

**"Stay here in the city
until you have been
clothed with power
from on high."**

Luke 24:49



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

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Seventh Sunday of Easter
Ascension Sunday
June 1, 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** Philippians 4:4-7 *responsively*

L: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.

P: **Let your gentleness be known to everyone.**

L: Do not worry about anything,

P: **but in everything by prayer and supplication
with thanksgiving let your requests be made
known to God.**

L: Let us worship God.

All: **And the peace of God, which surpasses all
understanding, will keep our hearts and our minds in
Christ Jesus.**

***GATHERING HYMN**

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

No. 317

***PASSING THE PEACE**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

unison

Eternal God, you led Jesus the Christ through suffering into risen, ascended, and triumphant life with you. Clothe us with your promised power from on high, and send us out to proclaim your grace and goodness, that we may be faithful witnesses 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

"We give thee but thine own, whatever the gift may be. All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee." Bless our offering, O God, that it may strengthen our church's ministries, touch the lives of those in need, and bring hope to all. Amen.

ANTHEM

THE WORD OF GOD

Luke 24:44-53

Then Jesus 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.”

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

SERMON

“Power from on High”

***HYMN**

“A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing”

No. 322

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** "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" No. 712

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Praising God's Glory
the flowers are presented by
Cindy and Mike Broderick
Celebrating their 58th Wedding Anniversary



On The Calendar/Announcements

- Fidget Blankets, Tuesday, June 3 - 9:30 AM
- Time of Quiet Reflection, Wednesday, June 4, 1:00 - 3:00 PM
- Summer Fair Meeting, June 8, following Worship
- Craft Night for Summer Fair, June 9, 6:00 PM in parish Hall, do you have an idea for a craft that we can make and sell at the Summer Fair? Speak with Loretta We do have plans for one craft to put together that evening - more would be welcome.

A Time of Quiet Reflection

We are offering A Time of Quiet Reflection. The Church will be open Wednesdays from 1:00- 3:00 PM. In this very busy uncertain world, we thought folks may want a place to come and have some quiet time to reflect. We will try this each Wednesday (6/4, 6/11, 6/18, 6/25)

UCC offering: Strengthen the Church

Sunday June 8 - we will receive the UCC offering: Strengthen the Church The Strengthen the Church offering supports the expansion of ministry and growth of UCC local congregations.

Your support of this offering will help the UCC fulfill its commitment to creating a just world for all by investing in new ministries and practices that meet the emerging needs of local communities. As God calls our congregations to be the church in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults.

You are invited to a potluck dinner,

sponsored by the Missions group, on Thursday, June 12.

Come early to play a game of cribbage or scrabble.

The church hall will be open from 4:30 to 7:00 PM

Bring a dish to share. Dinner begins at 5:30 PM

For more information, please see anyone on Church Missions.

New Member Sunday - June 22

Are you interested in joining our Church?
We will be having a new member Sunday on June 22.
If you are interested or would like more information,
please speak with Rev. Gary or any Deacon.

CHURCH PRAYER LIST

For the week of June 1, 2025
Please keep the following persons in your thoughts
and prayers this week:

Mary Sue	Jim T
Ellen V	Krista
James P	Sylvie
Roxann	Lorraine
Marsha	Courtney
Isaac	Darrel B
Jerry S	Donna
Heather	Diane
John H	Carol K
Bob M	Bob D
Bonnie	Shawn D
George Jr	Gail C
Belle	Amanda
Matt S	Kathy & Dennis F
Mary Ellen	Janet
Jen	Barbara K
Don K	Shawna
Bill and Olive D	George B
Caitlyn	

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

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

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