



Second Congregational Church in Wilton,
United Church of Christ

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Transfiguration Sunday
February 27, 2022
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**Welcome to the worship of God at the
Second Congregational Church in Wilton,
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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: Something drew us together this morning

All: **Something we can't name but which we
experience in worship**

One: Some holy mystery we call God

All: **Some sacred calling we hear in the
life of Jesus**

One: Some indescribable hope we feel when
we **gather in the Spirit**

All: **May our experience of the Divine transform
our doubts and fears and prepare us to love
the world.**

***HYMN** "Gather Us In" (vs 1, 2 & 4) NO. 649

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

O God, you are beyond words and description,
your love is beyond knowledge and explanation.
Make our hearts ready to receive you. Change us,
we pray, that our lives may reflect the glory of your
transfiguration. We rejoice in the power of your
Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us Confess together ...

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Peter, James, and John went up on the side of a mountain with Jesus and experienced glory. But then Peter wanted to stay. "It's good for us to be here. Let's get comfortable." We are also often tempted to keep the experience of the Divine to ourselves, to enjoy the company of the saints instead of going back down the mountain to continue the work of the Kingdom of God. God knows this temptation of our hearts, so let us confess and pray for forgiveness.

All: God of glory and light, forgive us when we are complacent and comfortable with keeping the riches of your love to ourselves. Keep calling us down from our mountains of privilege. Keep expecting more of us as your disciples. Keep reminding us to listen to your Son, in whose name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

One: Whether we hear a voice from the heavens or a still small voice in our hearts, listen carefully for the love of God. Believe and accept God's love and live in God's freedom.

All: We believe! 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 9:28-43

About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, “Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.” (He did not know what he was saying.) While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and covered them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. A voice came from the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him.” When the voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves and did not tell anyone at that time what they had seen. **Jesus Heals a Demon-Possessed Boy**

The next day, when they came down from the mountain, a large crowd met him. A man in the crowd called out, “Teacher, I beg you to look at my son, for he is my only child. A spirit seizes him and he suddenly screams; it throws him into convulsions so that he foams at the mouth. It scarcely ever leaves him and is destroying him. I begged your disciples to drive it out, but they could not.” “You unbelieving and perverse generation,” Jesus replied, “how long shall I stay with you and put up with you? Bring your son here.” Even while the boy was coming, the demon threw him to the ground in a convulsion. But Jesus rebuked the impure spirit, healed the boy and gave him back to his father. And they were all amazed at the greatness of God.

SERMON "Can't We Just Stay?"

***HYMN** "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" NO. 96

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 TITHES AND OFFERINGS

The needs of our world are too numerous to name.
Shelter, food, clean air and water...
Our gifts touch these needs, but the biggest gift we
can give is to love the world so much that we give of
ourselves. Nothing will transform need more than
sacrificial love. So as you place money in the offering
plate today, don't let your giving be done.
Start planning to go deeper.
May God now bless our hopes and dreams.

***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.

***OFFERING PRAYER**

Bless these gifts, we pray.
May they represent just the beginning of our journey
to show forth your glory to the world. Amen.

***HYMN** “The Church’s One Foundation” **NO. 544**

GOING WITH THE WORD

***BENEDICTION**

May God now send us back down the mountain
of our worship. We have been changed.
We can’t be silent anymore.
We have seen the Light of the World.
Go and share the radiance of love!

***POSTLUDE**

Praising God's glory the flowers are given
by Ingrid Howard in loving memory of
her brother, Wayne Lamminen.

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)

Today we will be taking our Mission Possible Offering during
the first Anthem.

On The Calendar

Spring Play Rehearsal, February 27, 4:00 PM
Senior Book Club, February 28, 10:00 AM via Zoom
Deacon's Meeting, February 28, 7:00 PM, via Zoom
Spring Play Rehearsal, March 6, 4:00 PM

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

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

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