



*“Peace I leave
with you;
my peace I give
to you.”*

John 14:27

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Third Sunday of Easter
May 4, 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 98 *responsively*

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

P: **God's right hand and holy arm
have gotten the victory.**

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

P: **Let the sea roar and all that fills it;
let the world and those who live in it rejoice.**

L: Sing a new song to the Lord. Sing praises!

All: **Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing
together for joy at the presence of the Lord.**

***GATHERING HYMN** "Morning Has Broken" No. 35

***PASSING THE PEACE**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

unison

God of life, in our fears you reach out to us with the wounded hands of the risen Christ. In a world filled with suffering, evil, and violence you offer us the gift of peace. Grant us the peace to serve others and show the power of your love in all that we say and do. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

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, bless these gifts and use them to serve the needs of others and bear witness to the power of Christ's resurrection. Amen.

ANTHEM

THE WORD OF GOD

John 14:25-27

Not long before he died Jesus said to his disciples, "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."

John 20:19-23

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

SERMON "Peace I Leave with You, My Peace I Give to You"

***HYMN** "Come, Share the Lord" No. 696

HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

BLESSING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

SHARING THE MEAL

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

"Thine Is the Glory"

No. 310

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

On The Calendar/Announcements

- Fidget Blankets, Tuesday, May 6, 9:30 AM
- Council Meeting, Tuesday, May 13, 7:00 PM via Zoom

Praising God's Glory
the flowers are presented by,
Kevin & Sue Jean
in honor of and memory of 43rd Anniversary
and Sue's parents 71st Heavenly anniversary



CHURCH PRAYER LIST

For the week of May 4, 2025

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

Mirabel	Courtney
Heather	John S
John H	Darrel B
Bob M	Donna
Bonnie	Diane
George Jr	Carol K
Belle	Noel
Mary C	Bob D
Matt S	Shawn D
Mary Ellen	Gail C
Jen	Amanda
Don K	Kathy & Dennis F
Bill and Olive D	Janet
Caitlyn	Juanita
Jim T	Barbara K
Krista	Shawna
Charlotte	George B
Sylvie	
Lorraine	

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

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

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