



*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 DEDICATION**

*unison*

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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