



“I Desire Mercy”

Matthew 9:13

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
February 9, 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** 1Corinthians 13:1-7, 13 *responsively*

- L: If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.
- P: **And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.**
- L: If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.
- P: **Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude.**
- L: Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth.
- All: **Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love. Let us worship God.**

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

***PASSING THE PEACE**

PRAYER OF THE DAY *unison*

O living Christ, in your mercy you called the tax collector Matthew to follow you, and he became your disciple. Teach us to show your mercy to others, so that all people may know your love and find in us a place of welcome, hope, and healing. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

HYMN “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy” No. 61

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*

Merciful God, in faithfulness to your call we now share with others the blessings we have received. With our gifts we offer ourselves. Use us and these gifts to bring mercy, hope, and healing in this world. Amen.

ANTHEM

THE WORD OF GOD

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 9:9-13

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

SERMON

"I Desire Mercy"

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

"I Then Shall Live"

No. 372

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

CHURCH PRAYER LIST

For the week of February 9, 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
Noel
Emily
Mary Sue

On The Calendar/Announcements

- Today after worship: Church Meeting
- Project Linus, Tuesday, February 11 - 10:00 am
- Lay Visitation Group, Tuesday, February 11 - 12 PM

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

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

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