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Lord
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so you
also must forgive.”*

Colossians 3:13

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
July 14, 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 100 *responsively*

L: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

P: **Worship God with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.**

L: Know that the Lord is God.

P: **It is God who made us;
we are God's people.**

L: Let us enter the Lord's gates with thanksgiving.
Let us give thanks and bless God's name.

All: **For the Lord is good;
God's steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.**

***GATHERING HYMN** "This Is My Father's World" No. 21

***PASSING THE PEACE**

PRAYER OF THE DAY *unison*

Gracious God, help us to recognize our need for your
forgiveness. Give us the courage to forgive others,
and to love our neighbors as you love us, through Christ
our Lord. 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 neighbor 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 GOD'S GRACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

HYMN "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" No. 61

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, bless these gifts. Use them to bless the poor and the poor in spirit; to feed the hungry and the hungry in soul; and to comfort those who weep. Use us, we pray, to make this your church a place of love where people find welcome and healing, in Christ's name. Amen.

ANTHEM

THE WORD OF GOD

Matthew 6:9, 12

Jesus said, "Pray then in this way.... Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors."

Colossians 3:12-14

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

SERMON "Forgive Each Other, As God Has Forgiven You"

Fourth in the 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 "I Then Shall Live" No. 372

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE



Praising God's Glory,
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CHURCH PRAYER LIST

For the week of July 14, 2024

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

Janey
Jeff
Jen
Lisa
Joanna E
Bill C
Family of Johnny D
Family of Fred W
Kinney Family

On The Calendar This Week

- Rummage/Yard Sale - July 20 - Need Lots of help
Please talk to Loretta and see where/when you can help and make this sale a success.
- Old Home Days Meeting—July 21—it's not too late to attend and see how your talents and time can help.

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Rev. Dr. Gary Klingsporn, Pastor
Kermit Williams, Liturgist
Patricia Cauchon, Director of Music
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