

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost July 9, 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 TOGETHERWords of Welcome and Announcements

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 103:1-5 responsively

- L: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.
- P: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all God's benefits—
- L: who forgives all our iniquity, who heals our diseases,
- P: who redeems our lives from the Pit, who crowns us with steadfast love and mercy,
- L: who satisfies us with good as long as we live, so that our youth is renewed like the eagle's.
- All: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

*GATHERING HYMN

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" No. 68

PRAYER OF THE DAY

unison

God of laughter and of tears, you breathe new life into our dry and weary souls. Thank you for all you have done in the past that has brought joy and laughter to our lives. When tears and sadness come, help us remember the past and trust you for the future, that we may rejoice in your goodness and serve you always. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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Holy God, in humility and repentance we bring our failures in caring, helping, and loving; we bring the pain we have caused others; we bring the injustices in society of which we are a part, to the transforming power of your grace. Help us to accept the healing you offer and turn again to you, that we may walk with you in the promise of peace. Restore unto us the joy of your salvation made known to us in Christ our Lord. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

SILENT PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

HYMN "Will You Let Me Be Your Servant" No. 391

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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Thank you, O God, for loving us and laboring with us as we seek you and as we help others in their seeking. Bless these offerings we return to you, that we may help others to feel the embrace of your wide welcome. Guide us to use these gifts to show your love in all that we do. Amen.

ANTHEM

THE WORD OF GOD

The Scripture Reading

Psalm 126

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.
Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them."
The Lord had done great things for us, and we rejoiced.
Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses in the Negeb.
May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.
Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

SERMON "The Laughter of God's Grace"

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 "Now Thank We All Our God" No. 14

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

On The Calendar/Announcements

Project Linus, July 11. 9:30 AM- 11:30 AM

Praising God's glory the flowers are presented by Ingrid Howard
In loving memory of the Lamminen family

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

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

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