

**"My sheep hear my voice.
I know them,
and they follow me."**

John 10:27



ORDER OF WORSHIP
Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 18, 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 23** *responsively*

L: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

P: **He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside the still waters;
he restores my soul.**

L: He leads me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.

P: **Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil; for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

L: You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

All: **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house
of the Lord forever.**

***GATHERING HYMN**

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

No. 440

***PASSING THE PEACE**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

unison

O Lord, our Good Shepherd, help us to hear your voice
and know your presence. Guide us so that we may
follow you in faith, giving ourselves in love for you and
our neighbors, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

HYMN

“He Leadeth Me”

No. 499

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

Blessed are you, O God. Through your goodness we
have these gifts to share. Accept and use our gifts for
the nurturing of faith among us, and for serving the
needs of others in our community and beyond. Amen.

ANTHEM

THE WORD OF GOD

John 10:11-18, 27-28

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep.

"I am the good shepherd. I know my own, and my own know me, just as the Father knows me, and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father....

"My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand."

SERMON

"My Sheep Hear My Voice"

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**

"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

No. 719

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Praising God's Glory
the flowers are presented by
Becca Hazen in celebration
of Zoe's 16th birthday



On The Calendar/Announcements

- Fidget Blankets, Tuesday, May 20 - 9:30 AM
- Council Meeting, Tuesday, May 20 -7:00 PM via Zoom (Please have your reports to Del by Monday, May 19 @ 1:00 PM)
- Summer Fair Meeting, today, following Worship

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 p.m.
Bring a dish to share. Dinner begins at 5:30 pm
For more information, please see anyone on Church Missions.

New Member Sunday - June 8

Are you interested in joining our Church?
We will be having a new member Sunday on June 8.
If you are interested or would like more information,
please speak with Rev. Gary or any Deacon.

A Time of Quiet Reflection

Beginning Wednesday, May 28, we will be offering A Time of
Quiet Reflection. The Church will be open from 1:00- 3:00.
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
(5/28, 6/4, 6/11 and 6/18)

CHURCH PRAYER LIST

For the week of May 18, 2025

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

Isaac
Jerry S
Eddie
Heather
John H
Bob M
Bonnie
George Jr
Belle
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
Barbara K
Shawna
George B

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

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

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