or where we are on

life's journey, we are blessed.
Blessed are you who are hungry now,

for you will be filled.

All: We come to worship the God who feeds us, who fills us, and who blesses us.

One: Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

All: Let us rejoice in the love of God,

and worship our God together in prayer,

song, and praise.

\*HYMN "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" NO. 393

## PRAYER OF INVOCATION

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O God of many blessings, be with us in our joy and in our sorrow. Help us to reach out with your love to those in need, that we may not be satisfied until all are fed. Bless each of us here, and all who cannot be present with us today. Shower your blessings on our worship, as we pray all this through Jesus the Christ, our teacher and our guide

#### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

Let us Confess together

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: We try to care for each other, especially when there is pain and sorrow, and when we witness

injustice.

All: But we cannot find blessing in poverty and hunger.

One: Sometimes it feels just too hard to offer relief

or to work for change..

All: We prefer to stay in our comfortable spaces or

choose to walk past those in need.

One: Sometimes we are afraid.

All: Forgive us when we serve ourselves more

often than we serve you, O God.

One: We come to you with humble hearts.

## ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

One: God knows your mind and knows your heart.

God forgives those who seek forgiveness with

sincere hearts and minds.

God offers grace of hope and courage to change

our ways and confront injustice.

Blessed are those who trust in God, whose trust is in God.

Know that you are loved and forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God.

## \*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

Luke 6:17-26

He went down with them and stood on a level place. A large crowd of his disciples was there and a great number of people from all over Judea, from Jerusalem, and from the coastal region around Tyre and Sidon, who had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. Those troubled by impure spirits were cured, and the people all tried to touch him, because power was coming from him and healing them all. Looking at his disciples, he said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and reject your name as evil, because of the Son of Man. "Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their ancestors treated the prophets. "But woe to you who are rich, for you have already received your comfort. Woe to you who are well fed now, for you will go hungry. Woe to you who laugh now for you will mourn and weep. Woe to you when everyone speaks well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

**SERMON** "Are We On The Same Level?"

\*HYMN "O Christ The Healer We Have Come" NO. 638

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
PASTORAL PRAYER, SILENT PRAYER
PRAYER RESPONSE

#### 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.

# OFFERING INVITATION

How shall we show your love, your pardon to believe? You bid us share as we are blessed and give as we receive.

#### \*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

Gracious and loving God, who blesses us with so many good gifts, we bring these offerings with the hope of turning tears to laughter, and sorrow to joy. May they truly be a blessing. Amen.

\*HYMN "What a Friend We Have In Jesus" NO. 473

# **GOING WITH THE WORD**

# \*BENEDICTION

Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. May you be like trees planted by streams of water, which bear fruit at just the right time, and like them, may you prosper in all you do. May God bless you and give you peace.

# \*POSTLUDE

# <u>Announcements</u>

If you need or want a visit by the pastor please contact the church office 603-654-9045 and leave a message or call the pastor directly at 603-620-0235

(Messages are usually returned by the next business day)

## February 27th Worship Service

We have been in discussion with the Mont Vernon Congregational Church about sharing our pastor. Our service on February 27<sup>th</sup> will be at 9:00 AM to allow Pastor Kerry to lead worship at the Mont Vernon Church at 11:00 AM.

This will allow the Mont Vernon Congregation to experience the worship service with Pastor Kerry and have a question and answer time following.

# On The Calendar

Spring Play Rehearsal, February 13th, 4:-00 PM Senior Book Club, February 14, 10:00 AM Council Meeting, February 15, 7:00 PM

# PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

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

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