



*"Blessed are the merciful,  
for they will receive mercy."*

*Matthew 5:7*

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

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost  
October 20, 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 103:1-5,8,11 *responsively*

L: Bless the Lord, O my soul, bless God's holy name.

P: **Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and do not forget all God's benefits—**

L: who forgives your iniquity, who heals your diseases,

P: **who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,**

L: who satisfies you with good as long as you live so  
that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

P: **The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger  
and abounding in steadfast love.**

L: As the heavens are high above the earth, so great is  
God's steadfast love toward those who honor him.

**All: Bless the Lord, O my soul, bless God's holy name.**

**\*GATHERING HYMN**

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" No. 71

**\*PASSING THE PEACE**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY** *unison*

Holy God, we thank you for your mercy, and praise you for your enduring love. Help us to show mercy to others as you are merciful to us. Give us pure hearts, devoted to you, that we may always seek your will and do it, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *unison*

Gracious God, we confess that we have often turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

**HYMN** "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" No. 68

**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*

Blessed are you, O God. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and the gifts we bring, to care for the needs of others in our church, our community, and beyond. Amen.



### On The Calendar

- Linus Project, October 22– 10:00 AM

### Upcoming Events

- Deacons Meeting, October 28–7:00 PM via Zoom
- Fall Dinner Plays are November 8 & 9. Help is needed—  
Sign-up sheets are now available or speak with Sue Jean.

Praising God's Glory,  
the flowers are presented by  
Kevin and Sue Jean  
in loving memory of Sue's mom, Priscilla Jowders



## CHURCH PRAYER LIST

For the week of October 20, 2024

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

Janey  
Jeff  
Jen  
Lisa  
Don K  
Rose & Steve  
Donna  
Bernie & Rachel  
Mary Ellen  
David V  
Bill D  
David  
Caitlyn  
Deb D  
Jim T  
Alan  
Cindy C  
Brentton  
Family of Bill C  
Family of Derek M  
Barbara

**PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

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

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