



*“Do not
be overcome
by evil,
but overcome
evil
with good.”*

Romans 12:21

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
July 21, 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** Psalms 92:1-4; 90:14 *responsively*

L: Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to God,
all the earth.

P: **It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;**

L: to declare your steadfast love in the morning,
and your faithfulness by night,
to the music of the lute and the harp,
to the melody of the lyre.

P: **For you, O Lord, have made us glad by your work.**

L: At the works of your hands we sing for joy.

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

***GATHERING HYMN** "Morning Has Broken" No. 35

***PASSING THE PEACE**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

unison

O God, our strength and our hope, the struggle between good and evil is all around us. Teach us your way, O Lord, that we may walk in your truth. Keep us steadfast in your Word, that we may resist evil; love and serve others; and overcome evil with good. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

HYMN “Let There Be Peace on Earth” No. 614

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 we now bring, that they may be expressions of our love and of ourselves now offered to you. Use these gifts, we pray, so that your kingdom may come, and your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

ANTHEM

THE WORD OF GOD

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 6:13, RSV

Jesus said, "Pray then in this way.... Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil."

The Epistle Reading

Romans 12:9-13, 17, 21

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.... Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all.... Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

SERMON

"The Best of Times, the Worst of Times: Deliver Us from Evil"
Final 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 "God of Grace and God of Glory" No. 569

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Praising God's Glory,
the flowers are presented by
Beverly Yohe and Susan Jean in loving memory
of Bev's mom Frieda Warren
and Sue's dad Allen Jowders;
brother and sister,
born on the same day, 13 years apart July 23rd.



CHURCH PRAYER LIST

For the week of July 21, 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
Family of LuAnn

On The Calendar This Week

- Old Home Days Meeting following worship today.
- Project Linus, July 23, 10:00 AM

Upcoming Events

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

Announcements

- There are still openings for Flowers – please take a look at the list in the Parish Hall

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Rev. Dr. Gary Klingsporn, Pastor
Jeff Gilson, Liturgist
Karen Nelson, Guest Musician
Patricia Cauchon, Director of Music
Congregation, Ministers to the World

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