



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

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 22, 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**

Many: Let the Creator be home among us

One: In our hearts, may God be welcome

Many: May God's love shape our every thought

One: May our actions lead to God's justice

Many: May our words be words of life

One: May God's Spirit lead us

Many: May God's peace dwell within us

All: Amen.

***HYMN** "God of the Sparrow"
NO. 29

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

(UNISON)

God's love is our nourishment

God's truth, our liberation

God's words, our wisdom

God's peace, our home

Welcome to the love of God

PRAYER CONFESSION

(UNISON)

**We have not yet learned to love as you love
We have spoken praise in our mouths
When our hearts were far from you
The gifts you gave for our peace, We have weaponized
Yet, even in our failings
Your love has never failed us
Even when we turned you away
You still choose to make your home among us**

**Our hearts are troubled
We are enmeshed in fear
Creation needs you
Our families need you
Our streets need you
Our cities need you
The soil needs you
Our souls need you**

**Heal us, Forgive us
Make us whole again**

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

**One: Beloved of God, hear the good news.
God's faithfulness is sure
God's love will not fail us
In accordance with God's lovingkindness
You are forgiven, You are welcome
You are home**

Many: Glory to love of God.

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 14:23-29

Jesus replied, "Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me. "All this I have spoken while still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. "You heard me say, 'I am going away and I am coming back to you.' If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe.

SERMON "No Relationship Is Perfect"

***HYMN** "What Wondrous Love Is This" NO. 257

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: Our God does not give as the world gives
In the chaos, God is our peace
In our fear, God is our confidence
In our weakness, God is our strength
Let us offer our gifts to God

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 hands of service, in the power of the Holy
Spirit, and in the name of Jesus, our Messiah. Amen.

***HYMN**

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

NO. 504

GOING WITH THE WORD

***BENEDICTION**

May the love of God go with us. May God’s love saturate
our memories. May God’s love overwhelm us. God is love.
As we carry God’s love within us, may we carry God’s love
to the world around us. Go forth in the love of God. Amen.

***POSTLUDE**

Praising God's glory the flowers
are given by Howard and Katy
Gotham in memory of loved
ones.

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

Deacons Meeting, May 23, 7:00 PM via Zoom

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

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

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