



*"Those who wait for the Lord  
shall renew their strength..."*

*Isaiah 40:31*

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

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**  
**January 28, 2024**

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**      Psalm 62:1-2; Lamentations 3:21-23  
*responsively*

L: For God alone my soul waits in silence.

P: **God is my rock and my salvation, my fortress;  
I shall not be shaken.**

L: This we call to mind, and therefore we have hope:  
the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;

P: **God's mercies never come to an end;  
They are new every morning.**

L: Great is your faithfulness, O God.

All: **In you, O God, our hearts take refuge,  
and in your word we hope.**

**\*GATHERING HYMN**  
"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"      No. 71

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**      *unison*

Holy God, we lift our hearts to you, aware of the need  
and suffering in our world. We know the pain and  
suffering of people around us; we have our own pain  
and struggles as well. Help us rejoice in hope,  
be patient in suffering, and persevere in prayer,  
trusting you, who promise to be with us always. Amen.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*unison*

Gracious God, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

**MISSION POSSIBLE COLLECTION**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**SILENT PRAYER**

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

**HYMN**

“Lord of All Hopefulness”

No. 469

**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**

*unison*

All things come from you, O God: the light of the rising sun; the enfolding darkness of night; our food, drink, clothing; the love of family and friends; the breath of life itself. We bring our gifts in gratitude for the blessings in our lives. Use these gifts, we pray, for those who are in need, that they may experience the fullness of life that you desire for all. Amen.

## **ANTHEM**

### **THE WORD OF GOD**

#### **Hebrew Scriptures**

**Isaiah 40:27-31**

Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, “My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God”? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. God does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

#### **New Testament Reading**

**Romans 12:9-12**

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.

**SERMON** “They Shall Renew Their Strength”

#### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND LORD’S PRAYER**

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**

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

No. 84

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**



Praising God's Glory,  
the flowers are presented by  
Patti & Bob Booraem in loving memory  
of Parents and Grandparents.

*On The Calendar/Announcements*

- Deacons Meeting, January 29, 7:00 PM via Zoom
- Fidget Blankets, January 30, 9 AM

**Looking for volunteers** to help set up hall on Saturdays for worship service on Sundays - with 2 - 3 people it only takes about half an hour (Zoom is set up separately) - if interested, please speak to Lori Dick.

**Old Home Days Committee formation** - meeting Sunday February 4 after worship service - please join the meeting if you have ideas on how the Church can be present during the week of activities or if you are willing to be on the committee to help out in other ways. The more the merrier

**Prepared to Serve**

Saturday February 24 - A day of workshops - booklets are available to browse or you can go online to: [nhcucc.info/pts2024](http://nhcucc.info/pts2024)  
If interested register soon - workshops fill up quickly.

**There are still many opportunities** to sign up to bring a gift of flowers on Sunday's throughout the year. Please take a look at the sheet hanging on bulletin board near coffee pot.

**PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

Rev. Dr. Gary Klingsporn, Pastor  
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