



*“Weeping may linger
for the night,
but joy comes with the morning.”
Psalm 30:5*

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Third Sunday in Lent

March 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** Psalm 103:1-5 *responsively*

L: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me,
bless God's holy name.

P: **Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and do not forget all God's benefits—**

L: who forgives our iniquity, who heals our diseases,

P: **who crowns us with steadfast love and mercy,**

L: who satisfies us with good as long as we live so that
our youth is renewed like the eagle's.

All: **Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me,
bless God's holy name.**

***GATHERING HYMN**

"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" No. 56

***PASSING THE PEACE**

THE WORD OF GOD

The Gospel Reading

Mark 10:32-34

They were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them; they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. He took the twelve aside again and began to tell them what was to happen to him, saying, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death; then they will hand him over to the Gentiles; they will mock him, and spit upon him, and flog him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise again.

SERMON

"Psalms of New Orientation"

(Third in the Series, "Telling Our Stories: The Psalms")

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 "God of the Ages, History's Maker" No. 78

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Praising God's Glory
the flowers are presented by,
Violet and Tedo Rocca,
in loving memory of their parents



CHURCH PRAYER LIST

For the week of March 23, 2025

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

Jen
Don K
Bernie & Rachel
Bill and Olive D
Caitlyn
Jim T
Krista
Charlotte
Sylvie
Tom B
Lorraine
Courtney
John S
Darrel B

Donna
Diane
Carol K
Noel
Mary Sue
Bob D
Shawn D
Allison M
Gail C
Amanda
Dennis F
Janet
Diane

On The Calendar/Announcements

- Today we are taking the UCC offering for One Great Hour of Sharing - below is a bit of information regarding this offering and how it is used.
- Linus Project, Tuesday, March 25 - 10:00 AM
- Deacon's Meeting, Monday, March 31 - 7:00 PM Via Zoom

Be the Light

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) is a vital special mission offering of the United Church of Christ. It connects you to disaster relief, refugee assistance, and development efforts around the globe. When disasters strike, or when individuals are displaced due to violence or poverty, OGHS ensures immediate response and ongoing recovery. Through your support, OGHS funds comprehensive development programs in areas such as healthcare, education, agriculture, food security, micro-financing, and women's empowerment. By partnering with Global Ministries and international response networks, OGHS maximizes its impact. Your contributions help meet urgent needs while addressing the root causes of vulnerability, ensuring long-term, sustainable solutions for affected communities.

- **The dinner plays are Friday and Saturday, April 11th and 12th.** Lots of help is needed. Please see Loretta or Sue to sign up.

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

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

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