



Second Congregational Church in Wilton,  
United Church of Christ

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**Second Sunday of Lent**  
**March 13, 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: God desires to gather us

**Many: He gathers us together**

One: His wings spread out before us

**Many: His presence, all around us**

One: To nurture is his nature

**Many: To protect us is his gift**

One: For our safety, He reaches

**Many: For our good, he moves**

One: Sheltering over us

**Many: He is our fortress**

One: Deep in his underwing

**Many: He is our strength**

One: Because of us, he is wounded

**Many: By his wounds we are saved**

One: Until all fear is gone

**Many: Until the work is finished**

One: In him, we find our justice

**Many: In him, we find our peace**

**\*HYMN**

“O Jesus Christ, May Grateful Hymns be Rising” NO. 582

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

One: God decides to gather us  
Many: **Open the gates of justice**

One: The hen gathers her brood  
Many: **Open the gates of peace**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Let us Confess together ...

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*Unison*

O Wounded Healer, Mighty and Merciful,  
Nothing we say can undo the damage we have done.  
As you wept over Jerusalem, we now weep over our  
world. You see what we have done with the gifts you  
have freely given us. You sought to gather us, but we  
were not willing. Your prophets spoke, but we did not  
have ears to hear. Now their blood is on our hands.  
We have stoned those you have sent. Now, in our  
desperation, we pray. Our lives are in chaos, but we  
long for your joy. Beyond our rationalized violence,  
we yearn for a peace that makes no sense.  
Forgive us, God of mercy and grace. Come again to  
us, we pray. Then we will surely say, “Blessed is the  
one who comes in the name of the Lord.”

**ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

One: Hear and receive the good news.  
Our God has been faithful through generations.  
Our God makes all things new.  
Our God makes gardens spring  
and wounds repair. In God’s love, we are made  
whole. In God’s mercy, we are forgiven.

Many: **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 13:31-35

At that time some Pharisees came to Jesus and said to him, "Leave this place and go somewhere else. Herod wants to kill you." He replied, "Go tell that fox, 'I will keep on driving out demons and healing people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will reach my goal.' In any case, I must press on today and tomorrow and the next day—for surely no prophet can die outside Jerusalem! "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing. Look, your house is left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'

**SERMON** "A Neat and Tidy Box"

**\*HYMN** "Blessed Assurance" NO. 426

**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.**

## **Call TO THE OFFERING**

The hungry are invited to feast at God's table, where our mourning turns to dancing, our affliction is met with comfort, and our rejection turns to belonging. Out of God's gift of abundance, we offer gratitude. Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God in praise.

## **\*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**

Ever Present, Life Giving God, may these gifts be used to pass on your peace, justice, and healing. Amen.

## **\*HYMN**

**"Christ Be My Leader"**

**NO. 453**

## GOING WITH THE WORD

### \*BENEDICTION

Now, may the grace of God go with us. May God's face shine upon us. May we carry God's peace into the world, offering the wholeness and healing we have received. May we never cease to love and endure until the work is finished. Amen.

### \*POSTLUDE

Praising God's glory, the flowers are given by Jessie Salisbury and Verna Porter in loving memory of Jessie's parents and Verna's grandparents, Charles & Dorothy Warner.

## 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)

## On The Calendar

Spring Play Rehearsal, March 13, 4:00 PM  
Senior Book Club, March 14, 10:00 AM, via Zoom  
Council Meeting, March 15, 7:00 PM, via Zoom  
St. Patrick's Day, March 17  
Church Retreat, Part-Time is Plenty, March 19, Sanctuary

**PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

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

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