



“Our Father, Who Art in Heaven...”

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
June 23, 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 46:1-3, 10-11 *responsively*

L: God is our refuge and strength,

P: **a very present help in times of trouble.**

L: Therefore we will not fear,
though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;

P: **though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.**

L: “Be still, and know that I am God!
I am exalted among the nations,
I am exalted in the earth.”

All: **The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

***GATHERING HYMN**

“I Sing the Almighty Power of God” No. 31

***PASSING THE PEACE**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

unison

Gracious God, help us to be faithful in prayer. Make us bold in asking, thankful in receiving, tireless in seeking, and joyful in finding. Enable us to grow in your grace and in the likeness of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

unison

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

HYMN "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" No. 473

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

Holy God, with these gifts we offer ourselves. Here we are, your hands and feet in the world. Help us to reach out and serve others with the love you have shown us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ANTHEM

THE WORD OF GOD

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 6:7-13

Jesus said, "When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. "Pray then in this way: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And do not bring us to the time of trial, but rescue us from the evil one."

The Epistle Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

SERMON

"Our Father, Who Art in Heaven"
First in a series: The Lord's Prayer

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

"We Are Called to Be God's People" No. 580

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

On The Calendar This Week

- Deacons Meeting, June 24, 7:00 PM Via Zoom
- Project Linus, June 25, 10:00 am
- Service in the Park, June 26, 6:30 pm

Upcoming Events

- 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. Please talk to Loretta to find out more and where you may be able to help. We will be having a meeting in July - please consider attending to see how you might be able to help.



Praising God's Glory,
the flowers are presented by
Christine Dobens in loving memory
of Grandmother, Frieda Warren.



PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

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