



**The moon marks
off the seasons,**

**and the sun knows
when to go down.**

Psalm 104:19

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP
The Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost
August 28, 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: God, as we gather together to worship you,
we stand in awe of your creation

All: **We see you in the rising and setting of the sun
We see you in the moon and the stars of the
night sky. Your creative presence is all
around us.**

One: We see you in the beasts of the field,
the birds of the air and the creatures of the sea.

All: **From the flowers of the valley to the
mountaintops in the sky,**

One: We see your beauty all over the earth.

All: **Let us worship you for who you are our
creator and sustainer.**

***HYMN**

“This is My Father’s World”

NO. 21

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

(UNISON)

O God, we thank you for this earth, our home; for the wide sky and the blessed sun, for the salt sea and the running water, for the everlasting hills and the never-resting winds, for trees and the common grass underfoot. We thank you for our senses by which we hear the songs of birds, and see the splendor of the summer fields, and taste of the autumn fruits, and rejoice in the feel of the snow, and smell the breath of the spring. Grant us a heart wide open to all this beauty; And save our souls from being so blind that we pass unseeing when even the common thorn bush is aflame with your glory, O God our creator, who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen

ANTHEM

CALL TO CONFESSION

Though God's creation dazzles us with all of its wonder, we have not always done our part to be good stewards of it. Let us confess before God the times we have missed the mark when it comes to our own lives as well as caring for creation.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(UNISON)

Divine Shepherd, like sheep we go our own ways.
With our heads to the ground and our attention turned elsewhere, we often fail to heed the gentle nudge of your staff and your calls for home.
With so many things to distract us—
work, school, and the general busyness of life—
we lie unresponsive to your calls to kin-dom service.

(Moment of silence and reflection)

WORDS OF GRACE

Thank you for calling us back, for never giving up on us when we turn aside, for always loving us, even when we forget who we are and who you are. We know you, as the greatest Gardener of all, who has promised always to replant us in flourishing fields. 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

Psalm 104:10-24

He makes springs pour water into the ravines;
it flows between the mountains.

They give water to all the beasts of the field;
the wild donkeys quench their thirst.

The birds of the sky nest by the waters;
they sing among the branches.

He waters the mountains from his upper chambers;
the land is satisfied by the fruit of his work.

He makes grass grow for the cattle,
and plants for people to cultivate—
bringing forth food from the earth:

wine that gladdens human hearts,
oil to make their faces shine,
and bread that sustains their hearts.

The trees of the Lord are well watered,
the cedars of Lebanon that he planted.

There the birds make their nests;
the stork has its home in the junipers.
The high mountains belong to the wild goats;
the crags are a refuge for the hyrax.

He made the moon to mark the seasons,
and the sun knows when to go down.

You bring darkness, it becomes night,
and all the beasts of the forest prowl.

The lions roar for their prey
and seek their food from God.

The sun rises, and they steal away;
they return and lie down in their dens.

Then people go out to their work,
to their labor until evening.

How many are your works, Lord!
In wisdom you made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

SERMON “Working in Harmony”

***HYMN** “All Things Bright and Beautiful” **NO. 30**

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

*HYMN “He’s Got The Whole World In His Hands” NO. 80

GOING WITH THE WORD

***BENEDICTION**

God send us out as a people that seek to honor you in all that we do, a people who look for you in creation, and a people who take care of that creation

***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.

On The Calendar

Deacon’s Meeting Via Zoom, August 29—7:00 PM

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Lori Dick, Worship Leader
Jane Herlihy, Liturgist
Patricia Cauchon, Director of Music

All the Congregation, Ministers to the World

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