



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

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Second Sunday after Pentecost
June 22, 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 62:1-2; Lamentations 3:21-23 responsively

L: For God alone my soul waits in silence.

P: **God is my rock and my salvation, my fortress;
I shall not be shaken.**

L: This we call to mind, and therefore we have hope:
the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;

P: **God's mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning.**

L: Great is your faithfulness, O God.

P: **In you, O God, we take refuge; our souls wait for you,
and in your word we hope.**

***GATHERING HYMN** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" No. 72

***PASSING THE PEACE**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

unison

Gracious God, we lift our hearts to you, aware of the need and suffering in our world. We know the pain and struggles of people around us. We have our own pain and struggles. Help us be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer, and rejoice in hope, trusting you, who promise to be with us always. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS

REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH

PROMISE OF THE PEOPLE

unison

We, the people of Second Congregational Church in Wilton, welcome you with joy and affection into the fellowship of this church. We do promise for our part to walk with you in the ways of the Lord, and to live with you in brotherly and sisterly love, sharing with you your burdens, praying for you in your need, and working with you to serve the needs of the world. To this end we pledge our loyalty and our love.

***HYMN**

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

No. 603

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*

Gracious God, you give us all that we need for life.
Guide us to use these gifts we bring for the well-being
of others. May our lives reflect your love; and may our
hands bestow on others the blessings we have received
from you. Amen.

ANTHEM

THE WORD OF GOD

Romans 5:1-5

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we have confidence in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we have confidence amid our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

Romans 12:9-13

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

SERMON

“Hope”

***SENDING HYMN**

“We Are Called to Be God’s People”

No. 580

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Praising God’s Glory
the flowers are presented by
Mike Degan in loving memory
of his mother Gail



On The Calendar/Announcements

- **Project Linus**, Tuesday, June 24 - 10:00
- **Time of Quiet Reflection**, Wednesday, June 25, 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.
- **Worship in the Park**, Wednesday, June 25, 6:30 PM. Please join us for a time of community prayers, hymns and fellowship at the Park on Main St in Wilton. Please bring your own chair - invite your friends and neighbors. It is a lovely setting and a great way to worship and extend fellowship to our community.

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.

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.

CHURCH PRAYER LIST

For the week of June 22, 2025
Please keep the following persons
in your thoughts and prayers this week:

The family and friends of
Nancy B on her recent passing

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
Debra Klingsporn, Liturgist
Patricia Cauchon, Director of Music
All the Congregation, Ministers to the World

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