



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

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Third Sunday after Epiphany
January 26, 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 23 *responsively*

L: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

**P: He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters.**

L: He restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

**P: Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil; for you are with me;
your rod and your staff—they comfort me.**

L: You prepare a table before me in the presence
of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

**All: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the
days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of
the Lord forever. Let us worship God!**

***GATHERING HYMN**

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” No. 358

***PASSING THE PEACE**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

unison

Gracious God, as you gladdened the wedding at Cana in Galilee by Jesus' presence and first miracle, so bring your joy to our lives. When we are weary, give us strength; when we are discouraged, give us hope; when we are anxious, bring us peace. Fill us with your love, that we may find new life, and share our joy by serving others. In your name we pray. Amen.

MISSION POSSIBLE COLLECTION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

SILENT PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

HYMN "Jesus, Come, for We Invite You" No. 669

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

All things come from you, O God: the light of the rising sun; the enfolding darkness of night; our food, drink, clothing; the love of family and friends; the breath of life itself. We bring our gifts in gratitude for the blessings in our lives. Use these gifts, we pray, for those who are in need, that they may experience the fullness of life that you desire for all. Amen.

ANTHEM

THE WORD OF GOD

THE GOSPEL READING

John 2:1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it.

When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

SERMON

"They Have No Wine"

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND LORD'S PRAYER

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** “Take My Life and Let It Be” No. 466

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

ON THE CALENDAR

- Deacons Meeting, Monday, January 27, 7:00 PM via zoom
- Linus Project, Tuesday, January 28—10:00 AM

Praising God's Glory
the flowers are presented by,
Elaine Goddard for family



CHURCH PRAYER LIST

For the week of January 26, 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
Violet & Tedo
Family and friends of Ralph D

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Rev. Dr. Gary Klingsporn, Pastor
Dana Dahl, Liturgist
Patricia Cauchon, Director of Music
Congregation, Ministers to the World

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