



Do not
grow
weary
in doing
good.

2 Thessalonians 3:13, ESV

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost
November 13, 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**

Leader: Come people of God; come and celebrate
God's gift of salvation.

People: **We come without fear.**
We come trusting in God.

Leader: Come people of God; hear God's promises
and witness God's mighty deeds.

People: **In hearing the promises,**
in witnessing the mighty deeds of God,
we are strengthened for all that lies ahead.

Leader: Come, let us worship and praise God

People: **By shouting aloud and singing for joy,**
for God truly is in our midst. Amen

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

(UNISON)

**God, we need this time together to be united with our
sisters and brothers in the faith; we need this time of
worship to be comforted and strengthened in your
presence. Remind us again of your vision, that all might
live in a world of peace and justice and love. May this
time together imprint this vision and promise on our
hearts, that we may live into this beloved community.
Amen**

***HYMN**

“Trust and Obey”

NO. 443

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**(UNISON)
(Luke 21)**

**We bow before you, O Lord,
To acknowledge our failings.
We ask forgiveness:
For words spoken in cruelty,
For behaviors that tears down,
For failing the ministries of your church,
For preferring temporal wealth
To riches in your Spirit.
Forgive us, we pray,
And lead us into fullness of life,
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

***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

Thessalonians 3:6-13

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we command you, brothers and sisters, to keep away from every believer who is idle and disruptive and does not live according to the teaching you received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example. We were not idle when we were with you, nor did we eat anyone’s food without paying for it. On the contrary, we worked night and day, laboring and toiling so that we would not be a burden to any of you. We did this, not because we do not have the right to such help, but in order to offer ourselves as a model for you to imitate. For even when we were

with you, we gave you this rule: “The one who is unwilling to work shall not eat.” We hear that some among you are idle and disruptive. They are not busy; they are busybodies. Such people we command and urge in the Lord Jesus Christ to settle down and earn the food they eat. And as for you, brothers and sisters, never tire of doing what is good.

Luke 21:5-19

Some of his disciples were remarking about how the temple was adorned with beautiful stones and with gifts dedicated to God. But Jesus said, “As for what you see here, the time will come when not one stone will be left on another; every one of them will be thrown down.” “Teacher,” they asked, “when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are about to take place?” He replied: “Watch out that you are not deceived. For many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am he,’ and, ‘The time is near.’ Do not follow them. When you hear of wars and uprisings, do not be frightened. These things must happen first, but the end will not come right away.” Then he said to them: “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes, famines and pestilences in various places, and fearful events and great signs from heaven. “But before all this, they will seize you and persecute you. They will hand you over to synagogues and put you in prison, and you will be brought before kings and governors, and all on account of my name. And so you will bear testimony to me. But make up your mind not to worry beforehand how you will defend yourselves. For I will give you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents, brothers and sisters, relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. Everyone will hate you because of me. But not a hair of your head will perish. Stand firm, and you will win life.

***HYMN**

“Mine Eyes Seen The Glory”

NO. 730

GOING WITH THE WORD

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Announcements

⇒ **November 20th** 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

Council Meeting, November 15, 7:00 PM Via Zoom
Budget Meeting, November 17, 7:00 PM via Zoom

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Rev. Dean Lefrancois, Guest Pastor
Ingrid Howard, Liturgist
Patricia Cauchon, Director of Music
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