



*"What Is  
the Bible?"*

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

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**Reign of Christ Sunday**  
**November 24, 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** Colossians 3:12-17 *responsively*

L: As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved,  
clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness,  
humility, meekness, and patience.

P: **Bear with one another and,  
if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive  
each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you,  
so you also must forgive.**

L: Above all, clothe yourselves with love,  
which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

P: **Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,  
to which indeed you were called in  
the one body. And be thankful.**

L: Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly;  
teach and admonish one another in all wisdom;  
and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms,  
hymns, and spiritual songs to God.

All: **And whatever you do, in word or deed,  
do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,  
giving thanks to God the Father through him.**

**\*GATHERING HYMN** "This Is My Father's World" No. 21

**\*PASSING THE PEACE**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*unison*

Gracious God, thank you for the gift of the Holy Scriptures, and for the guidance, hope, and reassurance they bring us. Give us faith to receive your Word, the understanding to know what it means, and the will to live as you call us to live. Amen.

**MISSION POSSIBLE OFFERING**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

**HYMN**

“Lord of the Dance”

No. 118

**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*

Holy God, for the beauty of your good earth, for the people you have given us to love, for the tasks you call us to do, we give you thanks. Use these offerings, and us, to care for the needs of others, and to bring hope and joy to all. Amen.

**ANTHEM**

## THE WORD OF GOD

### **The Old Testament Reading** Psalm 119:18, 34, 105

Open my eyes, so that I may behold wondrous things out of your law. Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart. Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

### **The Gospel Reading** Matthew 5:38-48

Jesus said, "You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you.

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect."

### **SERMON**

"What Is the Bible?"

**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**

"O Word of God Incarnate"

No. 670

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

Praising God's Glory,  
the flowers are presented by  
Christine Dobens  
in loving memory of Lester & Ruth Yohe



## CHURCH PRAYER LIST

For the week of November 24, 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  
Mike Degan and Family  
Jim T  
Jeff C  
Krista  
Charlotte  
Cassie W  
Sylvie  
Tom B  
John & Lydia

## On The Calendar

- We are decorating the Church today after worship service. Lunch will be provided after decorating is complete.
- Community Concert Night, November 24, 6:00 PM—Josh Bartsch is one of the artists performing.
- Deacons Meeting, November 25, 7:00 PM via Zoom
- Linus Project, November 26, 10:00 AM

## Upcoming Events/Announcements

- Wreath Decorating for the Christmas Fair, December 5 in the evening
- Christmas Fair, December 7, Sign up Sheets are in the link.
- Cindy Broderick is taking orders for Memorial Poinsettias to be placed in the Church.  
Last day to order is December 15  
Red or White
  - ⇒ Small - \$5.99
  - ⇒ Medium - \$ 12.99
  - ⇒ Large - \$35.00

**PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

Rev. Dr. Gary Klingsporn, Pastor  
Stephanie Ouellette & Violet Blake, Worship Leaders  
Kermit Williams, Liturgist  
Patricia Cauchon, Director of Music  
Congregation, Ministers to the World

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