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rich food, a feast of well aged
wines...." Isaiah 25:6*



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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

All Saints Sunday
Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost
November 3, 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** *Revelation 21:1-4; Isaiah 25:9*
responsively

L: Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth;
for the first heaven and the first earth had
passed away.

P: **And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem,
coming down out of heaven from God,
prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.**

L: And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,
“See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them as their God; they will be
his peoples, and God will be with them;

P: **God will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more; mourning and
crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away.”**

L: It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God;
we have waited for him, so that he might save us.

All: **This is the Lord for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.**

***GATHERING HYMN**

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

No. 84

***PASSING THE PEACE**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

unison

Eternal God, today we remember those who have gone before us in faith. You have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses. Grant us grace to follow your saints in lives of faithful commitment, so that we may love you by serving others, and at last come to know the inexpressible joys of life in your presence, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

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**

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Giving God, daily we are mindful of how you care for our needs. Bless these offerings we now bring in response. Use them for the care and well-being of others in our church, our community, and the world. Amen.

ANTHEM

THE WORD OF GOD

The Hebrew Scriptures

Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all people; he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in God's salvation.

The New Testament Reading

Hebrews 12:1-2

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

SERMON

"You're Invited"

HYMN

"Come, Share the Lord"

No. 696

HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

BLESSING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

SHARING THE MEAL

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER *unison*

O Christ, you have opened to us the Scriptures, and have been made known to us in the breaking of bread and sharing of the cup. Stay with us, we pray, that we may go in the strength of your grace and truth all our journey through, and at its end behold you in glory, one God forever and ever.

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** "For All the Saints" No. 529

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Praising God's Glory,
the flowers are presented by
The Bartsch Family
in loving memory of Rick Bartsch.



On The Calendar

- Linus Project, November 5, 10:00 AM
- Fall Dinner Plays, 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.

CHURCH PRAYER LIST

For the week of November 3, 2024

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

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

Family and friends of John Hinvus

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Rev. Dr. Gary Klingsporn, Pastor
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