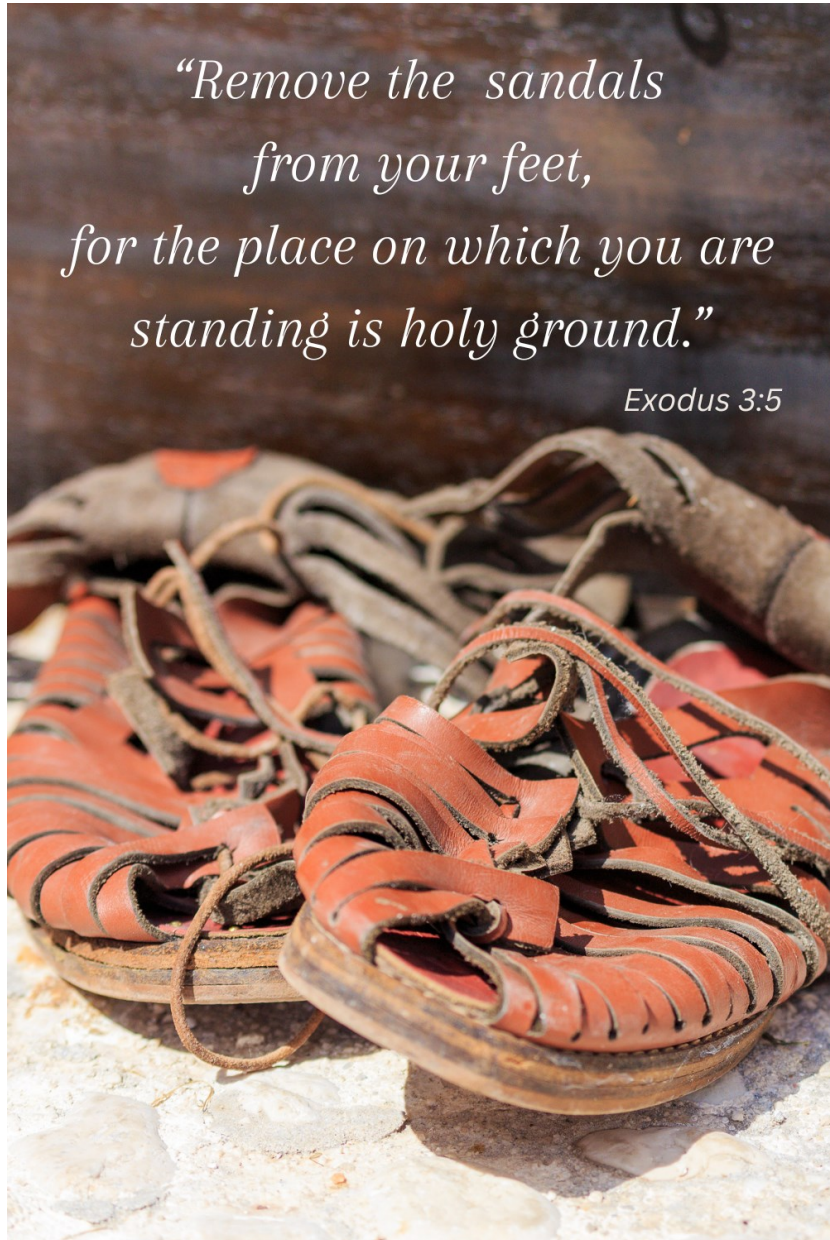


*“Remove the sandals
from your feet,
for the place on which you are
standing is holy ground.”*

Exodus 3:5



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Open and Affirming*

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Second Sunday after Pentecost
June 2, 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** Ephesians 4:1-6 *responsively*

L: This is the day that the Lord has made.

P: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

L: Let us lead a life worthy of the calling
to which we have been called.

P: **With humility and gentleness, with patience,
bearing with one another in love,
let us maintain the unity of the
Spirit in the bond of peace.**

L: There is one body and one Spirit,
just as we were called to the one
hope of our calling.

P: **There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
one God who is above all,
and through all and in all.
Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.**

***GATHERING HYMN**

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

No. 59

***PASSING THE PEACE**

PRAYER OF THE DAY *unison*
Holy God, you spoke words of calling and reassurance to Moses at the burning bush in the wilderness. Grant us, O God, the faith to hear your calling in our lives, the strength to follow you, and the assurance of your presence all along the way. 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. In your compassion, forgive our sins, known and unknown. Draw us closer to you, that our hearts may know the wonder of your grace, and that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

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, you give us all that we need for life. Guide us to use these gifts we bring for the well-being of others. May our lives reflect your love; and may our hands bestow on others the blessings we have received from you. Amen.

ANTHEM

THE WORD OF GOD

Exodus 3:1-12

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt."

But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain."

SERMON

"Holy Ground"

HYMN “Let Us Break Bread Together” No. 699

HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

BLESSING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

SHARING THE MEAL

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD’S PRAY

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**

**“Will You Come and Follow Me? (The Summons)”
No. 350, verses 1,2,4**

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**



Praising God’s Glory,
the flowers are presented by
Mike and Deb Degan in loving memory
of his mother Gail Degan.



On The Calendar This Week

- Old Home Days Meeting after worship service today, - please join us and let us know how you'd like to help.
- Fidget Blankets, June 4, 9:00 AM
- Lay Care Giving Class, June 4, 12:00 - 1:30 PM

Upcoming Events

- Family Game Night, June 15, 6:00–8:00 PM.
- Summer Hours start, June 16, Worship begins at 9:30 AM
- Wilton Main Street Summerfest, June 22.
We will have a booth downtown to share info about the church, sell raffle tickets and maybe water and some snacks. We are looking for someone to lead this project. If interested in leading or willing to work a few hours please see Loretta.

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

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Mary Ellen Gilson, Liturgist
Karen Nelson, Guest Musician
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