

*Honor your father  
and your mother...*

Ephesians 6:2



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

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost  
June 16, 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**      *(author unknown)      responsively*

L: God took the strength of a mountain,  
the majesty of a tree,

P: **The warmth of a summer sun,  
the calm of a quiet sea,**

L: The generous soul of nature,  
the comforting arm of night,

P: **The wisdom of the ages,  
the power of the eagle's flight,**

L: The joy of a morning in spring,  
the faith of a mustard seed,

P: **The patience of eternity,  
the depth of a family need.**

L: Then God combined these qualities,  
when there was nothing more to add.

All: **He knew his masterpiece was complete,  
and so, he just called it ...**

**Dad.**

**\*GATHERING HYMN** “This Is My Father’s World” No. 21

**\*PASSING THE PEACE**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY** *unison*

Gracious God, this Father’s Day we remember the many sacrifices fathers make for their children and families, and the ways – both big and small – they lift children to achieve dreams thought beyond reach.

So too, we remember all those who have helped fill the void when fathers pass early or are absent; grandfathers and uncles, brothers and cousins, teachers, pastors and coaches, and the women of our families.

For those who are fathers, may they have wisdom and humility in the face of the task of parenting, and the strength to do well by their children and by you, O God. Amen.

**INTERCESSORY PRAYER** *unison*

Heavenly Father, you entrusted your Son Jesus, the child of Mary, to the care of Joseph, an earthly father. Bless all fathers as they care for their families.

Give them strength and wisdom, tenderness and patience; support them in the work they have to do, protecting those who look to them, as we look to you for love and salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

**HYMN** “Amazing Grace!” No. 422

**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*

God of new life, out of the abundance of our lives,  
we offer these gifts to you. Through your blessings and  
our willingness to share, may these offerings become a  
source for hope and love in this church family, and in the  
community beyond us. Amen.

**ANTHEM**

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**Old Testament Reading** **Psalm 103:10-13**

God does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay  
us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high  
above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those  
who honor him; as far as the east is from the west, so far  
God removes our transgressions from us. As a father has  
compassion for his children, so the LORD has compassion for  
those who honor him.

**Gospel Reading** **John 3:16-17**

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so  
that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may  
have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the  
world to condemn the world but in order that the world  
might be saved through him.

**Epistle Reading**

**Ephesians 6:1-4**

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "Honor your father and mother"—this is the first commandment with a promise—so that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth. And, fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

**SERMON**

"Faith of (and in) Our Fathers"

**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**

"Faith of Our Fathers"

No. 530

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

### On The Calendar This Week

- Church Council, June 18, 7:00 PM via Zoom, please have reports to Del by Monday, June 17 at 1:00 PM
- Wilton Main Street Summerfest, June 22, we will have a booth down town. Please see Loretta to sign up to help man the booth.

### Upcoming Events

- Service in the Park, June 26, 6:30pm
- Rummage Yard Sale, July 20—we will be looking for help—we will be cleaning out our storage room and hoping to sell a lot of items.
- Old Home Days is coming up! August 10–18, the church is planning several activities, as well as, a booth up at the flat. We will need lots of help with all the activities and the booth.



Praising God's Glory,  
the flowers are presented by  
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**PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

Rev. Dr. Gary Klingsporn, Pastor  
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