

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 10, 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 Verses from the Psalms

- L: Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob.
- P: Give thanks to the Lord, call on God's name.
- L: Sing praises to God; seek God's presence continually.
- P: The Lord is my strength, the One in whom my heart trusts.
- L: God is our refuge and strength.
- All: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

*GATHERING HYMN

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

unison

Compassionate God, when we are weary, help us look to you as our strength and hope. Help us trust that in Christ, you carry our burdens and ease our heavy hearts. Let us find rest for our souls in you, then give us the strength to carry each other as you have carried us. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

unison

Merciful God, we know that you love us and that you call us to fullness of life, but around us and within us we see the brokenness of the world and of our ways. We have sinned in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and follow in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

SILENT PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

HYMN "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

No. 500

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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Giving God, you entrust to our care and use the richness of creation. Through our offerings, we return to you a portion of that which you have given us. May these gifts we bring be a means of serving you in the ministries to which you have called us; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

ANTHEM

THE WORD OF GOD

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 11:28-30

Jesus said, "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

SERMON "I Will Give You Rest"

*SENDING HYMN "Take My Life and Let It Be" No. 466

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

On The Calendar/Announcements

- Project Linus, September 12, 9:30—11:30 AM
- Church Council Meeting, September 19, 7:00 PM via zoom
- Rummage Sale, September 23, 9:-00 AM-1:00 PM

Rummage Sale Help is needed Thursday evening, Friday morning and the day of the sale please sign up to help - sheets are in the link

Praising God's Glory, the flowers are presented by Ingrid Howard in loving memory of my soul mate, Greg Howard



PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Rev. Dr. Gary Klingsporn, Pastor Ingrid Howard, Liturgist Patricia Cauchon, Director of Music Congregation, Ministers to the World

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