



“Lord, give me a listening heart.”

1 Kings 3:9

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

**ORDER OF WORSHIP
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 6, 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* Matthew 11:28-30

L: Jesus says, "Come to me, all you that are weary
and carrying heavy burdens,

P: **and I will give you rest.**

L: Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me;

P: **for I am gentle and humble in heart,
and you will find rest for your souls.**

L: For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

All: **As we worship God on this day,
let us find rest for our souls. Amen.**

***GATHERING HYMN**

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" No. 82

PRAYER OF THE DAY *unison*

**Eternal God, you are a song in the silence, a voice in
the quiet, a light out of the darkness. You speak in
many ways. Give us listening hearts, that we may dis-
cern your will, be mindful of the people to whom you
call us, and be attentive to the tasks you give us. Amen.**

The Hebrew Scriptures**1 Kings 3:7-9**

And Solomon said, “Now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am like only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore a listening heart to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?”

The Gospel Reading**Matthew 26:26**

While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is my body.” Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.”

SERMON**“A Listening Heart”**Prayer of Examen (Ignatius of Loyola, 16th century)

Consolations: The gifts, blessings in our lives;
what gives us life; things for which
we are most grateful.

Desolations: Concerns, people, situations that drain
us of life; our places of struggle, pain,
fear, or uncertainty.

HOLY COMMUNION**Hymn****“Bread of the World in Mercy Broken”
(tune: Wayfaring Stranger)**

Bread of the world, in mercy broken,
Wine of the soul, in mercy shed,
by whom the words of life were spoken,
and in whose death our sins are dead:
Look on the heart by sorrow broken,
look on the tears by sinners shed;
and be your feast to us the token
that by your grace our souls are fed.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

BLESSING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

SHARING THE MEAL

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND LORD'S PRAYER unison

We give you thanks, O God, that with this bread of life and cup of your grace, you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, in the name of Christ, who taught us to pray:

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** "I Then Shall Live" No. 372

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Praising God's Glory, the flowers are presented
by Violet Blake
in loving memory of her son Dana.



On The Calendar/Announcements

Project Linus, August 8, 9:30 -11:30 AM

Lunch with the Pastor, August 10th at noon, sponsored by Missions. Sign up in the link or email ouellette99@gmail.com for a reservation. All are welcome.

Our worship service will be held at Cathedral of the Pines, August 27th, 10:30 am

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

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

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