



**“A great cloud
of witnesses...”**

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost
All Saints Sunday
October 29, 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 92:1-4

L: It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;

P: **to declare your steadfast love in the morning,
and your faithfulness by night,**

L: to the music of the lute and the harp,
to the melody of the lyre.

All: **For you, O God, have made us glad by your
work; at the works of your hands we sing
for joy.**

***GATHERING HYMN**
“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty” No. 136

PRAYER OF THE DAY *unison*

Eternal God, neither death nor life can separate us from
your love. You have surrounded us with a great a cloud
of witnesses. Today we remember those who have gone
before us in faith. Grant us grace to follow your saints in
lives of faithful commitment, and to know the joys you
have prepared for those who love you; through Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen.

SERMON "Balcony People"

PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE AND LORD'S PRAYER *responsively*

L: Today we remember all who have gone
before us in faith. In the rising of the sun
and its going down,

P: **We will remember them.**

L: In the wind and chill of winter,
and at the opening of the buds in spring,

P: **We will remember them.**

L: With the blue skies and warmth of summer's sun,
and at the rustling of leaves in autumn,

P: **We will remember them.**

L: When we are weary, in need of strength,
or lonely of heart,

P: **We will remember them.**

All: **We give you thanks, O God, for all who have
entered eternity. Help us to trust in the promise
of resurrection and new life in Christ. In our
sadness and our joy, you are with us O God,
and nothing shall separate us from your love in
Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray:**

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 "For All the Saints" No. 529

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

On The Calendar/Announcements

- Dinner Play Rehearsal, October 29, 5:00 PM
- Dinner Plays are coming up - November 10 & 11 - we need help in kitchen, waiting tables and baking cakes - please sign up to help or speak with Sue Jean for more information.

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.

Praising God's Glory, the flowers are presented by Steve and Darcy Bartsch in memory of loved ones



PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Rev. Dr. Gary Klingsporn, Pastor
Jeff Gilson, Liturgist
Karen Nelson, Guest Musician
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