

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

# ORDER OF WORSHIP Second Sunday after Epiphany Annual Meeting Sunday January 19, 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

1 Corinthians 12:4-7, 12, 27 responsively

- L: We gather in the presence of God, bringing our individual stories, our unique gifts, our different callings to serve.
- P: There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit.
  There are varieties of service, but the same Lord.
- L: To each of us is given gifts from God for the common good of all.
- P: Christ's church is like a human body that has many parts.
- L: The body, though made up of different parts, is still one body.
- P: We are the church. We are the body of Christ and individually members of it.
- L: Come let us worship God.
- All: We lift our hearts and voices in praise to the living God.

#### \*GATHERING HYMN

"The Church's One Foundation" No. 544

#### \*PASSING THE PEACE

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

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Gracious God, you have gathered us as your church. You give us rich varieties of gifts as your people. Make us one in faith and hope, one in worship, one in service. By your Spirit make us eager to do your will, that we may bear the fruit of love in our lives, and know the fullness of your joy. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

SILENT PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

**HYMN** "Will You Let Me Be Your Servant" No. 391

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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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 our offering, O God, that it may strengthen our church's ministries, touch the lives of those in need, and bring hope to all. Amen.

**ANTHEM** 

#### THE WORD OF GOD

## The Hebrew Scriptures

Jeremiah 29:11-14

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, I will let you find me, says the Lord, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, says the Lord, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

**SERMON** 

"A Future with Hope"

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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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 Are God's People"

No. 547

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

# **CHURCH PRAYER LIST**

For the week of January 19, 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 Family and friends of Margaret W

# **ON THE CALENDAR**

- Church Annual Meeting, today following worship—lunch provided
- We will need help after the annual meeting removing furniture from various rooms in the Parish Hall floors are being done on January 20 and 21.
- Fidget Blankets, Tuesday, January 21–9:00 AM
- Church Council Meeting, Tuesday, January 21—7:00 PM via zoom—Please have reports to Del by 1:00 Pm on Monday, January 20th.

## PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

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

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