



*“Blessed are
the peacemakers,
for they will
be called
children
of God.”*

Matthew 5:9

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
October 27, 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 90** **responsively**

L: Lord, you have been our dwelling place
in all generations.

P: **Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and
the world, from everlasting to everlasting
you are God.**

L: Teach us to number our days that we may gain
a heart of wisdom.

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

L: Let us worship God.

All: **Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,
and prosper for us the work of our
hands—O prosper the work of our hands!**

***GATHERING HYMN**

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

No. 40

***PASSING THE PEACE**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

unison

Holy God, in a world filled with conflict, hatred, and division, grant us your peace. Give us courage to be peacemakers and reconcilers in all our relationships. Where there is hatred, let us bring your love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is despair, hope; that we may help bring healing to your world. Amen.

MISSION POSSIBLE OFFERING

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

All things come from you, O God: the light of the rising sun; the enfolding darkness of night; our food, drink, clothing; the gift of each day we live. In gratitude we bring our offerings to you. Bless and use these gifts to bring life, blessings, and joy to others. Amen.

ANTHEM

THE WORD OF GOD

The Gospel Readings

Matthew 5:5-12

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

John 14:27

Jesus said, “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.”

SERMON

“Blessed Are the Peacemakers”
(Final in the Series: The Beatitudes)

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

On The Calendar

- Dinner Play Rehearsal—October 27—5:00 PM
- Deacons Meeting, October 28—7:00 PM via Zoom
- Fidget Blankets, October 29—9:00 AM

Upcoming Events

- Fall Dinner Plays are November 8 and 9. Help is needed (kitchen workers, servers, sheet cake makers)
Sign-up sheets are in the link or speak with Sue Jean.

Praising God's Glory,
the flowers are presented by
Jessie Salisbury and Verna Porter
in loving memory of Pat Salisbury



CHURCH PRAYER LIST

For the week of October 27, 2024

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

Janey
Jeff
Jen
Lisa
Don K
Donna
Bernie & Rachel
David V
Bill D
David
Caitlyn
Deb D
Jim T
Alan
Cindy C
Brentton
Jeff C

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Rev. Dr. Gary Klingsporn, Pastor
Ingrid Howard, Liturgist
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