



**Blessed
are the
peacemakers,
for they
will be called
sons
of God.**

Matthew 5:9

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP
The Seventh Sunday After Pentecost
July 24, 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 gather to rejoice in the Holy One.

Many: Revive us, O God, make us alive in Christ!

One: We assemble as people called to community by
and with the Redeemer.

Many: Restore us, O God, make us alive in Christ!

One: We come open to the possibilities made new
by the Creator.

Many: Revive us, O God, make us alive in Christ!

***HYMN "Wonderful Grace of Jesus" NO. 362**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

(UNISON)

Compassionate One, your love sustains us, molds us, and empowers us. May we dwell in that love as you dwell in us-faithfully, joyfully, and abundantly. Renew us as your people grounded in you and flourishing with you. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

(UNISON)

Just God, we sense your anger at the injustice that thrives in the world. We share your grief at the discord that rages among your children, the rejection of those who bear your image, and the oppression of those you know by name. We turn toward you for strength and guidance to turn away from the norms of this world, the lure of self-righteousness, and the appeal of comfort over justice. Embolden us to believe that another world is possible and empower us to participate in its creation. Amen.

WORDS OF GRACE

The One who is holy and righteous makes us holy and righteous. We are participants, heirs, and co-creators of new life found in the redemptive love of Jesus Christ and in the realm of the Holy One which has no end. In this, grace abounds and liberates us to new mornings, new mercies, and new life.

***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

Matthew 5:1-12

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them.

He said:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

SERMON

“Compassion”

*HYMN

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

NO. 480

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

Compassion stirs us to generous action and hopeful giving.
We share the abundance of our resources and spread the
gifts we have received for the good of the world and the
work of the kingdom.

***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)

God our Companion, receive these gifts as seeds to be
nurtured and grown into new abundance, more possibili-
ties, and magnifying gifts for your kingdom on earth.

***HYMN** "Lord of the Dance" **NO. 118**

GOING WITH THE WORD

*BENEDICTION

Let us go, revived, as ambassadors of compassion in the world, showing the glory of God, embodying the peace of God, and living the hope of God. Amen.

*POSTLUDE

Announcements

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.

Del, (Administrative Assistant) will be on vacation the week of July 25th and returning on Monday, August 1st.

On The Calendar

Deacon's Meeting—August 1- 7:00 PM Via Zoom

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Worship Leaders, Stephanie Ouellette and Violet Blake
Loretta Smith, Liturgist
Patricia Cauchon, Director of Music
Guest Pianist, Jill Slocomb

All the Congregation, Ministers to the World

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