

“I PRAY ALSO  
**FOR THOSE WHO  
WILL BELIEVE IN ME  
THROUGH THEIR MESSAGE,  
THAT ALL OF THEM  
MAY BE ONE,  
FATHER,  
JUST AS YOU ARE IN ME  
AND I AM IN YOU.”**

JOHN 17:20-21, NIV

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

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
**May 29, 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: We have been invited to know God  
**Many: Let us enter the knowledge of God**

One: We have been invited to bear God's justice  
**Many: Let us enter the justice of God**

One: We have been invited to enter God's truth  
**Many: Let us enter the truth of God**

One: We have been invited to enter God's unity  
**Many: Let us enter the unity of God**

**\*HYMN**                      **"Pass it On"**                      **NO. 557**

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION**                      **(UNISON)**

**Holy Healing One, Righteous Restorer—  
We come as standard-bearers of your love, offering our  
disconnected lives in return for your unity. May we  
know you in this place, not as lone individuals but as  
faithful fragments seeking to be made whole again.  
Amen.**

**PRAYER CONFESSION**

(UNISON)

Creating God,  
In selfishness and insecurity,  
We have traded your healing for our hatred,  
Your calling for our comfort,  
Your truth for our traditions,  
Your covenant for our conventions,  
Your faithfulness for our fragmentation,  
Your care and our convenience,  
Your solidarity for our self-righteousness,  
Your promise for our praise.

Forgive us, we pray.  
Speak to us again of your love,  
That we may know you,  
And by knowing you,  
We may once again be made whole.  
Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

One: Beloved of God, hear the good news.  
God's love never fails us.  
God desires to be made known.  
Many: We are forgiven. We are welcome. We are one.  
All: Amen.

**\*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**

John 17:20-26

“My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one— I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. “Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world. “Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me. I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them.”

**SERMON**                    “Can We Be One In Unity?”

**\*HYMN**                    “When Peace Like a River”                    NO. 428

**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**

**One:** From the creation of the world, God has freely given. We give, not as solitary givers, but in solidarity with all creation.

**Many:** Thanks be to God

**All:** Amen

## **\*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 build the Beloved Community through our unity, in the power of the Holy Spirit, and in the name of Jesus, our Messiah. Amen.**

## **\*HYMN "Abide with Me" NO. 521**

### **GOING WITH THE WORD**

## **\*BENEDICTION**

**May the joy of our Healer go with us.  
May we go out in the unity of God. That we may know God and make God known. Go forth in the love of God. 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)

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

### ALL CHURCH MEETING

Information has been sent out to all church members  
regarding ONA. There will be an all church meeting  
immediately following service on **Sunday, June 12, 2022.**  
At that time a vote will be taken to approve or disapprove  
of ONA designation for our church.  
Please come and vote - your vote matters

## On The Calendar

Memorial Day, Monday, May 30th, Church Office Closed.

## Covenant

We are a church, believing that each of us is created in God's Image. We celebrate everyone, including people of all ages, races, cultures, sexual orientations, cognitive or emotional abilities, education or spiritual and religious traditions. All are welcome to participate fully in the life, leadership, ministry and mission of this church as we seek to grow together in a safe and nurturing community of faith. We strive to demonstrate in all ways that "no matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!"

*Accepted into by-laws, June 2021*

**PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

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