

Second Congregational Church in Wilton, United Church of Christ

ORDER OF WORSHIP Seventh Sunday After Epiphany February 20, 2022 Second Congregational Church in Wilton,

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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

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Where do we find you, Holy One, and how do we follow?

Find me at your table, We'll share your food

Find me in your resources, **We'll share your riches**

Find me in your power, We'll share your mercy

Find me in your pain, We'll share your forgiveness

Find me in your generosity, We'll share all, and expect nothing in return

In community, seek my holiness, We follow you in love, generosity, joy

In the world, share my desire: We follow you in justice, mercy, peace for all.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*HYMN

UNISON

Holy One, you are deep within our world, calling us to join you in creating abundant life for all. Open our hearts to recognize you Free us to trust your call and follow; Enable us to repent, and forgive, and join in your work to make "all things new". In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us Confess together ...

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One, your call is deceptively simple: "Do to others as you would have them do to you" And yet we cling to self-serving ways which separate us from your beloved creation:

You call us to turn our lives around, to risk repentance and learn forgiveness, to work with patience and diligence to prepare the way for your Reign, but we get discouraged and give up too soon.

Lord, Have mercy.

You call us to be full of joyful confidence to create community where all have enough for abundant life, but we burden ourselves with anxiety and fear.

Christ, have mercy.

You call us to speak out in the presence of injustice, but too often we do not challenge words and actions rooted in hate:

Holy One, have mercy

ASSURANCE PARDON

Our God is good, and generous, and loving: Trust in Jesus' promise: "Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

*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 6:27-38

"But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them. Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. Do to others as you would have them do to you. "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that. And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, expecting to be repaid in full. But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. "Do not judge, and you will not be judged.

Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

SERMON "I am All But One"

*HYMN "You Call Us, Lord" NO. 583

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.

INVITATION TO SHARE OUR OFFERINGS

When we give our tithes and offerings, we are witnesses to the transforming love of God in Christ. I invite you to give as generously as you have received.

*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.

*BLESSING OF THE GIFTS

Accept these gifts, we humbly pray, O God. Let them give you honor and glory as we serve the needs of your people. And let the called and redeemed of God say, **Amen**

*HYMN "Where the Spirit of the Lord Is" NO. 396

GOING WITH THE WORD

*BENEDICTION

Send us into the world, O Holy One, Ready to witness to your generosity and forgiveness. Ready to be recognized as those who follow your Way. Ready to shape a world of justice, peace and joy.

*POSTLUDE

Praising God's glory the flowers are given by Tom & Jane Herlihy in celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary.

Announcements

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 27th 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 20, 4:00 PM
Worship, February 27, 9:00 AM
Mission Possible Sunday, February 27
Spring Play Rehearsal, February 27th, 4:-00 PM
Senior Book Club, February 28, 10:00 AM via Zoom
Deacon's Meeting, February 28, 7:00 PM, via Zoom

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

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

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