



*Second Congregational Church in Wilton,
United Church of Christ*

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Third Sunday of Easter
May 1, 2022
Second Congregational Church in Wilton,
United Church of Christ

**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**

One: Holy One, Provider

Many: **Our ever-present help**

One: In our emptiness

Many: **You remind us of your presence**

One: In your abundance

Many: **You remind us you are here**

One: With a love that conquers death

Many: **You remind us we are yours**

One: Holy! Holy! Holy!

Many: **To the Ever-present One**

All: **Amen.**

INVOCATION

One: The Risen One is with us
Your ways are ways of justice

Many: **Your ways are ways of peace**

One: Your ways are ways of love

Many: **In you, our hearts are full**

One: In your ways, we will follow

***HYMN** “Jesus Calls Us o’vr the Tumult” NO. 345

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess together...

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

UNISON

Lover of Creation,
Forgive us
We have not loved ourselves
We have not loved our neighbors
We have not followed in your ways
We have rebelled against your love
Forgive us
Engage us
Reshape our imaginations
Trade our complacency for your courage,
Our pettiness for your possibility.
Our greed for your goodness
Our aimlessness and for your adventure
Our lives for your love

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S GRACE

One: Open your hearts. Hear the good news.
God has not abandoned us
God has not sent us out to find our own way.
God is with us, all around us, at work within us.
In the name of all that is,
You are welcome
Into the grace, mercy, and forgiveness
Of the Creator of our hearts
Many: **Glory to Giver of Life.**
All: **Amen.**

***GLORIA PATRI TUNE: GREATORIX**

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

John 21:1-19

Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee. It happened this way: Simon Peter, Thomas (also known as Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. "I'm going out to fish," Simon Peter told them, and they said, "We'll go with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. He called out to them, "Friends, haven't you any fish?" "No," they answered. He said, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish. Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, "It is the Lord," he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards. When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you have just caught." So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." None of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead. When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" "Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my lambs." Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you love

me?" He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep." The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my sheep. Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go." Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, "Follow me!"

SERMON "Sometimes We Must Fail"

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER, SILENT PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

CALL TO THE OFFERING

In a world that lives out of scarcity
You call us to a life of abundance
You offer grace and mercy
You heal us. You carry us.
In you, we live. In you, we move.
In you, we are made whole.
Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God

***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**

UNISON

May these gifts be used to bring life and love and liberation for this world that God so dearly loves. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

***HYMN**

“One Bread, One Body”

NO. 689

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 you thanks for sharing with us this simple meal. May we come to better understand what you must have been feeling when you shared it for the first time. Let us never forget the sacrifices that you made for us, for we do this in remembrance of you, Amen.

***HYMN**

“The Lord Speaks To Me”

NO. 593

GOING WITH THE WORD

*BENEDICTION

Now, may the grace of God go with us. May God's face shine upon us. May we love the world as God has loved us. May we be peace. May we be love. May God's mercy be present among us. 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)

On The Calendar

Wilton Community Space Meeting, May 3, 2:00 PM

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

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