



*I am the vine, you are  
the branches. Those who  
abide in me and I in  
them bear much fruit . . .*

*John 15:5, NRSV*

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

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**Second Sunday After Pentecost**  
**June 11, 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*      Psalm 90

L: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

P: **Before the mountains were brought forth,  
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,  
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

L: Teach us to number our days that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

P: **Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast  
love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all  
our days.**

L: Let us worship God.

All: **Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,  
and prosper the work of our hands – O prosper  
the work of our hands!**

**\*GATHERING HYMN**

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

No. 72

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

*unison*

Gracious God, who has safely brought us to the beginning of this new day: Be present among us as we offer our praise and prayers. Touch us with your healing Spirit. Speak to us through your Word. Send us back into the world renewed and eager to do your will in our daily lives. We pray this in the name of Christ. Amen.

**PRAYER OF 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**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**SILENT PRAYER**

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

**HYMN**                      “Lord of All Hopefulness”                      No. 469

**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**

*unison*

Holy God, you entrust to us the care and use of the abundance of your creation. Through our gifts and offerings, we return to you a portion of that which you have given us. May these gifts be a means of serving you in the ministries to which you have called us, in the name of Christ. Amen.

**ANTHEM**

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**The First Reading**

Psalm 46:1-3, 10-11

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.... "Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth." The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

**Second Reading**

Hebrews 13:7-8

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

**The Gospel Reading**

John 15:5, 16

Jesus said, "I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.... You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name."

SERMON "Middle C"

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.  
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

\*SENDING HYMN

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

No. 84

\*BENEDICTION

Praising God's glory the flowers are presented  
by Mike & Deb Degan  
in loving memory of Mike's parents,  
ames & Gail Degan.



*On The Calendar/Announcements*

**Project Linus, June 13, 9:30–11:30 AM**

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

Council Meeting, June 20, 7:00 PM Via Zoom

**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,  
speak with a Deacon or Rev. Gary

**PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

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



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