



*“Look at my hands  
and my feet;  
see that it is I myself.”*

*Luke 24:39*

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

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**Third Sunday of Easter**  
**April 14, 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** 1 Peter 1:3; Romans 6:9 *responsively*

L: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

P: **Worship the Lord with gladness;  
come into God's presence with singing.**

L: By God's great mercy we have been born anew  
to a living hope through the resurrection of Christ  
from the dead.

P: **Christ, being raised from the dead,  
will never die again;  
death no longer has dominion over him.**

L: Because he lives, we shall live also!

All: **O give thanks to the Lord, who is good,  
whose steadfast love endures forever.**

**\*GATHERING HYMN**

"That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright"

No. 299

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*unison*

God of life, you reach out to us in the wounded hands and feet of the risen Christ. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see you in our fears and sadness, in our faith and doubt, and in our joy and wonder. Give us new life, that we may live in hope and serve others as witnesses to your love for us and for this world. Amen.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

**HYMN**

“Morning Has Broken”

No. 35

**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 give because of your generosity to us. With these gifts we offer ourselves. Here we are, Lord, your hands and feet in the world. Help us reach out to others with your love. Amen.

**ANTHEM**

## THE WORD OF GOD

### Luke 24:36-48

While the disciples were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.

While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.”

**SERMON** “Wonder, Disbelief, and Joy”

**SENDING PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER** *unison*

**May God, who is present in sunrise and nightfall, guide our feet as we go. May God, who is with us when we sit and when we stand, encompass us with love and lead us by the hand. May God, who knows our path and the places where we rest, be with us in our waiting, be our good news for sharing, and lead us in the way that is everlasting.**

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**

“I Know That My Redeemer Lives” No. 414

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

*On The Calendar/Announcements*

- Old Home Days Committee meeting, today after church—please join us in the planning of events
- Fidget Blankets, April 16, 9:00 AM
- Church Council, April 16, 7:00 PM via Zoom
- Bible Study, April 17, 6:30–8:00 PM
- Dinner Plays, April 19 and 20  
**Help is needed** - please check the sign-up sheets and/or see Loretta after Church if you can help

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

**Bible Study:**  
“You Are the Light of the World”  
A Study of the Sermon on the Mount: Matthew 5-7  
Wednesdays, April 17-May 22, 6:30-8pm  
Parish Hall

Praising God’s Glory,  
the flowers are presented by  
Todd, Laura and Madison Clough,  
celebrating family and friends.



**PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

Rev. Dr. Gary Klingsporn, Pastor  
Violet Blake, Liturgist  
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