



“Those who abide in me  
and I in them  
bear much fruit.” John 15:5

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

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**July 6, 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**      1 Corinthians 13                      *responsively*

L: If I speak in the tongues of humans and of angels,  
but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a  
clanging cymbal.

P: **And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all  
mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith so  
as to remove mountains, but do not have love,  
I am nothing.**

L: Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or  
boastful or arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its  
own way.

P: **Love bears all things, believes all things,  
hopes all things, endures all things.**

All: **And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three;  
and the greatest of these is love.**

**\*GATHERING HYMN**

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”                      No. 68

**\*PASSING THE PEACE**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*unison*

Gracious God, you have called us to be your people.  
Help us to abide in Christ, so that we may bear the  
fruit of love in all that we say and do. Amen.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*unison*

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against  
you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done  
and by what we have left undone. We have not loved  
you with our whole heart; we have not loved our  
neighbor as ourselves. Forgive us, renew us, and lead  
us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your  
ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE**

**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*

Generous God, you open your hand with love and our  
lives are filled with good things. Bless these gifts we  
now bring, that they may be a source of life, healing,  
and hope to our neighbors near and far. Amen.

**ANTHEM**

## THE WORD OF GOD

### John 15:5, 12-16

Jesus said, "I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing...."

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name."

SERMON

"Chosen for Love"

\*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**      “We Are God’s People”      No. 547

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

Praising God’s Glory  
the flowers are presented by  
Becca Hazen  
In celebration of Annabel’s 18th birthday



## On The Calendar/Announcements

- **Deacons Meeting**, Monday, July 7, 7:00PM via Zoom
- **Linus Project**, Tuesday, July 8, 10:00 AM
- **Lay Visitation Group**, Tuesday, July 8, 12 Noon
- **Pot Luck Supper**, Thursday, July 10, 4:30 - 7:00 PM - Dinner served at 5:30 PM

**The Mission Group will be collecting donations** of personal care products for women and children along with cleaning supplies in support of Bridges. Bridges is a nonprofit agency dedicated to helping victims and survivors of domestic and sexual violence.

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### **Potluck Supper**

Church Missions is sponsoring a potluck supper on Thursday, July 10th, from 4:30 to 7:00.

Bring a dish to share.

Missions will be providing beverages and dessert.

Come early for fellowship and a game of cribbage, if you like.

Dinner will be served at 5:30.

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### **Summer Fair**

We are planning a big summer fair on Saturday July 19.

As part of the fair we will be having a food auction, children's activities, music, food and tables of quality goods. We are looking to bring back a true Summer Fair (not a rummage/yard sale) - we are going to need lots of help. Please mark the day on your calendar and consider how you might be able to help.

Can you spare a couple of hours to work, how about making something for the food auction. Do you have any new products that we could sell? More information to come but please plan on helping in some way. Sign-up sheets are in the link.

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Del, our Administrative Assistant is on vacation and will be returning on Monday, July 14<sup>th</sup>.

## CHURCH PRAYER LIST

For the week of July 6, 2025  
Please keep the following persons  
in your thoughts and prayers this week:

Madeleine D  
John S  
Bob S  
Donna S  
Mary Sue  
Ellen V  
James P  
Roxann  
Marsha  
Isaac  
Jerry S  
Heather  
John H  
Bob M  
Matt S  
Mary Ellen  
Jen  
Don K  
Caitlyn

Jim T  
Krista  
Sylvie  
Lorraine  
Courtney  
Darrel B  
Donna  
Diane  
Carol K  
Bob D  
Shawn D  
Gail C  
Amanda  
Kathy & Dennis F  
Janet  
Shawna



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

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

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