



For by grace you have
been saved through faith.
And this is not your own doing;
it is the gift of God.

EPHESIANS 2:8

*Second Congregational Church in Wilton,
United Church of Christ
Open and Affirming*

ORDER OF WORSHIP
The Second Sunday After Pentecost
June 19, 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: The way of our God is holy.

Many: **Holy One, we seek your presence in our midst.**

One: The way of our God is wondrous.

Many: **Wondrous God, we marvel at your works
and marvelous deeds.**

One: The way of our God is awesome.

Many: **Awesome God, we call out to you in hope.**

***HYMN** "What a Friend We Have In Jesus" NO. 473

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

(UNISON)

**Liberating One, we keep you before us. Our souls
rejoice and our hearts are gladdened. Our very beings
find safety and security in your presence. We approach
you with thanksgiving and anticipation. Enliven us to
be your people in the world. Embolden us to live in
freedom. Empower us to be your good news. Stand up
in us and show us the path of life. Amen.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(UNISON)

Restoring God, too often we accept the conditions of the world around us and impose limitations on what is possible. We bind ourselves to societal conventions, norms, and pressure, rather than follow you and your way. We conform to the values of this world rather than pursue the fruit of the Spirit. Show us the path of life and freedom in you. Teach us to plant seeds of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.
May we perennially bear that fruit.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

The Guiding Spirit opens us to new life and leads us to right paths. Hear the voice that continually calls, leads, and companions with us. Life in the Spirit is constantly renewed and restored. Let the grace of God nurture our roots and allow our flourishing.

***GLORIA PATRI TUNE: GREATOR EX**

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

Ephesians 2:4-10

But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so

that no one can boast. For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

SERMON "Amazing Grace"

***HYMN** "Just a Closer Walk With Thee" NO. 504

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER, SILENT PRAYER

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.

PRAYER RESPONSE

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

Jesus invites us to follow him in all ways, including the use and sharing of our resources. An accounting of our time, talent, and treasure that reflects our active citizenship in the kingdom brings glory to the Holy One. These seeds bear fruit.

***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 AND THANKSGIVING**

Giver of Gifts, receive the resources we bring.
May they bless our community and our world.
May bonds of scarcity be broken as we meet the needs
around us with the gifts that you have first given to us.
May we be gladdened by giving and rejoice in generosity.
Amen.

***HYMN** “How Great Thou Art” NO. 51

GOING WITH THE WORD

***BENEDICTION**

As you go in the world, stand firm in the freedom of Christ.
Be guided and live by the Spirit. Glorify God and bear fruit.
Amen.

***POSTLUDE**

Announcements

Picture Day—June 26th, following worship

Come and review some OLD pictures (black and whites of events at the church) found upstairs. Help us identify and decide what to do with these pictures

On The Calendar

Council Meeting—June 21, 7:00 PM Via Zoom

Deacon's Meeting- June 27, 7:00 PM Via Zoom

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Lamar Smith (Guest Speaker)
Sandy Blumm, Liturgist
Patricia Cauchon, Director of Music

All the Congregation, Ministers to the World

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