



*“Speak,  
for your servant  
is listening.”*

1 Samuel 3:10

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

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost  
July 28, 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**      Isaiah 40:28-31      *responsively*

L: Have you not known? Have you not heard?  
the Lord is the everlasting God,  
the Creator of the ends of the earth.

**P: God does not faint or grow weary;  
his understanding is unsearchable.**

L: The Lord gives power to the faint,  
and strengthens the powerless.

**P: Even youths will faint and be weary,  
and the young will fall exhausted.**

L: But those who wait for the Lord  
shall renew their strength.

**All: They shall mount up with wings like eagles,  
they shall run and not be weary,  
they shall walk and not faint.  
Let us worship God!**

**\*GATHERING HYMN**      “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”      No. 72

**\*PASSING THE PEACE**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*unison*

Eternal God, you are a song in the silence, a voice in the quiet, a light out of the darkness. You speak in many ways, but we do not always recognize your voice. Give us listening hearts, that we may discern your will, be mindful of the people to whom you send us, and be attentive to the tasks you give us. Amen.

**MISSION POSSIBLE OFFERING**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

**HYMN**            “Will You Come and Follow Me?”            No. 350

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

**ANTHEM**

## THE WORD OF GOD

### The Old Testament Reading

### 1 Samuel 3:1-10

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was.

Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again."

Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

**SERMON** "Speak, for Your Servant Is Listening"

**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**      "Here I Am, Lord"      No. 559

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**



Praising God's Glory,  
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## **CHURCH PRAYER LIST**

For the week of July 28, 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  
Terri V  
Rose & Steve  
Tom H

### On The Calendar This Week

- Deacon's Meeting, July 29, 7:00 PM via Zoom
- Council Meeting, July 30, 7:00 PM via Zoom

### Upcoming Events

- Old Home Days Meeting - August 4 after Worship Service

### Announcements

- There are still openings for Flowers – please take a look at the list in the Parish Hall
- Scripture Reader and Coffee Hour snack opportunities for August are available – please take a look at the list in the Parish Hall
- There are many opportunities to help with Old Home Days activities – watch for upcoming sign-up sheets or reach out to Loretta, Lori, Ingrid or Cindy to learn what opportunities are available.

**PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

Rev. Dr. Gary Klingsporn, Pastor  
Mike Degan, Liturgist  
Karen Nelson, Guest Musician  
Patricia Cauchon, Director of Music  
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