

*“The kingdom of heaven is like yeast
that a woman took and hid in
three measures of flour until all
of it was leavened.”*

Matthew 13:33



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

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 15, 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 the Lord with gladness;
come into God's presence with singing.**

L: Know that the Most High is God.

P: **It is God who made us.
We are God's people,
and the sheep of his pasture.**

L: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving and with praise.
Give thanks to God, bless God's name.

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

***GATHERING HYMN**

 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" No. 59

***PASSING THE PEACE**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

unison

Gracious God, both hidden and revealed, give us eyes to see where we can see you, and faith to trust where we do not see you. Help us to trust you for the future, that we may rejoice in your love, and serve you always by loving others. 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 "Will You Let Me Be Your Servant" No. 391

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 gratitude we bring our gifts to you. Bless us and these gifts, that our lives and our resources may be a source of healing and hope in our church, our community, and the world. Amen.

ANTHEM

THE WORD OF GOD

The Gospel Reading Matthew 13:33

Jesus told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and hid in three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

The Epistle Reading Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.
Let your gentleness be known to everyone.
The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything,
but in everything by prayer and supplication with
thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.
And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,
will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

SERMON “The Hidden Work of God”

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**

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing” No. 719

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

On The Calendar This Week

- Church Council Meeting, September 17, 7:00 PM via Zoom
- Game Night, September 21, 5:00 PM

Praising God's Glory,
the flowers are presented by
Ingrid Howard
in loving memory of her soul mate Greg



CHURCH PRAYER LIST

For the week of September 15, 2024

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

Janey
Jeff
Jen
Lisa
Joanna E
Bill C
Don K
Rose & Steve
Tom H
James
Krista D
John Hanlon
Donna
Brenda
Bernie & Rachel
Mary Ellen
David V
Bill D
David
Eva
Lorin
Family of Samantha Michael Parker
Family of Eddie H

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Rev. Dr. Gary Klingsporn, Pastor
Violet Blake, Liturgist
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