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1 John 3:1

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 15, 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 43:1-5

L: But now thus says the Lord: "Do not fear,
for I have redeemed you; I have called you by
name, you are mine.

P: **When you pass through the waters,
I will be with you; and through the rivers,
they shall not overwhelm you.**

L: When you walk through fire you shall not
be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

All: **For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of
Israel, your Savior. You are precious in my sight,
and honored, and I love you."**
Let us worship God.

***GATHERING HYMN**

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" No. 71

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

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All good gifts come from you, O God. We bring our gifts in thankful response to the blessings you have given us. Use these gifts, O God, for the ministries of this church, to bring hope and healing to all who are in need. Amen.

ANTHEM

THE WORD OF GOD

First Reading

1 Peter 2:9-10

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of the One who called you out of darkness into God's marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Second Reading

1 John 3:1-3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know Christ. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when Christ is revealed, we will be like Christ, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as Christ is pure.

SERMON

"Do You Know Who You Are?"

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND LORD'S PRAYER

O God, we give you thanks for this church into which you have called us; for the good news we receive by Word and Sacrament; for the beauty of worship, music, and prayers; and for our life together in faith. As we now carry your love into the world, we pray the prayer Jesus taught us:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*SENDING HYMN

“We Are Called to Be God’s People” No. 580

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Praising God’s Glory, the flowers are presented by
Kevin and Sue Jean in loving memory of Sue’s Mom,
Priscilla Jowders



On The Calendar/Announcements

- Dinner Play Rehearsal, October 15, 5:00 PM
- Church Council - Tuesday October 17, 7pm via Zoom
- Rummage Sale - Saturday October 21 - Need help on Thursday evening, Friday morning and Saturday from 9-1 for the sale and at 1pm to help clean up. Sign-up sheet in the link or speak to Loretta.
- Blessing of the Animals - Sunday October 22 - after worship service on the front lawn

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

In support of that, Missions is collecting items for the local women's shelter in our area, Bridges. Here is a wish list if you would like to bring in items to be donated. Consider adding a product or two to your cart when you shop. Donations can be brought to the front of the sanctuary and added to the basket through October. Thank you for your generosity.

Tracfones with minutes, cleaning products, deodorant, dishwashing soap, gas cards, hand and body soap, laundry detergent, paper towels, full size shampoo/conditioner, shaving cream and razors, tissues, toilet paper, toothbrushes and paste, trash bags, and non-perishable food such as canned food, cereal, coffee/tea, pasta, rice, sugar and flour.

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

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Stephanie Ouellette, Liturgist

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