



*“Moved with
compassion,
Jesus stretched
out his hand
and touched
him....”*

Mark 1:41

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Seventh Sunday after Epiphany
February 23, 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** Isaiah 43:1-5 *responsively*

L: Now thus says the Lord, the One who created you,
O Jacob, the One who formed you, O Israel:

**P: “Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.**

L: When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;

**P: when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.**

L: For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,
your Savior....

**All: You are precious in my sight, and honored,
and I love you....**

Do not fear, for I am with you.” Let us worship God.

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

***PASSING THE PEACE**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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O Living Christ, you stretched out your hand and touched a leper to heal him. Touch us, and all who are in need, with your healing compassion. Help us to reach out to others with the mercy and love you show us. Amen.

MISSION POSSIBLE OFFERING

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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Merciful God, we confess that we have often sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not always loved you with our whole heart; we have not always loved our neighbor as ourselves. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL 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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Blessed are you, O God of all creation. Through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for nurturing of faith among us, and caring for the needs of people around us. Amen.

ANTHEM

THE WORD OF GOD

The Gospel Reading

Mark 1:40-45

A leper came to Jesus begging him, and kneeling he said to him, "If you choose, you can make me clean." Moved with compassion, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, and said to him, "I do choose. Be made clean!" Immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean. After Jesus healed him, he sent the man away at once, saying to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, as a testimony to them." But the man went out and began to proclaim it freely, and to spread the word, so that Jesus could no longer go into a town openly, but stayed out in the country; and people came to him from every quarter.

SERMON

"Reaching Out with Compassion"

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

"I Then Shall Live"

No. 372

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

CHURCH PRAYER LIST

For the week of February 23, 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
Krista
Charlotte
Cassie W
Sylvie
Tom B
Lorraine
Regina K
Courtney
John S
Darrel B
Donna

Diane
Beckett
Kanisha
Carol K
Debbie
Noel
Emily
Mary Sue
Bob D
Joanne H
Shawn D
Allison M
Paul M
Gail C
The Dahl's and their extended
families on the loss of Bob C
and Joe S

On The Calendar/Announcements

- Deacons Meeting, Monday February 24 - 7:00 PM via Zoom
- Linus Project, Tuesday February 25 - 10:00 AM
- Ash Wednesday Service, Wednesday March 5 - 7:00 PM

We will continue to collect items for the Blessing Bags for the homeless in Manchester. Some ideas are:

- Hand and foot warmers, hand lotion, lip balm, socks, gloves/ mittens, small bottles of water, juice boxes, Yoo-hoo boxed drink, snacks

Items will be placed in large zip loc bags - so small and trial size items make the most sense.

Praising God's Glory
the flowers are presented by,
Marilyn Henderson - In Loving Memory
of Henry & Marjorie



PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

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

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