



“Do You  
Love Me?”

*John 21:15-17*

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

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**May 11, 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**      Colossians 3:12-17      *responsively*

L: As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe  
yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility,  
meekness, and patience.

P: **Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint  
against another, forgive each other.**

L: Just as God has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

P: **Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds  
everything together in perfect harmony.**

L: Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which  
indeed you were called in one body.

All: **And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything  
in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God  
the Father through him. Let us worship God!**

**\*GATHERING HYMN**      "For the Beauty of the Earth"      No. 40

**\*PASSING THE PEACE**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*unison*

Gracious God, grant that we may know Christ's risen presence among us. In Christ, you give us a sense of belonging, community, and purpose. You call us to love and serve others by feeding your sheep and caring for the lambs of your flock. Help us be faithful in living out our calling all the days of our lives. Amen.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

**HYMN**            "Will You Let Me Be Your Servant"            No. 391

**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, accept these offerings now placed on your altar. Grant that they may be symbols of our love and of ourselves now offered more fully to you. Use these gifts and us, we pray, so that your will may be done on earth even as it is in heaven. Amen.

**ANTHEM**

## THE WORD OF GOD

### John 21:15-19

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep."

"Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God.) After this Jesus said to Peter, "Follow me."

### SERMON

"Do You Love Me?"

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    "Take My Life and Let It Be"    No. 466

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

## On The Calendar/Announcements

- Project Linus, Tuesday, May 13 - 10:00 AM
- Lay Visitation group, Tuesday, May 13 - Noon
- Council Meeting, Tuesday, May 13 -7:00 PM via Zoom (Please have your reports to Del by Monday, May 12 @ 1:00 PM)
- Rummage Sale, Saturday, May 17 - Please sign up and work an hour or two.
- Summer Fair Meeting, Sunday, May 18 - 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.  
For more information, please see anyone on Church Missions.

Praising God's Glory  
the flowers are presented by,  
Kermit & Cheryl Williams  
in honor of their moms



### CHURCH PRAYER LIST

For the week of May 11, 2025

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

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

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

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

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