



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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

May 8, 2022

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**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 gather once more as a great multitude
From various peoples and places, we've come

All: **Blessing and glory, wisdom and thanksgiving
Honor and power be to our God**

One: We gather once more to shout "Alleluia!"
Salvation belongs to the Holy One.

All: **Blessing and glory, wisdom and thanksgiving
Honor and power be to our God**

One: We gather to worship day and night
The one who guides us to the springs of life.

All: **Blessing and glory, wisdom and thanksgiving
Honor and power be to our God**

***HYMN**

"In The Garden"

NO. 300

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

(UNISON)

God, our shepherd—Restorer of our souls—
The one who calls us to nap in green pastures—
We enter into this moment of worshipful gathering
trusting that you will guide us along the paths
of righteousness. Wherever we may be in this world,
let us know the comforting presence of your rod and
staff. We are expectant, O God, that our fears will fade,
that our cups will overflow, and that your goodness
and mercy will accompany us in this hour and beyond.
Now, let us worship you in spirit and in truth. Amen.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: God, as you call us more intentionally into the
fullness of life that abounds in your presence,
Let us acknowledge the ways our unbelief has
separated us from your vision for our lives and
all creation.

Moment of silence

All: God, we confess that we often let hopelessness
have too much power over our lives.
In the face of crisis, our faith has frequently
faltered. In the midst of calamity, our
fearlessness has faded. In the presence of
tribulation, our worry has weakened our
ability to act justly. Help our unbelief, O God!
Bring us back to you, Great Redeemer.
Remind us of the unfailing treasure that is in
your love and care for all of creation—
For your grace is sufficient, from the valley of
death to the tables you've prepared for us.
Embolden us, again, and revive our spirits.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Friends, hear the Good News: God believes in us even when our belief in God is challenged. God's grace and mercy abounds, and in God and Christ, we are forgiven. 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 10:22-30

Then came the Festival of Dedication at Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was in the temple courts walking in Solomon's Colonnade. The Jews who were there gathered around him, saying, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I did tell you, but you do not believe. The works I do in my Father's name testify about me, but you do not believe because you are not my sheep. My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. I and the Father are one."

SERMON "It Needs to be More Than Just Information"

***HYMN**

"Hymn of Promise"

NO. 515

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

We believe in the God of justice and righteousness,
and God believes in us to carry forth the mission of loving
and caring for community. Let us now share our gifts and
resources so that we may continue to walk humbly with
God and with neighbors.

***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)

**We dedicate these gifts that have been shared for
the fortification of the beloved community. Let these
gifts do justice in the world. Let them be a sign of
our belief in the God who saves, heals, and sets free.
Let these gifts, and the works of our hands and feet,
be a blessing to all in need.**

***HYMN** “I Lift my eyes to the quiet Hills” NO.
488

GOING WITH THE WORD

***BENEDICTION**

Let us go forth knowing that we are led by God, that we are sheltered by God, that God never leaves nor forsakes us even in the bleakest valley. In God, may we hunger and thirst no more, and may a peace that surpasses all understanding abide with us, now and forever more.
Amen.

***POSTLUDE**

Praising God's glory the flowers are given by Becky Kennedy
in loving memory of Delores Kennedy.

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)

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

Council Meeting, May 17, 7:00 PM via Zoom
Rummage Sale, May 21, 9 AM–2 PM



PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor Kerry Richardson (Interim Pastor)
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All the Congregation, Ministers to the World

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