



Second Congregational Church in Wilton,
United Church of Christ

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Fifth Sunday After Epiphany
February 6, 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**

Isaiah: surprised by the Holy One in the Temple--
A vision, a call, a response:

ALL: Here I am: Send me!

Paul: surprised by the Spirit at his hateful work—
An interruption, a challenge, a response:

**ALL: I received from the Lord the word of grace I now
proclaim!**

Weary fisher folk: surprised by Jesus at their empty
boats—A sign, a promise, a response:

ALL: They left everything to follow!

Let us worship the One whose call surprises
and challenges us.

***HYMN NO. 348** “Softly and Tenderly”

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

UNISON

**Holy One, you are ready to meet us wherever we are
in our lives, offering vision, interruption, hope where
we may least expect it. Surprise us here at worship
today With some grace unexpected that will change
something in us—large or small—**

and send us into the world inspired and impassioned to do your work. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us Confess together

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You call to us through the voices of the poor and the powerless, But we close ourselves off from their need:
Lord have mercy

You call to us through the cries of those who struggle to change structures of oppression, but we turn away from their challenge:
Christ have mercy

You hint, you invite, you surround us with calls to love you more fully, and follow you more faithfully, but we cling to comfort and safety:
Lord have mercy

Silence

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

Friends, the call of God, like God's own grace, is new every day. Let us go forward with eyes and ears and hearts open to the work and word of God in our world, and draw on the courage to create with God a Just World for All.

***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 5:1-11

One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding around him and listening to the word of God. He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink. When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people." So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

SERMON "What if I Went Deeper"

***HYMN NO. 248** "I Want to Walk as A Child of the Light"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER, SILENT PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

INVITATION TO SHARING

God, you call us to give as we have received.
You call us to respond to your grace.
Let our generosity express our gratitude for your goodness
in our lives.

***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**

God who calls us to participate in your vision of justice
for our world, Let these offerings become our response:
all your people fed, all your people safe,
all your people housed, all your people educated.
Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

***HYMN NO. 699** "Let Us Break Bread Together"

CALL TO THE TABLE

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.

BREAKING AND POURING

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We Give Thanks, God of Job and Jeremiah, David's Lord, Anna's Christ, Luke's Savior, that we have found your house in many places. We have found places of prayer with the swallows and the sparrows. We have sung your praise in a quiet circle under the stars. We have enjoyed the choir of many voices and the joyous sounds of musical instruments and found inspiration and refreshment. Along our pilgrim way you provide the cup that sustains both soul and body. We are happy when we trust in you. Amen

***HYMN NO. 347** "Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

GOING WITH THE WORD

***BENEDICTION**

Here we are, O Holy One!
Send us into your world to do your justice,
Witness to your vision of grace, And follow you with courage into your transforming reign. **Amen.**

***POSTLUDE**

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 6th, 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
Loretta Smith, Liturgist
Cindy Broderick , Assisting with Communion
All the Congregation, Ministers to the World

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