



"I lift up my eyes to the hills —
from where will my help come?"

PSALM 121:1

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 27, 2023

Welcome to the worship of God with the
Second Congregational Church of 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 121

All: I lift up my eyes to the hills –
 from where will my help come?
 My help comes from the Lord,
 who made heaven and earth.

L: God will not let your foot be moved;
 he who keeps you will not slumber.

P: **He who keeps Israel will neither**
 slumber nor sleep.

L: The Lord is your keeper;
 the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

P: **The sun shall not strike you by day,**
 nor the moon by night.

L: The Lord will keep you from all evil;
 God will keep your life. Let us worship God!

All: **The Lord will keep your going out**
 and your coming in from this time
 on and forevermore.

***GATHERING HYMN** “All Creatures of Our God and King” No. 23

PRAYER OF THE DAY

unison

Eternal God, the world in all its beauty proclaims your glory. We see your presence in the light of the sky, the green of the earth, the wind on the waters, the beauty of the mountains. You give life and bless us abundantly from day to day. Lead us by your Spirit to grow in our love for others, and to care for the earth you have given us, so that we may know the fullness of your joy. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

SILENT PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

HYMN

“How Great Thou Art”

No. 51

ANTHEM

THE WORD OF GOD

The Psalm

Psalm 104:24-33, 35b

O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. Yonder is the sea, great and wide, creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great. There go the ships, and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it. These all look to you to give them their food in due season; when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things. When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust. When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground. May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works — who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke. I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being. Bless the Lord, O my soul. Praise the Lord!

On The Calendar/Announcements

Deacon's Meeting, August 28, 7:00 PM via Zoom

Church Anniversary Concert
Saturday, September 9, 4:00 PM, in Sanctuary

Praising God's Glory, the flowers are presented by
Becky Kennedy in loving memory
of her parents Bruce and Dolores



PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

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