

*The Promise*



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

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
**Ascension Sunday**  
**May 12, 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**      Philippians 4:4-7      *responsively*

L: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.

P: **Let your gentleness be known to everyone.**

L: Do not worry about anything,

P: **but in everything by prayer and supplication with  
thanksgiving let your requests be made known  
to God.**

L: Let us worship God.

All: **And the peace of God, which surpasses all  
understanding, will keep our hearts and our  
minds in Christ Jesus.**

**\*GATHERING HYMN**

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”      No. 317

**\*PASSING THE PEACE**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*unison*

Eternal God, you led Jesus the Christ through suffering into risen, ascended, and triumphant life with you. Clothe us with your promised power from on high, and send us out to proclaim your grace and goodness, that we may be faithful witnesses of your love in all that we say and do. 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*

All that we have belongs to you, O God. We now return a portion of what you have given us. Bless these gifts and use them for your glory, for the ministries of this church, and for the blessing of people’s lives. Amen.

**ANTHEM**

## THE WORD OF GOD

### Luke 24:44-53

Then Jesus 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. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

### Acts 1:6-8

So when they had come together, they asked Jesus, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

SERMON "The Promise"

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 "Be Thou My Vision" No. 502

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

## On The Calendar/Announcements

- Project Linus, May 14, 10:00 AM
- Bible Study, May 15, 6:30 PM
- Boys and Girls club will be hosting a Parent Café in the Parish Hall, May 16, 5:00–7:30pm
- Rummage Sale, May 18 -  
Please let Loretta know if you are available to help
- Church Council Meeting, May 21, 7:00 PM via Zoom
- Strengthen the Church–UCC offering will be received Sunday, May 19. The funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry and innovation in existing congregations.

**Church Missions will be collecting**  
items for the homeless in Manchester.

We are requesting the following items:

- ⇒ Small packages of snack items
- ⇒ Small packages of tissues
- ⇒ Deodorant
- ⇒ Chap Stick
- ⇒ Small boxes of Yoo Hoo chocolate milk drink
- ⇒ Small bottles of water
- ⇒ Socks
- ⇒ Toothpaste, toothbrushes and mouthwash

All of these items will be packed in gallon size bags.

**If you are interested in Lay Care Giving (visiting)**  
please speak with Stephanie or Rev. Gary.

We will be having a training session towards the end of May. This is for anyone that may be interested in doing some visiting but isn't always sure what to say or do on these visits.

**PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

Rev. Dr. Gary Klingsporn, Pastor  
Debra Klingsporn, Liturgist  
Karen Nelson, Guest Musician  
Patricia Cauchon, Director of Music  
Congregation, Ministers to the World

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Praising God's Glory,  
the flowers are presented by  
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in loving memory of their mothers



