



*“Blessed are the meek...”
“Blessed are those who hunger
and thirst for righteousness...”*

Matthew 5:5-6

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
October 13, 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 13:1-7, 13 *responsively*

L: If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels,
but do not have love, I am a noisy
gong or a clanging cymbal.

P: **If I have prophetic powers,
and understand all mysteries and all knowledge,
and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains,
but do not have love, I am nothing.**

L: Love is patient; love is kind;
love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude.

P: **Love does not insist on its own way;
it is not irritable or resentful;
it 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: Now faith, hope, and love abide, these three;
and the greatest of these is love.
Let us worship the God of love.**

***GATHERING HYMN**

“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above” No. 56

***PASSING THE PEACE**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

unison

Gracious God, shape our lives by your Word and Spirit.
Teach us what it means when Jesus says, “Blessed are the meek.... Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness....” Deepen our faith, that we may rejoice in your love and serve you always. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

HYMN

“Seek Ye First”

No. 349

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

“We give thee but thine own, whatever the gift may be.
All that we have is thine alone, a trust O Lord from thee.” Bless this offering, O God, that it may nurture faith among us, and bless the lives of those who are in need. Amen.

ANTHEM

THE WORD OF GOD

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:5-6

Jesus said, "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled."

Matthew 6:31-33

"Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

SERMON

"Blessed Are the Meek and Those Who Hunger
and Thirst for Righteousness"
(Third 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 "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" No. 113

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

On The Calendar

- Fidget Blankets, October 15—9:00 AM in Parish Hall
- Church Council Meeting, October 15-7:00 PM, Via Zoom
*please have reports to Del by Monday, October 14th at 1:00 PM.
- Memorial service for Bill Chalmers, October 18-11:00 AM at the church.
- Rummage Sale, October 19, 8:00 AM—2:00 PM please consider working for an hour or two. See Loretta for details and to sign up.

Upcoming Events

- 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
Joe and Liz Torre
in loving memory of Joe's brother Steve.



CHURCH PRAYER LIST

For the week of October 13, 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
Eva
Lorin
Caitlyn
Deb D
Jim T
Alan
Cindy C
Brentton
Family of Bill C
Family of Derek M

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Rev. Dr. Gary Klingsporn, Pastor
Peter Ouellette, Liturgist
Karen Nelson, Guest Musician.
Patricia Cauchon, Director of Music
Congregation, Ministers to the World

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