



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

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Easter Sunday
April 20, 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** *responsively*

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

P: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

L: Christ has been raised from the dead.

P: **Alleluia!**

L: Sing to the Lord a new song,
for God has done marvelous things.

P: **Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;
break forth in joyous song and sing praises.**

L: Sing praises to the Lord with the sound of melody.
Make a joyful noise before the Lord!

All: **Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

***GATHERING HYMN** "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" No. 288

***PASSING THE PEACE**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

unison

Living God, in the power of Christ's death and resurrection, you give us new life. We give you thanks for this good news we celebrate today. Let our lives proclaim your love to all, that they may share in the joy of new life in Christ. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

***HYMN**

"Lift High the Cross"

No. 287

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

Gracious God, we bring our offerings in response to your love. Use these gifts and us to bring new life to others. Amen.

ANTHEM

THE WORD OF GOD

Luke 24:1-12

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again."

Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

SERMON

"Living As Easter People"

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**

“Christ Is Alive!”

No. 312

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Praising God's Glory
the flowers are presented by,
Sue and Kevin Jean
in loving memory of John Jowders



CHURCH PRAYER LIST

For the week of April 20, 2025

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

Mary C	Darrel B
Matt S	Donna
Mary Ellen	Diane
Family and friends of Paula B	Carol K
Jen	Noel
Don K	Bob D
Bill and Olive D	Shawn D
Caitlyn	Gail C
Jim T	Amanda
Krista	Kathy & Dennis F
Charlotte	Janet
Sylvie	Juanita
Lorraine	Barbara K
Courtney	Shawna
John S	George B

On The Calendar / Announcements

- Linus Project, Tuesday, April 22 - 10:30 AM
- Lunch with the Pastor in Parish Hall, Thursday, April 24 at noon - if you plan on attending please contact Stephanie Ouellette (ouellette99@gmail.com) or Cindy Broderick (cindy.l.broderick@gmail.com) who would like to have an idea of how many to plan on for the lunch.
- Celebration of Life for Bernie Doehner, Saturday, April 26 11:00 AM at the Church

Easter Flower List

- Howard and Katie Gotham in memory of their parents
- Christine Dobens in memory of her Grandmother Frieda Warren
- Becky Kennedy celebrating her church family
- Violet and Tedo Rocco in memory of family
- Cindy Chalmers in memory of her husband Bill Chalmers
- Steve and Darcey Bartsch in memory of loved ones
- Dana and George Dahl celebrating being Grandparents
- Mike Degan in memory of wife Debbi Degan
- Sue and Kevin Jean in memory of family and friends
- Marilyn Henderson in memory of her Mom and Dad
- Paul and Ellen Martin in memory of Lucy Schmidt
- Rachel Doehner in memory of her husband Bernie
- Cindy and Mike Broderick in memory of their parents
- Loretta and Lamar Smith in memory of their parents
- Loretta and Lamar in memory of Angela
- David and Joan Jones in memory of Dave's mother Marge Jones
- Stephanie and Peter Ouellette in memory of Stephanie's mother Nancy Straw



PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

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

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