



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

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**Palm and Passion Sunday**  
**April 13, 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**                      Zechariah 9:9                      responsively

L: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

P: **O give thanks to the Lord, whose steadfast love  
endures forever.**

L: Rejoice greatly, O people of God! Shout aloud,  
all who gather!

P: **Lo, your King is coming to you,  
humble and riding on a donkey.**

L: Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise  
to the rock of our salvation.

P: **Hosanna! Praise to God in the highest heaven.**

L: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

All: **Hosanna in the highest!**

**\*GATHERING HYMN**      "All Glory, Laud and Honor"      No. 265

**\*PASSING THE PEACE**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*unison*

Gracious God, as we enter this Holy Week, open our hearts to the Blessed One who comes into our lives. In the mystery of the suffering and death of your Son Jesus you offer your life to the world. Draw us closer to you, that our hearts may know the wonder of your love. Show us the way of compassion, and set us free to serve others in humility, as Jesus did. Amen.

**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

**HYMN**

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

No. 267

**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*

Holy God, with these gifts we offer ourselves. Here we are, your hands and feet in the world. Help us reach out and serve others with the love you have shown us in Christ our Lord. Amen.

**ANTHEM**

## THE WORD OF GOD

### The Gospel Readings

#### Mark 11:1-10

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’”

They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

“Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

#### Luke 19:41-44

As Jesus came near and saw the city, he wept over it, saying, “If you, even you, had only recognized on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. Indeed, the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up ramparts around you and surround you, and hem you in on every side. They will crush you to the ground, you and your children within you, and they will not leave within you one stone upon another; because you did not recognize the time of your visitation from God.”



### CHURCH PRAYER LIST

For the week of April 13, 2025

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

Ryan  
Jen  
Don K  
Bill and Olive D  
Caitlyn  
Jim T  
Krista  
Charlotte  
Sylvie  
Lorraine  
Courtney  
John S  
Darrel B  
Donna

Diane  
Carol K  
Noel  
Bob D  
Shawn D  
Allison M  
Gail C  
Amanda  
Kathy & Dennis F  
Janet  
Juanita  
Barbara K  
Shawna

## On The Calendar / Announcements

- Fidget Blankets, Tuesday, April 15, 9:30 AM
- Church Council, Tuesday, April 15, 7:00 PM Via Zoom  
Please have your reports to Del by Monday 4/14 1pm
- Good Friday Service, Friday, April 18, 7:00 PM
- Easter Sunrise Service, Sunday, April 20- Grand Hill in Mt Vernon, 5:45 AM (Sunrise is at 5:55 AM) sponsored by the Mt. Vernon Congregational Church
- Easter Service, Sunday, April 20 - 10:00 AM

## Save the Date

Thursday April 24  
Lunch with the Pastor  
more details to follow in the coming weeks

Praising God's Glory  
the flowers are presented by,  
Jason Markaverich  
in loving memory of his mother Pat



## **PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

Rev. Dr. Gary Klingsporn, Pastor  
Rev. Gerald Scribner, Guest Minister  
Violet Blake, Liturgist  
Patricia Cauchon, Director of Music  
All the Congregation, Ministers to the World

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