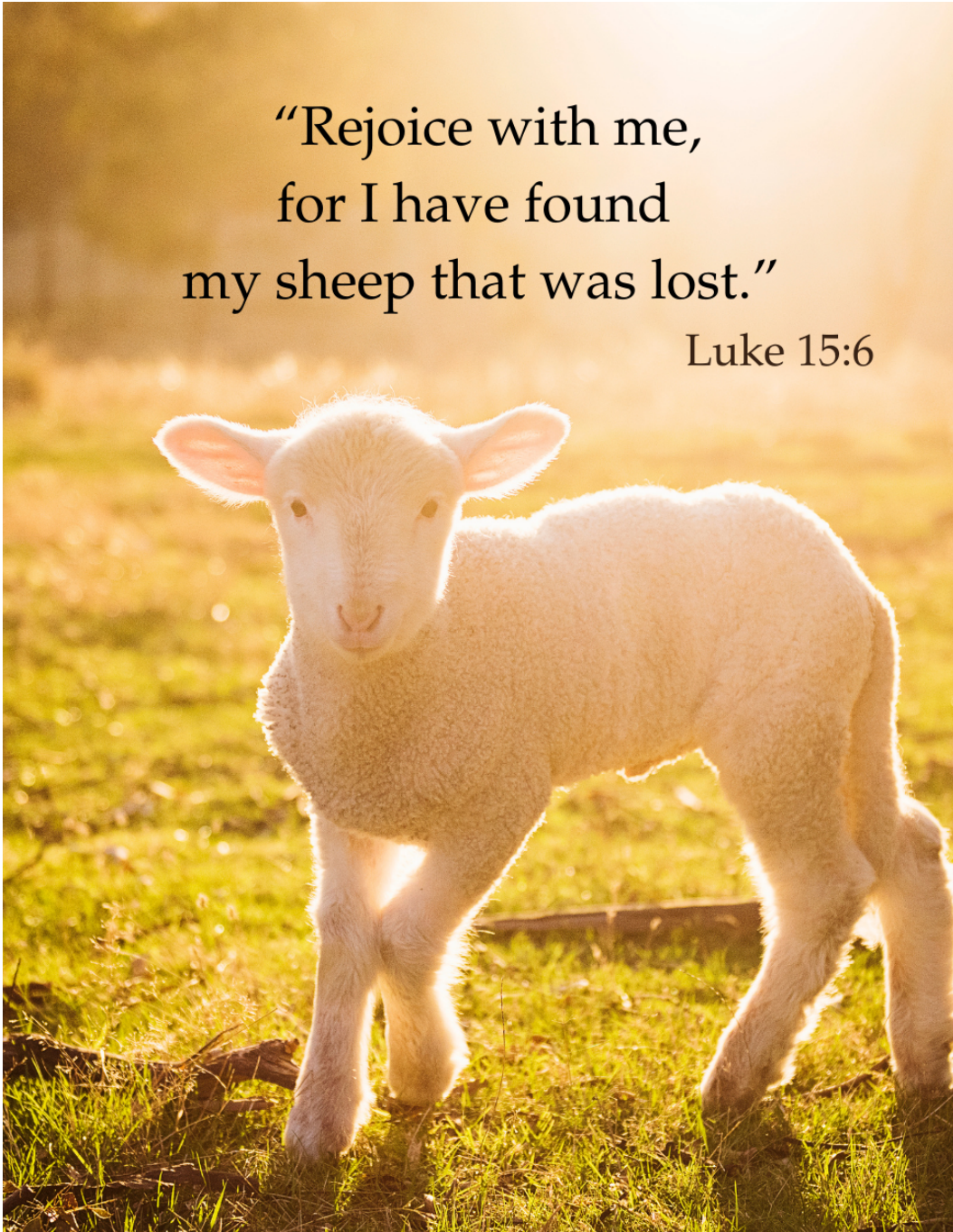


“Rejoice with me,
for I have found
my sheep that was lost.”

Luke 15:6



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

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 30, 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 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: Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude.

P: **Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; love does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth.**

L: Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things....

All: **And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love. Let us worship God.**

***GATHERING HYMN**

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

No. 358

***PASSING THE PEACE**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

unison

Gracious God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you hear our cries in times of need. You come seeking us when we forget you or lose our way. Gather us into your loving embrace. Turn our tears to joy and our sadness into dancing, that we may love others as your faithful servants in whom you rejoice. Amen.

MISSION POSSIBLE OFFERING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

HYMN

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

No. 440

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

Generous God, you open your hand with love and our lives are filled with good things. Bless these gifts we now bring, that they may be a source of life, healing, and hope to our neighbors near and far. Amen.

ANTHEM

THE WORD OF GOD

The Gospel Reading

Luke 15:1-10

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.” So he told them this parable: “Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

“Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

SERMON

“Our Stories”

(Fourth 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** "Be Thou My Vision"

No. 502

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Praising God's Glory
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CHURCH PRAYER LIST

For the week of March 30, 2025

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

Jen
Don K
Bill and Olive D
Caitlyn
Jim T
Krista
Charlotte
Sylvie
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
Kiersten
Juanita
Barbara K
Shawna
Missing 16yr old from Milford

We mourn the loss of Bernie
and are keeping Rachel and
their family in our prayers

On The Calendar/Announcements

- Deacon's Meeting, Monday, March 31 - 7:00 PM Via Zoom
- Fidget Blankets, Tuesday, April 1, 9:30am
- Dinner Plays are April 11 and 12 - need lots of help - please consider signing up to help

Sign Up for Memorial Easter Flowers is now available - see Cindy Broderick

- Tulips - \$12.00
- Easter Lily - \$15.00

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

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

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