

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

# ORDER OF WORSHIP Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost August 20, 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 Isaiah 40:28-31

- L: Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.
- P: The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.
- L: God gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless.
- P: Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted;
- L: but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength.
- All: They shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

## \*GATHERING HYMN

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" No. 96

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

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Gracious God, when we fail to be your people, give us the insight and wisdom to admit what we have done wrong, and what we have failed to do right. Keep us steadfast in your Word, and deepen our faith, that we may honor you by loving and serving others. Amen.

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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Gracious God, we confess our sin and brokenness. We have not always loved you with a pure heart; nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your compassion, forgive our sins, known and unknown. Draw us closer to you, that our hearts may know the wonder of your grace. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

MISSION POSSIBLE COLLECTION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

**SILENT PRAYER** 

**PRAYER RESPONSE** 

**HYMN** "Change My Heart, O God" No. 373

**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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Gracious God, with these gifts we offer ourselves. Here we are, your hands and feet in the world. Help us to reach out and serve others with the love you have shown us in Christ, our Lord, Amen.

#### **ANTHEM**

### THE WORD OF GOD

### The Epistle Reading

Romans 7:15-20, 24-25

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.... Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

### The Gospel Reading

Matthew 6:13, RSV

Jesus taught us to pray: "And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil."

**SERMON** 

"Deliver Us from Evil"

\*SENDING HYMN

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" No. 501

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

# On The Calendar/Announcements

Project Linus, August 22, 9:30 AM-11:30 AM

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.

Praising God's Glory, the flowers are presented by Jan and Glenn Stone in loving memory of her parents Harriet and Stan.



## PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Rev. Dr. Gary Klingsporn, Pastor Stephanie Ouellette, Liturgist Guest Musician, Karen Nelson Patricia Cauchon, Director of Music Congregation, Ministers to the World

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