



*“Alleluia!
Christ is Risen!”*

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

**ORDER OF WORSHIP
Easter Sunday
March 31, 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** *responsively*

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

P: **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

L: Christ has been raised from the dead.

P: **Alleluia!**

L: O sing to the Lord a new song,
for God has done marvelous things!

P: **Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;
break forth in joyous song and sing praises.**

L: Sing praises to the Lord with the sound of melody.
Make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord!

All: **Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

***GATHERING HYMN**

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” No. 288

PRAYER OF THE DAY *unison*

Living God, we praise you for this day that you have made; for the life that you have given us; for this church into which you have called us. Let this day be filled with wonder; let our lives proclaim your love; let your church sing out the news – that Christ, our Lord and Savior, is risen from the dead. Amen.

MISSION POSSIBLE COLLECTION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

*HYMN “Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks” No. 291

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*

Gracious God, we thank you for new life in Christ.
We bring our offerings in response to your love.
Use these gifts and us to bring new life to others. Amen.

ANTHEM

THE WORD OF GOD

John 20:1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him."

Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away."

Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

SERMON "He Speaks Your Name"

SENDING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER *unison*

Gracious God, you have given us the joy of celebrating our Lord's resurrection. Help us to rejoice daily in the risen life we share with Christ, and to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you; through 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 "Christ Is Alive!" No. 312

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

On The Calendar/Announcements

- Deacons Meeting, April 1, 7:00 pm via Zoom
- Fidget Blankets - April 2, 9:00 am
- Dinner Plays, April 19 and 20

Help is needed - cooking turkeys, working in the kitchen, waiting on tables and baking cakes. If you can help, please reach out to Loretta or add your name to the sign-up sheets at the back of the Church.

Dinner Play tickets are on sale now -
See Sue Jean to purchase tickets.

"Our evening Bible Study will begin soon after Easter.
Watch for details."

Praising God's Glory,
the flowers are presented by
Violet Blake and Tedo Rocca
in loving memory of parents



PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

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