



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

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost
October 2, 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: Increase our faith!

**Many: Let our worship uncover clearer
understandings of you.**

One: Increase our trust!

**Many: Let our worship unearth stronger
connections to you.**

One: Increase our hope!

**Many: Let our worship unleash fresher
possibilities from you.**

INVOCATION

UNISON

**Meet us here with all our questions and insecurities.
Challenge our knowledge and certainties.
Transform our beliefs and perceptions.
Influence our commitments and actions.**

***HYMN**

“The Church’s One Foundation”

NO. 544

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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We don't always get what you mean, Storytelling Jesus.
We want to be better followers, so we exclaim,
"Increase our faith!" Your response exposes our flawed
approach, well-intentioned though it may be.
Forgive us for transacting our faith for your favor.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

God's abundance is illogical and immeasurable. Though we
may not understand it, we are yet worthy of basking in the
undeserved goodness of God. Praise be!

*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

1 Corinthians 12:12-26

Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its
many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we
were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—
whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all
given the one Spirit to drink. Even so the body is not
made up of one part but of many. Now if the foot should
say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the
body," it would not for that reason stop being part of the
body. And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye,
I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason
stop being part of the body. If the whole body were an
eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole
body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be?
But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every
one of them, just as he wanted them to be. If they were

all one part, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, but one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" And the head cannot say to the feet, "I don't need you!" On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unrepresentable are treated with special modesty, while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it, so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.

SERMON "The Body of Christ"

***HYMN** "They'll Know We Are Christians" NO. 595

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER, SILENT PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

CALL TO THE OFFERING

If tiny mustard seeds can produce unruly and enormous plants that contagiously spread and impact their landscapes, so too can our cents, seconds, and cells, which we are now invited to graciously share.

***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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We thank you for these gifts of money, time,
and selves that we cheerfully give to you, Multiplying
God. Expand and bless every single one in service to you
and the work you've called us to do. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

***HYMN** "There's a Quiet Understanding" NO. 701

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

***HYMN** "In Christ There Is No East or West" NO. 603

GOING WITH THE WORD

***BENEDICTION**

***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.

Neighbors In Need Offering

Will be taken on October 2—Please mark check NIN so we are able to direct the funds correctly.

On The Calendar

Fall Dinner Play Rehearsal—October 2 4:00 PM
Dana Blake Memorial service—Sunday October 9, 1:00 PM

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Rev. Jamie Boyle, Guest Pastor
Marylin Warner, Liturgist
Patricia Cauchon, Director of Music
All the Congregation, Ministers to the World

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