



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

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 17, 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* Psalm 100

L: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

P: **Let us worship God with gladness.**
Let us come into God's presence with singing.

L: Know that the Lord is God.
It is God who made us, and not we ourselves.

P: **We are God's people,**
and the sheep of his pasture.

L: Give thanks to God, bless God's name.

All: **For the Lord is good.**
God's steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

***GATHERING HYMN**
"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" No. 48

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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God of all our days, give us hearts and minds to know your presence in every season of our lives. Help us enjoy the good times and be grateful for each precious day. When pain and adversity come, shelter us in your love. When worry or weariness come, grant us your peace. Give us faithful hearts, that we may love and serve others as you love us. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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Forgive us, O God, when we forget your presence in our busy days. Forgive us when we fail to be the people you call us to be. Give us the grace to grow more and more in your likeness and to serve you in newness of life. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

SILENT PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

HYMN “Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song” No. 327

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

ANTHEM

THE WORD OF GOD

The Hebrew Scriptures

Psalm 90:1-6, 12-17

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.
Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had
formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to
everlasting you are God. You turn us back to dust, and say,
“Turn back, you mortals.” For a thousand years in your sight
are like yesterday when it is past, or like a watch in the
night. You sweep them away; they are like a dream,
like grass that is renewed in the morning; in the morning
it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and
withers.... So teach us to number our days that we may gain
a heart of wisdom.... Have compassion on your servants.
Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that
we may rejoice and be glad all our days. Make us glad as
many days as you have afflicted us, and as many years as we
have seen evil. Let your work be manifest to your servants,
and your glorious power to their children. Let the favor of
the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of
our hands – O prosper the work of our hands!

SERMON “How Did It Get So Late So Soon?”

***SENDING HYMN**

“God of the Ages, History’s Maker” No. 78

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

On The Calendar/Announcements

Rummage Sale, September 23, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Please sign up if you can help - sheets are in the link

Church Council, September 19, 7:00 PM via Zoom

Lunch with the Pastor, October 12, 12:00,
sign up with Missions

Fidget blankets, September 19th, 9:00 AM

Praising God's Glory, the flowers this morning are presented
by Jane Herlihy in celebration of family birthdays



PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Rev. Dr. Gary Klingsporn, Pastor
Jane Herlihy, Liturgist
Patricia Cauchon, Director of Music
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