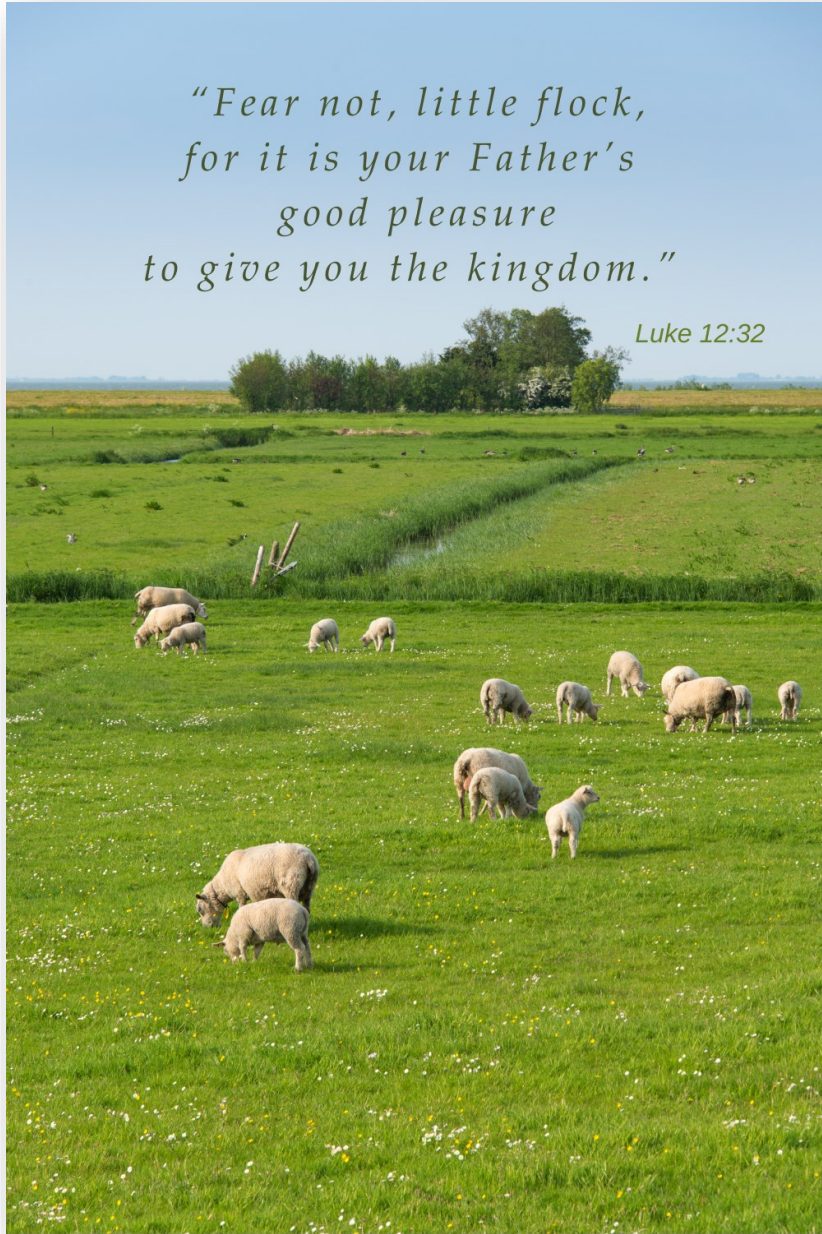


*“Fear not, little flock,  
for it is your Father’s  
good pleasure  
to give you the kingdom.”*

*Luke 12:32*



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**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**November 17, 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** Romans 8:24-26, 35-39 *responsively*

L: For in hope we were saved.  
Now hope that is seen is not hope.  
For who hopes for what is seen?

P: **But if we hope for what we do not see,  
we wait for it with patience.**

L: Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness;  
for we do not know how to pray as we ought.

P: **But that very Spirit intercedes with sighs  
too deep for words.**

L: Who will separate us from the love of Christ?  
Will hardship, or distress, or persecution,  
or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

P: **No, in all these things we are more than  
conquerors through him who loved us.**

All: **For I am convinced that neither death,  
nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things  
present, nor things to come, nor powers,  
nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all  
creation, will be able to separate us from  
the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**\*GATHERING HYMN** “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” No. 72

**\*PASSING THE PEACE**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY** *unison*

Gracious God, help us accept each day as a gift.  
In our times of joy and gladness, let us rejoice in your  
goodness. In our times of fear, worry, or anxiety, give  
us a spirit of peace. Trusting in you, O God, give us  
strength and hope, that we may always love you and  
serve our neighbors, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

**HYMN** “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” No. 405

**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, God of all creation; through your  
goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use  
our offerings for the work of peace, compassion, and  
joy in this community and in your world. Amen.

**ANTHEM**

## THE WORD OF GOD

### The Gospel Reading

Luke 12:32-34

Jesus said, "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

### The Old Testament Reading

Psalm 46:1-7

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns. The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts. The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

### SERMON

"Fear Not, Little Flock"

### 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 the Ages, History’s Maker” No. 78

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

On The Calendar

- Making Fidget Blankets, November 19, 9:00 AM
- Church Council Meeting, November 19, 7:00 PM via Zoom

Upcoming Events

- We will be decorating the Church for Christmas on Sunday November 24 after worship service - lunch will be provided after we decorate
- Deacons Meeting, November 25, 7:00 PM via Zoom

Praising God’s Glory,  
the flowers are presented by  
Liz and Joe Torre in loving memory of Liz’s father,  
George Warren Goodale



## CHURCH PRAYER LIST

For the week of November 17, 2024

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

Janey  
Jeff  
Jen  
Lisa  
Don K  
Bernie & Rachel  
Bill D  
David  
Caitlyn  
Deb and Mike  
Jim T  
Jeff C  
Krista  
Charlotte  
Cassie W  
Sylvie  
Tom B  
John & Lydia  
Family and Friends of Rev. Al Hoyt  
Family and friends of Ed Motto

**PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

Rev. Dr. Gary Klingsporn, Pastor  
Jane Herlihy, Liturgist  
Patricia Cauchon, Director of Music  
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