



*“You will receive power when
the Holy Spirit has come upon you...”*

Acts 1:8

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Day of Pentecost
May 19, 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: Jesus said, "You will receive power when
the Holy Spirit has come upon you."

P: **Come, Spirit of the living God,
renew and restore us.**

L: Come, Holy Spirit, make our weakness strong.

P: **Come, Spirit of truth, teach us all things
in the light of eternity.**

L: Come, Spirit of gentleness,
bring us peace and comfort.

All: Come, Holy Spirit, fill our hearts with love.

***GATHERING HYMN**

"Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song" No. 327

***PASSING THE PEACE**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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Gracious God, on the day of Pentecost you sent your Holy Spirit, filling the disciples with boldness to proclaim the gospel. Send your Spirit into our hearts, that we may show your love in all we say and do. May the power of your Spirit transform us. May the gentleness of your Spirit encourage us. May the gifts of your Spirit be our strength to serve others, now and always, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

HYMN

“Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

No. 134

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**

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All that we have belongs to you, O God. In gratitude, we now return these gifts to you. Use them for the blessing of people’s lives, for the well-being of our community, and for your creation everywhere. Amen.

ANTHEM

THE WORD OF GOD

John 14:25-26

Jesus said, "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you."

Acts 2:1-6, 12-18

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each.... All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "People of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and the young people shall see visions, and the old people shall dream dreams. Even upon my servants, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.'"

SERMON "What's a Paraclete?"

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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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**

"God of Grace and God of Glory" No. 569

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**



Praising God's Glory,
the flowers are presented by
Howard and Katie Gotham



On The Calendar/Announcements

- Strengthen the Church—UCC offering will be received today.
- Fidget Blankets, May 21, 9:00 AM
- Church Council Meeting, May 21, 7:00 PM via Zoom, reports to Del by Monday, May 20, 1:00 PM
- Bible Study, May 22, 6:30 PM

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 training sessions on Tuesdays May 28,
June 4, and June 11, at 12 Noon in the Parish Hall.
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

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