



*“And Who is
My Neighbor?”*

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 25, 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** 1 Corinthians 13:4-7, 13 *responsively*

L: Gracious God, you call us to love one another.

P: **Love is patient; love is kind.**

L: Love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude.

P: **Love does not insist on its own way.**

L: Love is not irritable or resentful.

P: **Love does not rejoice in wrongdoing,
but rejoices in the truth.**

L: Love bears all things, believes all things,
hopes all things, endures all things.

**All: Faith, hope, and love abide, these three;
and the greatest of these is love.
Let us worship the God of love.**

***GATHERING HYMN**

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

No. 358

***PASSING THE PEACE**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

unison

Merciful God, in Christ you have shown us what it means to love you with our whole being and to love our neighbor as ourselves. Help us to show your mercy to all, especially to those who are in trouble or in need, so that everyone may share in the fullness of life you offer. Amen.

MISSION POSSIBLE OFFERING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

HYMN “In Christ There Is No East or West” No. 603

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

Generous God, we thank you for the gifts that you have given us, materially and spiritually, and we offer them back to you through the workings of our fellowship. Please guide our hands in the missions of the church, that we may live the mercy that you embodied through Jesus Christ. Amen.

ANTHEM

THE WORD OF GOD

The Gospel Reading

Luke 10:25-37

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And Jesus said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.'

Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

SERMON

"The People in Your Neighborhood"

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** "Help Us Accept Each Other" **No. 596**
Alt. tune: Lancashire(#508)

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**



Praising God's Glory,
the flowers are presented by
Joe and Liz Torre
in celebration of our wonderful church



CHURCH PRAYER LIST

For the week of August 25, 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
Krista D
John Hanlon
John H
Donna
Brenda
Bernie & Rachel
Holly S
Family of Mike H
Family of Steve B
Family of Greg H

On The Calendar This Week

- Deacons Meeting, August 26, 7:00 PM via Zoom

Upcoming Events

- Cathedral of the Pines Service, September 8, 10:30 AM
- Worship Starts at 10:00 AM, September 15

Announcements

- Spots are available to read Scripture, bring coffee hour snacks, and present flowers. Sign-up sheets are in Parish Hall by coffee pot
- Del, our Administrative Assistant, will be on Vacation next week and returning on September 3rd.

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Rev. Dr. Gary Klingsporn, Pastor
Jeff Gilson, Worship Leader
Paul Martin, Liturgist
Patricia Cauchon, Director of Music
Congregation, Ministers to the World

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