



"I lift up my eyes to the hills —  
from where will my help come?"

PSALM 121:1

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

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Cathedral of the Pines**  
**September 8, 2024**

Welcome to the worship of God with the  
Second Congregational Church of 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 104**                      *responsively*

L: O Lord, how manifold are your works!  
In wisdom you have made them all.

P: **The earth is full of your creatures.**  
**You cause the grass to grow for the animals,**  
**and plants for people to use,**  
**to bring forth food from the earth.**

L: Yonder is the sea, great and wide,  
with living things both great and small.

P: **These all look to you to give them their food in**  
**due season. When you open your hand,**  
**they are filled with good things.**

L: When you send forth your spirit, they are created;  
and you renew the face of the ground.

P: **O Lord, how beautiful are your works!**

L: Let us worship God.

**All: Let your steadfast love, O God, be upon us,**  
**even as we hope in you.**

**\*GATHERING HYMN**

“All Creatures of Our God and King” No. 23

**\*PASSING THE PEACE**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*unison*

Eternal God, the world in all its beauty proclaims your glory. We see your presence in the light of the sky, the green of the earth, the wind on the waters, the beauty of the mountains. You give life and bless us abundantly from day to day. Lead us by your Spirit to grow in our love for others, and to care for the earth you have given us, so that we may know the fullness of your joy. Amen.

**ANTHEM**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**SILENT PRAYER**

**HYMN** “I Sing the Almighty Power of God” No. 31

**ANTHEM**

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**Psalm 92:1-4**

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High; 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. For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

**SERMON** "Beauty Calls Us"

"Beauty calls us to feel, think and act beautifully in the world:  
to create and live a life that awakens the Beautiful."

John O'Donohue

**\*SENDING HYMN**

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

No. 40

**\*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.

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

## CHURCH PRAYER LIST

For the week of September 8, 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  
Mary Ellen  
David V

### On The Calendar This Week

- Rummage Sale, September 14th, need lots of help, please speak with Loretta after the service if you can lend a hand.
- Worship Starts at 10:00 AM, September 15

### Upcoming Events

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

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