



“Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.”

MATTHEW 6:10

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
August 13, 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* Psalms 118:1,24; 96:1-4

L: O give thanks to the Lord, who is good;

P: **whose steadfast love endures forever.**

L: This is the day that the Lord has made;

P: **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

L: Sing to the Lord a new song;

P: **sing to the Lord, all the earth.**

L: Sing to the Lord, bless God's name.

All: **For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.**

***GATHERING HYMN**

"God, You Spin the Whirling Planets" No. 24

PRAYER OF THE DAY

unison

Gracious God, let your kingdom come and your will be done in us and through us. Help us be faithful in all you call us to be and do. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

unison

Loving God, you have promised to receive us when we come to you. We confess that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed. We have not always loved you and our neighbors as we should. Forgive us, and grant that we may live and serve you in newness of life, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

SILENT PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

HYMN

“Thy Word”

No. 664

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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All things come from you, O God: the light of the rising sun; the enfolding darkness of night; our food, drink, clothing; the gift of each day we live. We bring our offering to you in gratitude. Bless and use these gifts to bring life and joy to others. Amen.

ANTHEM

THE WORD OF GOD

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 6:9-10, RSV

Jesus said, "Pray then like this: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."

The Hebrew Scriptures

Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death for ever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day: Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

SERMON

"A Work in Progress"

*SENDING HYMN

"We Are God's People"

No. 547

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

On The Calendar/Announcements

Rummage/Yard Sale - Saturday, August 19, 9:00 AM—1:00 PM
We could still use some help Friday for set up and Saturday afternoon to help with clean up. Sign-up sheet in link

Cathedral of the Pines worship service, August 27th, 10:30 am
If you need a ride or want to follow someone over please reach out to Lori Dick or any other Deacon and we will make arrangements.

We are looking for Scripture Readers and Coffee Hour Snack Providers - sign-up sheets on back table in the Sanctuary.

Praising God's Glory, the flowers are presented
by George and Dana Dahl
in celebration of their wedding anniversary.



PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

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