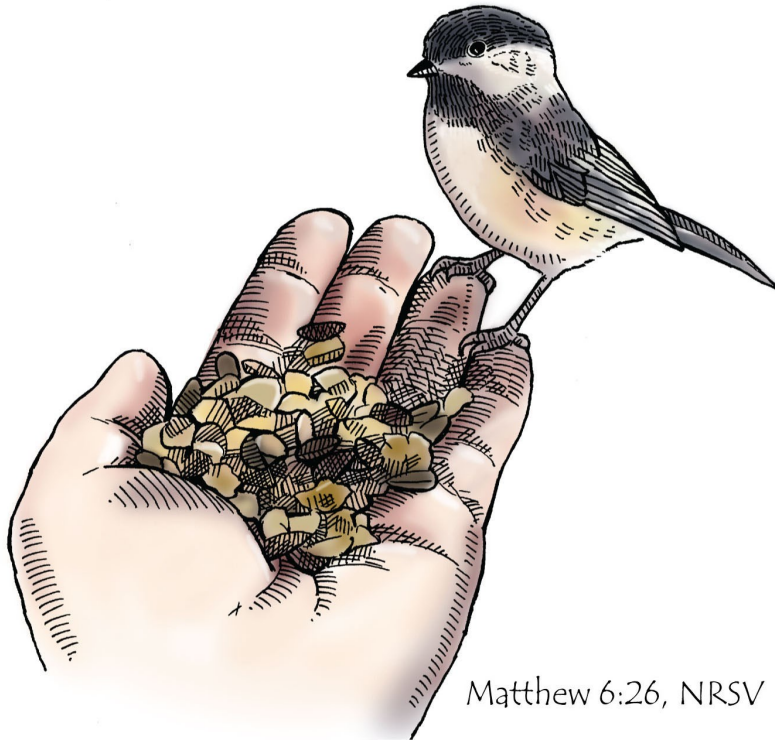


Look at the BIRDS of the air;
they neither SOW nor REAP
... your heavenly FATHER
feeds them. Are YOU not of
more value than they?



Matthew 6:26, NRSV

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP
First Sunday after Pentecost
Trinity Sunday
June 4, 2023

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.

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Words of Welcome and Announcements

PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *Psalm 100 responsively*

L: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

P: **Worship the Lord with gladness;
come into God's presence with singing.**

L: Know that the Lord is God. It is God who made us,
and we are his; we are God's people, and the sheep
of his pasture.

P: **Enter God's gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise.**

L: Give thanks to God, bless God's name.

All: **For the Lord is good. God's steadfast love endures
forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.**

***GATHERING HYMN**

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

No. 40

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

unison

Creator God, the world in all its beauty proclaims your glory. We give you thanks for the wonder of life and for your grace that comes to us new every day. You bless our lives with beauty. You turn our tears to joy, and our mourning into dancing. By your Spirit, lead us to respond by living for you, that our souls may praise you and not be silent, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

unison

Holy God, we confess to you and to one another that we hurt others. We turn our backs on human need. We neglect matters of kindness, mercy, and justice. Yet even as we speak these words, we know your love for us. Forgive our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, through Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

SILENT PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

HYMN

“Morning Has Broken”

No. 35

CALL TO 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

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Gracious God, bless our offering that it may reach and touch those who hunger, who hurt, who seek new hope. With these gifts we offer ourselves, dedicating our lives to the work of life, of love, of peace. Amen.

ANTHEM

THE WORD OF GOD

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 6:25-33

Jesus said, "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and God's righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

The Epistle Reading

Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.
Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

SERMON

“Summer Grace”

HOLY COMMUNION

*Hymn

“Come, Share the Lord”

No. 696

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

BLESSING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

SHARING THE MEAL

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND LORD’S PRAYER

unison

We give you thanks, O God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of your Holy Spirit; through Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray:

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.

***SENDING HYMN**

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

No. 748

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Praising God's glory the flowers are presented
by Lamar & Loretta Smith
in memory of loved ones.



On The Calendar/Announcements

All Church Picnic, June 4 following Worship
Sign up Sheet in Link, please sign up if you're
able to attend.

Summer Hours Begin June 18
Service starts at 9:30 AM

Summer Fest , Saturday June 24
Help is needed for the booth we will have downtown

New Member Sunday, June 25
if you are interested in becoming a member,
peak with a Deacon or Rev. Gary

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Rev. Dr. Gary Klingsporn, Pastor
Mike Degan, Liturgist
Patricia Cauchon, Director of Music
All the Congregation, Ministers to the World

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