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a new earth...
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and pain
will be no more,
for the first things
have passed away.”*

Revelation 21:1,4

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
August 4, 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 90 *responsively*

L: Lord, you have been our dwelling place
in all generations.

P: **Before the mountains were brought forth,
or you had formed the earth,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

L: A thousand years in your sight are
like yesterday when it is past.

P: **The span of our lives is short,
each day a gift from you, O God.**

L: Teach us to number our days,
that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

**All: Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.**

***GATHERING HYMN**

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” No. 358

***PASSING THE PEACE**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

unison

Eternal God, our Alpha and Omega, our beginning and end: Speak to us words of future hope. Pour out upon us your Spirit of faithful love and compassion, that our lives may reflect your glory, and that we may experience, even now, the coming of the new heaven and new earth you have promised, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

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

The Epistle Reading

Revelation 21:1-6

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

SERMON

"Down to Earth Hope"

HYMN

"Hymn of Promise"

No. 515

HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

BLESSING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

SHARING THE MEAL

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER *unison*

O Christ, you have opened to us the Scriptures,
and have been made known to us in the breaking of
bread and sharing of the cup. Stay with us, we pray,
that we may go in the strength of your grace and truth all
our journey through, and at its end behold you in glory,
one God forever and ever.

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** "For All the Saints" No. 529

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**



Praising God's Glory,
the flowers are presented by
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CHURCH PRAYER LIST

For the week of August 4, 2024

Please keep the following persons in your thoughts
and prayers this week:

Janey
Jeff
Jen
Lisa
Joanna E
Bill C
Don K
Bob S
Rose & Steve
Tom H
James
Jim T
Krista D
The Family of Terri V

On The Calendar This Week

- Old Home Days Meeting - Today following worship

Upcoming Events

- Ham & Bean Supper, August 10, 5:00 -7:00 PM
please see Cindy for tickets and if you can help with the supper.
- Food Auction, August 11, 2:00 PM - please sign up with what you can donate and be sure to come to the Flat and bid!

Announcements

- Please check for sign-up sheets for help needed during Old Home Days Week (August 10 - August 18)
- There are still Flower openings - check out the list in the Parish Hall
- 1-10 Club tickets for Sale - first drawing will be August 25 - please purchase or see if you can sell some see Loretta or Lori

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Rev. Dr. Gary Klingsporn, Pastor
Stephanie Ouellette, Liturgist
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