



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

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**Second Sunday of Easter**  
**April 27, 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 118:14, 23-24      *responsively*

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

L: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

P: **God is my strength and my might  
and has become my salvation.**

L: This is the day that the Lord has made.

P: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

L: Because Christ lives, we shall live also!

**All: O give thanks to the Lord, who is good,  
whose steadfast love endures forever.**

**\*GATHERING HYMN**

"Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven"      No. 289

**\*PASSING THE PEACE**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*unison*

God of life, you reach out to us in the wounded hands and feet of the risen Christ. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see you in our fears and sadness, in our faith and doubt, and in your joy and wonder. Give us new life, that we may live in hope and serve others as witnesses to your love for us and for this world. Amen.

**MISSION POSSIBLE OFFERING**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

**HYMN**      "That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright"      No. 299

**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*

All things come from you, O God: the light of the rising sun; the enfolding darkness of night; our food, drink, clothing; the gift of each new day we live. In gratitude we bring our offerings to you. Bless and use these gifts to bring life, hope, and joy to others. Amen.

**ANTHEM**

## THE WORD OF GOD

### Luke 24:36-49

While the disciples were talking about the things that had happened, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.

While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

### SERMON

"Look at My Hands and My Feet"

**SENDING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*unison*

May God, who is present in sunrise and nightfall, guide our feet as we go. May God, who is with us when we sit and when we stand, encompass us with love and lead us by the hand. May God, who knows our path and the places where we rest, be with us in our waiting, be our good news for sharing, and lead us in the way that is everlasting.

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**

"The Day of Resurrection"

No. 298

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

## On The Calendar/Announcements

- There is a meeting after service today to continue planning for the Summer Fair - please join us
- Deacon's Meeting, Monday, April 28, 7:00 PM via Zoom
- Fidget Blankets, Tuesday, April 29 -9:30 AM

Praising God's Glory  
the flowers are presented by,  
Peter & Stephanie Ouellette  
in loving memory of Nancy Straw



### CHURCH PRAYER LIST

For the week of April 27, 2025

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

Bonnie  
George Jr  
Belle  
Mary C  
Matt S  
Mary Ellen  
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  
Gail C  
Amanda  
Kathy & Dennis F  
Janet  
Juanita  
Barbara K  
Shawna  
George B

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

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

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