



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

**ORDER OF WORSHIP
Palm Sunday
March 24, 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: Blessed is the One who comes in the
name of the Lord.

P: **O give thanks to the Lord,
whose steadfast love endures forever.**

L: Rejoice greatly, O people of God! Shout aloud,
all who gather!

P: **Lo, your King is coming to you,
humble and riding on a donkey.**

L: Come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise
to the rock of our salvation!

P: **Hosanna! Praise to God in the highest heaven!**

L: Blessed is the One who comes in
the name of the Lord!

All: **Hosanna in the highest!**

***GATHERING HYMN** "All Glory, Laud and Honor" No. 265

PRAYER OF THE DAY *unison*

Blessed are you, O God, for in Jesus Christ you came into our world, not as a mighty king, but as a humble servant, showing us the way of love. Enter our hearts this day, that we may greet you with shouts of praise and live each day to your glory. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *unison*

Gracious God, we confess our sin and brokenness. We have not always loved you with a pure heart; nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive our sin. Draw us closer to you this holy week, that our eyes may catch the vision of your tears, and our hearts the wonder of your grace. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

MISSION POSSIBLE COLLECTION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

HYMN "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" No. 267

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*

For the gift of life itself, O God, we give you thanks. Bless these offerings and use them to strengthen the ministries of this church for the well-being of your world. Amen.

ANTHEM

THE WORD OF GOD

Mark 11:1-10

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Luke 19:41-44

As Jesus came near and saw the city, he wept over it, saying, "If you, even you, had only recognized on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. Indeed, the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up ramparts around you and surround you, and hem you in on every side. They will crush you to the ground, you and your children within you, and they will not leave within you one stone upon another; because you did not recognize the time of your visitation from God."

SERMON “The Things That Make for Peace”

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

unison

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**

“Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!” No. 268

***THE PASSION READING**

Luke 23:33-34, 44-46

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

On The Calendar/Announcements

Project Linus, March 26, 10:00 AM

Maundy Thursday Service, March 28, 7:00 PM

Easter Sunrise Service, March 31, 6:30am
Hosted by the Mt. Vernon Congregational Church -
Grand Hill Rd in Mt Vernon

Easter Service, March 31, 10:00 AM, Church Sanctuary

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

Praising God's Glory,
the flowers are presented by
Jeff and Mary Ellen Gilson
celebrating Jeff's birthday.



PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Rev. Dr. Gary Klingsporn, Pastor
Rachel Doehner, Liturgist
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