

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

# ORDER OF WORSHIP Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost November 6, 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

Leader: Welcome this day to a celebration of

hope and abundance.

People: We have come from a busy week in which we

have been pulled this way and that, with demands on our lives, our time, our energy.

Leader: Come and rest in the Lord who heals and

restores you.

People: We need this restoration in all of our lives.

Leader: Pour out your needs to the Lord who will always

hear and respond.

People: Lord, we praise you and seek your calming

spirit in our lives. Amen

INVOCATION UNISON

Redeeming God, come and heal our lives this day. Open our hearts to receive your words of hope and joy that we may become faithful servants of yours in this world which you have loaned to us. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness

\*HYMN

NO. 72

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(UNISON) (Luke 6:20, 24)

Spirit of truth, open our hearts to the fullness of your word. We long to embrace your compassion; "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. "But we shrink from your words of judgment: "But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation." Stir our souls to ease the plight of the poor, and curb our desire to soothe are dis-ease when we turn away from the needy. Transform our feelings into a fierce resolve to bear witness to the fullness of your truth. Amen

#### **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

**Ephesians 1** 

In Christ, we have obtained an inheritance of hope and love. Trust the Lord draw strength from God's grace, and be made new in Christ!

\*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 146:1-10

Praise the Lord.
Praise the Lord, my soul.

I will praise the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

Do not put your trust in princes, in human beings, who cannot save.

When their spirit departs, they return to the ground; on that very day their plans come to nothing.

Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God.

He is the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them—he remains faithful forever.

He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets prisoners free, the Lord gives sight to the blind, the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down, the Lord loves the righteous.

The Lord watches over the foreigner and sustains the fatherless and the widow, but he frustrates the ways of the wicked.

The Lord reigns forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations.

John 11:32-44

When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. 34 "Where have you laid him?" he asked. "Come and see, Lord," they replied. Jesus wept. Then the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eves of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. "Take away the stone," he said. "But, Lord," said Martha, the sister of the dead man, "by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days." Then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I

thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face.

#### **ALL SAINTS' CANDLE LIGHTING**

INTRODUCTION

**A REFLECTION** 

**CANDLE LIGHTING INVITATION** 

LIGHTING OF CANDLES

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER, SILENT PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

**CALL TO THE 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

Living God we are your people, we carry your presence. Use us and our gifts to accomplish your mission in the world. Multiply our effort to meet every need. This we pray in the name of Christ, whom with you and the Holy Spirit, reign in our hearts and lives, one God

#### now and forever. Amen

### **HOLY COMMUNION**

\*HYMN "Eat This Bread and Never Hunger" NO. 692

**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

Thank you most Holy God, for meeting us here in this simple meal. May your presence within us ripple beyond us with ever expanding implications until the day when you gather all your saints from the four winds to share in your eternal banquet. In all our words and actions may your name be praised now and forever more. Amen

\*HYMN "Blessed Assurance" NO. 426

**GOING WITH THE WORD** 

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

# Announcements

- ⇒ Help is needed for the fall dinner plays on November 11 and 12. A sign up sheet is in the link.
- ⇒ **Dinner Play Tickets are still available** get yours now! Contact Sue Jean or leave message at the Church
- ⇒ November 20<sup>th</sup> we will be decorating the Church for Christmas after worship service. Missions will be providing lunch for us. Please mark your calendars and plan on staying to help. Many hands make light work

# On The Calendar

Fall Dinner Play Rehearsal—November 6, 4:00 PM
Search Committee Meeting, November 8, 7:00 PM via Zoom
Community Space/Church Lease Agreement, November 10, 1:00 PM Via Zoom

Fall Dinner Play Rehearsal and Set up- November 10, 4:99 PM Fall Dinner Play—November 11 and 12, 7:00 PM

#### PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Rev. Dean Lefrancois, Guest Pastor Loretta Smith, Liturgist Patricia Cauchon, Director of Music All the Congregation, Ministers to the World

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