



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

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Third Sunday after Pentecost
June 29, 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 103:1-5 *responsively*

L: Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me.

P: **Bless God's holy name.**

L: Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and do not forget all his benefits—

P: **who forgives all our iniquity, who heals our diseases,**

L: **who crowns us with steadfast love and mercy**

P: **who satisfies us with good as long as we live,
so that our youth is renewed like the eagle's.**

All: **Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me.
Bless God's holy name.**

***GATHERING HYMN** "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" No. 71

***PASSING THE PEACE**

PRAYER OF THE DAY **unison**

Gracious God, fill us with faith that opens us to your presence; give us strength when we are weak and weary; and fill us with love that enables us to love others, as you love us. Amen.

MISSION POSSIBLE OFFERING

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*

Holy God, for the beauty of your good earth, for the people you have given us to love, for the tasks you call us to do, we give you thanks. With these offerings we give ourselves to you, so that through us your love may bring healing, hope, and joy to others. Amen.

ANTHEM

THE WORD OF GOD

Isaiah 40:27-31

Why do you say, O Jacob,
and speak, O Israel,
“My way is hidden from the Lord,
and my right is disregarded by my God”?
Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The Lord is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.
He gives power to the faint,
and strengthens the powerless.
Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted;
but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their
strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.

SERMON

“Strength”

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
Joe and Liz Torre
in loving memory of her brother Jim



On The Calendar/Announcements

- Deacons Meeting, Monday, June 30, 7:00 PM via Zoom
- Fidget Blankets, Tuesday, July 1, 9:30 AM

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. **WE ARE MEETING TODAY AFTER WORSHIP SERVICE - PLEASE CONSIDER ATTENDING TO SEE WHAT WE ARE DOING AND HOW YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO HELP.**

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.

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 29, 2025
Please keep the following persons
in your thoughts and prayers this week:

Friends and Family of Noel on
his recent passing

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
Dana Dahl, Liturgist
Patricia Cauchon, Director of Music
All the Congregation, Ministers to the World

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