"Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer."

Romans 12:12



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

ORDER OF WORSHIP Third Sunday after Pentecost June 9, 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 Psalm 145:9, 14-18 responsively

- L: The Lord is good to all, and has compassion over all that he has made.
- P: The Lord upholds those who are falling, and raises up those who are bowed down.
- L: The eyes of all look to you, O God, and you give them their food in due season.
- P: You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing.
- L: The Lord is just in every way, and kind in every deed.
- All: God is near to all who call, to all who call on him in truth. Let us worship God.

*GATHERING HYMN

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

No. 40

***PASSING THE PEACE**

Loving God, we lift our hearts to you, aware of the need and suffering in our world. We know the pain and struggles of people around us; we have our own struggles as well. Help us be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer, and rejoice in hope, trusting you, who promise to be with us always. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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Merciful God, whose patience goes far beyond our sin and brokenness, renew in us your call to repentance. We turn to you, acknowledging our sin — the wrong we have done, and the right we have failed to do. Grant us your forgiveness, that we may live confidently, bearing the fruit of love and service to others. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

HYMN "Lord of All Hopefulness" No. 469

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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We give thee but thine own, whatever the gift may be. All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord from thee. Bless this offering, O God, that it may nurture faith among us and bless the lives of those who are in need. Amen.

ANTHEM

THE WORD OF GOD

Romans 12:9-13

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

SERMON "Rejoice in Hope"

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

"All the Way My Savior Leads Me" No. 505

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

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Praising God's Glory, the flowers are presented by George and Dana Dahl in honor of family.



On The Calendar This Week

- Summer Worship in the park Planning meeting today after worship
- Linus Project, June 11, 10:00 AM
- Lay Care Giving Class, June 11, 12:00 1:30 PM
- Family Game Night, June 15, 6:00-8:00 PM.

Upcoming Events

- 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.
- Wednesday June 26 Service in the Park 6:30pm

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Rev. Dr. Gary Klingsporn, Pastor Violet Black, Liturgist Patricia Cauchon, Director of Music Congregation, Ministers to the World

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