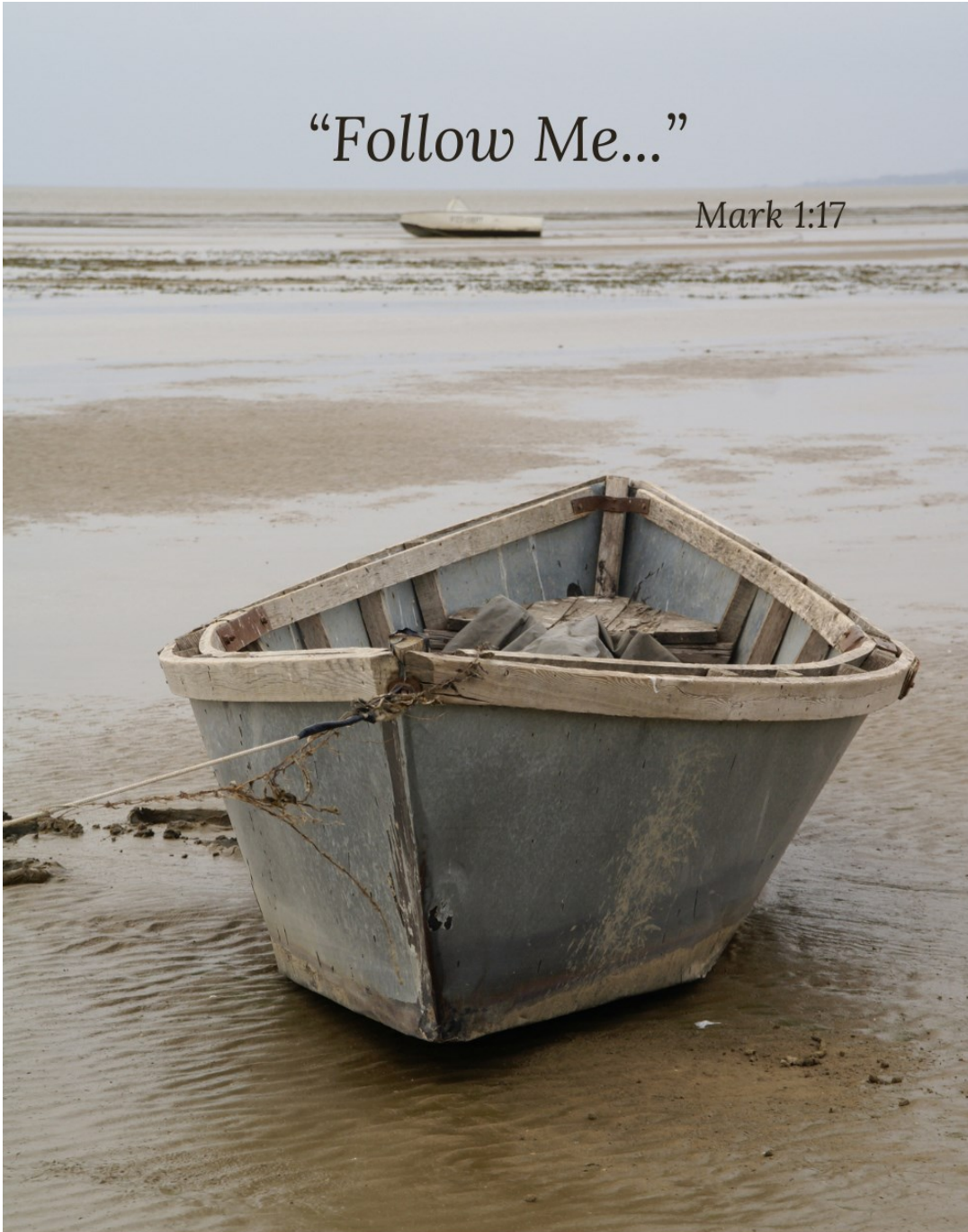


*“Follow Me...”*

*Mark 1:17*



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

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany  
February 2, 2025

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 95:1-7**                      **respon-**  
**sively**

**L:** O come, let us sing to the Lord;  
let us make a joyful noise to the rock  
of our salvation!

**P:** **Let us come into God's presence with  
thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise  
with songs of praise!**

**L:** For the Lord is a great God.

**P:** **In God's hand are the depths of the earth;  
the heights of the mountains also.**

**L:** The sea belongs to God, who made it,  
along with the dry land.

**P:** **O come, let us worship and bow down,  
Let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!**

**All:** **For this is our God, and we are the people  
of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.**

**\*GATHERING HYMN**

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

No. 40

**\*PASSING THE PEACE**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY** *unison*

Loving God, you call us to come and follow you in the name of Christ. Strengthen us by your Spirit, that we may be faithful to the tasks you give us. Lead us to walk in the light of your presence, that we may serve you with joy by serving others. Amen.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *unison*

Holy and most merciful God, we have not loved you as you love us, nor have we loved others as we ought. Forgive our sin. Lift us above our past regrets and present failures; and give us grace to grow more and more in your likeness. In your name we pray. Amen.

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

**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** *unison*

Loving God, we now bring our gifts to you in grateful response for your blessings to us. May all that we give, and all that we do, be a blessing to others. Amen.

**ANTHEM**

## THE WORD OF GOD

### The Gospel Reading

Mark 1:16-20

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

### SERMON

“Follow Me”

### HYMN

“Will You Come and Follow Me?”

No. 350

## HOLY COMMUNION

### INVITATION TO THE TABLE

### BLESSING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

### SHARING THE MEAL

### 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

“We All Are One in Mission”

No. 552

### \*BENEDICTION

**\*POSTLUDE**

Sometime when the river is ice ask me  
mistakes I have made. Ask me whether  
what I have done is my life. Others  
have come in their slow way into  
my thought, and some have tried to help  
or to hurt: ask me what difference  
their strongest love or hate has made.

I will listen to what you say.  
You and I can turn and look  
at the silent river and wait. We know  
the current is there, hidden; and there  
are comings and goings from miles away  
that hold the stillness exactly before us.  
What the river says, that is what I say.

—William Stafford, “Ask Me,” *The Way It Is:  
New and Selected Poems* (Graywolf Press, St. Paul, MN).

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Praising God’s Glory  
the flowers are presented by,  
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of Loretta’s mother Ruby



## CHURCH PRAYER LIST

For the week of February 2, 2025

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

Jeff  
Jen  
Lisa  
Don K  
Bernie & Rachel  
Bill and Olive D  
Caitlyn  
Jim T  
Jeff C  
Krista  
Charlotte  
Cassie W  
Sylvie  
Tom B  
Lorraine  
Regina K  
Joe  
Courtney  
John S  
Darrel B  
Donna  
Diane  
Beckett  
Kanisha  
Carol K  
Debbie  
David O  
Noel  
Family and friends of Patricia S

## ON THE CALENDAR

- Making Fidget Blankets, Tuesday, February 4—9:00 AM

**PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

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

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