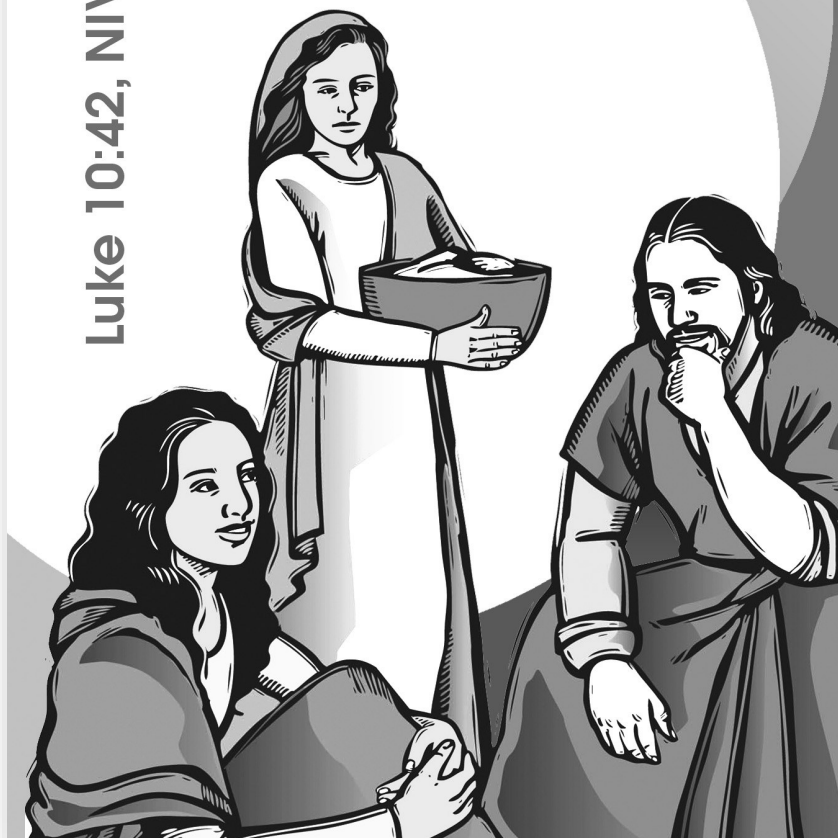


**“Mary has chosen
what is better ...”**

Luke 10:42, NIV



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Open and Affirming*

ORDER OF WORSHIP
The Sixth Sunday After Pentecost
July 17, 2022
Second Congregational Church in Wilton,
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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 have been called here to face into God's gracious way of living. We are to leave the past behind us and walk into new days of ministry.

All: Sometimes we'd rather remember how things used to be. Sometimes we are afraid to be disciples.

One: But this is a new day, and Christ is sharing freedom with us. It is a day to put aside all fear, to leave doubting behind, and to take courage in God's loving call.

All: We will look to the new day, and we will strive for faithfulness, and we will be disciples of Christ, renewing and healing the world around us.

***HYMN**

"Sing a New Church"

NO. 577

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

(UNISON)

Gracious and loving God, we thank you that we can rest in you, secure amid the conflict and confusion of life. We thank you that you provide for our needs and that you have trusted us to one another's care. Free us to receive with humility and to give with joy. Open our hands to share what we have without fear of tomorrow. Anoint your people as justice and peace makers, that one day humanity may choose bread over weapons and fairness over greed. Through the power of the Spirit we pray. Amen.

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)

Everlasting God, you build up and tear down. We confess that we have erected idols that need to be demolished in our time. We embrace complacency and comfort over following your vision of beloved community and liberation. We measure ourselves not against your precepts but by the standards of this world. We close our ears to voices we do not want to hear and our eyes to sights too painful to see. Tear down the fear of discomfort within us and rebuild us with the pillars of holy love, compassionate care, and Spirit-led action. In your mercy, make us new. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

The Righteous One remains near to you and delights in prospering the fruit of your bodies, your souls, and your acts. The way of God is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away.

***GLORIA PATRI TUNE: GREATORIX**

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 10:38-42

As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!" "Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.

SERMON

"Being and Doing"

***HYMN**

"Have Thy Own Way Lord"

NO. 486

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

CALL TO THE OFFERING

Colossians 1:18 reminds us that Jesus is the head of the church and first in all things. May we place Christ first by 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**

(UNISON)

Gracious God, we ask your blessing upon these tangible expressions of our joy and care. Renew in us a sense of our abundance in all times and a never-failing compassion for all who need hope, for we pray in the Spirit of Jesus Christ who is the source of hope and joy, of our gifts and our open hands. Amen.

***HYMN “Called as Partners In Christ’s Service” NO. 581**

GOING WITH THE WORD

***BENEDICTION**

Go in peace, open to the call and the grace of God. The blessing of God’s unfailing love, Christ’s unceasing presence, and the Spirit’s unsurpassed gifts be with us all now and forever. Amen.

***POSTLUDE**

Praising God's glory the flowers are given by
Kevin and Sue Jean in loving memory
of Sue's Dad, Allen "Rollie" Jowders.

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.

On The Calendar

Jewelry, Books and Gifts Sale –July 23–9 AM–1 PM

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Guest Pastor, Rev. Anne Rodman
Ingrid Howard, Liturgist
Patricia Cauchon, Director of Music

All the Congregation, Ministers to the World

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