



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

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Fifth Sunday After Pentecost
July 10, 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: Come to worship Almighty God

Many: **We lift up our songs, our prayers, our praises.**

One: Come to honor Christ Jesus.

Many: **We offer Christ our hearts,
our minds, our spirits.**

One: Come to be filled with the Spirit of the Living

Many: **Breathe in us, Breath of God. Alleluia.**

INVOCATION

UNISON

Gracious and loving God, we ask your continued presence with us on our journey through life. Help us to be faithful to your ways of love and grace. Keep us from helpless despair. Give us the power to make your love known, even in this world that seems so bent on war and hate. Be with us, care for us, comfort and confront us with your love and grace. Through the power of the Spirit we pray. Amen.

***HYMN**

“God of All Time”

NO. 394

CALL TO CONFESSION

What God asks of us is to remember the promise that God will be with us and work in us. Come before God now, ready to be a part of all that is good. Let go of what keeps you from God’s powerful call.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

UNISON

God, whose heart beats within creation, we confess our turning away from you. You give us life and freedom and we have traded it for convenience and greed. You celebrate the birth of earth’s children, and we have funded programs that kill your precious ones and take food out of the mouths of others. You ask us to care for each other, and we have been preoccupied with our personal problems. Great God, set us free! We are tired of the way of life we have created for ourselves. Give us grace to follow you. Through your amazing Spirit, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S GRACE

In the act of suffering, Christ absorbed our sins.
In unfailing love, Christ forgives our heartfelt failures.
In Christ’s resurrection, God promises acceptance, assures pardon, and affirms eternal life. “Your sins are forgiven you,” Christ says. “Go and sin no more.”

***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

Luke 10:25-37

On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” “What is written in the Law?” he replied. “How do you read it?” He answered, “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind’; and, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’” “You have answered correctly,” Jesus replied. “Do this and you will live.” But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” In reply Jesus said: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. ‘Look after him,’ he said, ‘and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.’ “Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?” The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.” Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”

SERMON “Loving Your Neighbor As Yourself”

***HYMN** “Now It Is Evening” NO. 627

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER, SILENT PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

CALL TO THE OFFERING

God has shown us the meaning of generosity in the beautiful diversity of creation, in the overflowing love of Jesus Christ, and in the never ending gift of the Holy Spirit! God has abundantly blessed us and called us to be a community that blesses others through the sharing of our love, our talents, and our material possessions. Let us rejoice now in what we have been given and in what is ours to give as we present our morning offering.

***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**

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Holy One, whose heart abounds with gifts, receive this offering as sign of our intention to live surrounded by your mercy, inspired by your Spirit, open to the joy of your presence, hospitable and generous toward one another. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

*HYMN “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ” NO. 698

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

Eternal God, we thank you for your presence in the simplicity and splendor of this holy meal. By the power of your Holy Spirit, unite us with all whom Christ welcomes, that we may be the servant church of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

*HYMN “Dear Christ, Uplifted from the Earth” NO. 601
(NO.603 melody)

GOING WITH THE WORD

*BENEDICTION

May you be blessed into the week to come -
with tenderness for your sorrows, energy for your hope,
and a sweet awareness of the world around you,
and recognition of the face of God in everyone you meet.
Amen.

*POSTLUDE

Praising God's glory the flowers are given by Kevin & Sue Jean in loving memory of family and friends.

Announcements

Project Linus Workshop

Church Missions is working with Wilton Collaborative Space to offer a Project Linus workshop. The group will meet twice a month on the second and fourth Tuesday, beginning July 12 at 10:00 in the church hall. Come join us for this worthwhile project. No experience needed. For more information please speak with Stephanie Ouellette to sign up.

Church Pictures/Memorabilia

we will continue to go through pictures and memorabilia each Sunday after the service until we get the majority of items labeled.

On The Calendar

Project Linus Workshop—July 12, 10:00 AM—Parish Hall

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Patricia Cauchon, Director of Music
Guest Pastor, Rev. Anne Rodman
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All the Congregation, Ministers to the World

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