



“Deliver us from evil.”

MATTHEW 6:13, RSV

*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 DEDICATION**

*unison*

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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