

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

## ORDER OF WORSHIP Sixth Sunday of Easter May 14, 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

responsively Hebrews 11:1, 8

- L: Faith is the assurance of things hoped for,
- P: the conviction of things not seen.
- L: By faith, Abraham and Sarah set out for a new land.
- P: By faith, we journey toward the future.
- L: We are pilgrims on a journey.
- P: We are travelers on the road.
- L: Blessed are those who trust in the Lord.
- All: God of the future, walk with us and guide us, that we may go where you call us, trusting in your steadfast love.

#### \*GATHERING HYMN

"All Creatures of Our God and King" NO. 23

## PRAYER OF INVOCATION

(Unison)

Loving God, you give us grace upon grace: forgiveness of sins, the blessing of family and friends, a beautiful world around us. You call us to share your grace with others and to live out our calling among your people, the church. Guide us by your Spirit, that we may know your presence and be faithful, loving and serving others, as you love us. Amen.

#### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

(Unison)

Gentle and holy God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

#### **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

\*GLORIA PATRI TUNE: GREATOREX
Glory to the Creator and to the Christ
and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.
World without end. Amen. Amen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
PASTORAL PRAYER, SILENT PRAYER
PRAYER RESPONSE

"Will You Let Me Be Your Servant"

NO. 391 (Vs. 1-4)

#### CALL TO THE OFFERING

#### \*OFFERTORY ANTHEM

\*HYMN

\*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

Gracious God, with these gifts we offer ourselves. Here we are, your hands and feet in the world. Help us to reach out and serve others with the love you have shown us in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

#### THE WORD OF GOD

#### **ANTHEM**

#### READING FROM SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 29:11-14a

"For surely I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord, "plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, I will let you find me, "says the Lord....

Matthew 5:14-16

Jesus said, "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."

**SERMON** "A Future With Hope" Rev. Dr. Gary Klingsporn

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

## 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.

\*SENDING HYMN "God of the Ages, History's Maker" NO. 78

<sup>\*</sup>BENEDICTION

<sup>\*</sup>POSTLUDE

# On The Calendar/Announcements

Council Meeting, May 16, 7:00 PM Via Zoom
Rummage Sale, May 20, 9:00 AM—2:00 PM
Help is needed—Sign up Sheet in Link
Old Fashioned Picnic, June 4, Following Worship

Praising God's glory the flowers are presented by Kermit & Cheryl Williams in loving memory of their mothers, Kay Williams and Christina Roberts





# PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Rev.Dr. Gary Klingsporn, Candidate for Settled Pastor Marilyn Warner, Liturgist Patricia Cauchon, Director of Music

All the Congregation, Ministers to the World

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