

Ruth said to Naomi

"All that
you say
I will do."

Ruth 3:5

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
August 3, 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 103:8 Romans 12:9-15
responsively

L: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and
abounding in steadfast love. How then shall we live?

P: **Let love be genuine; hate what is evil;
hold fast to what is good; love one another
with mutual affection.**

L: Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering,
persevere in prayer.

P: **Contribute to the needs of others;
extend hospitality to strangers.**

L: Rejoice with those who rejoice;
weep with those who weep.

All: **Live in harmony with one another
and live peaceably with all. Let us worship God.**

***GATHERING HYMN** “Morning Has Broken” No. 35

***PASSING THE PEACE**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

unison

Gracious God, as in the story of Ruth and Naomi, our human choices and decisions make a difference in what happens in our lives. But through it all, you are present with us. Help us watch and listen for your presence, that we may hear your calling in our lives, and be faithful in loving and serving others. Amen.

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

Holy God, receive these offerings as a sign of our commitment to live surrounded by your mercy, open to the joy of your presence, and generous toward your world. May these gifts bring life, hope, and healing to those in need in our church, our community, and beyond. Amen.

ANTHEM

THE WORD OF GOD

Ruth 3:1-11

Naomi her mother-in-law said to Ruth, "My daughter, I need to seek some security for you, so that it may be well with you. Now here is our kinsman Boaz, with whose young women you have been working. See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor. Now wash and anoint yourself, and put on your best clothes and go down to the threshing floor, but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. When he lies down, observe the place where he lies; then go and uncover his feet and lie down, and he will tell you what to do." She said to her, "All that you say I will do."

So Ruth went down to the threshing floor and did just as her mother-in-law had instructed her. When Boaz had eaten and drunk and was in a contented mood, he went to lie down at the end of the heap of grain. Then she came stealthily and uncovered his feet and lay down.

At midnight the man was startled and turned over, and there, lying at his feet, was a woman! He said, "Who are you?" And she answered, "I am Ruth, your servant; spread your cloak over your servant, for you are next-of-kin." He said, "May you be blessed by the Lord, my daughter; this last instance of your loyalty is better than the first; you have not gone after young men, whether poor or rich. And now, my daughter, do not be afraid, I will do for you all that you ask, for all the assembly of my people know that you are a worthy woman."

SERMON "When the Holy Happens"

***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

On The Calendar/Announcements

Today in Worship we continue a four-week sermon series on the story of Ruth in the Hebrew Scriptures. The book of Ruth is one of the most beautiful pieces of literature in the Bible.

Its rich and diverse theological themes carry meaning for all of us. The story is one of suffering, faithfulness, hope, and redemption. May God speak to us through it.

- **Fidget Blankets**, Tuesday, August 5, 9:30 AM



Praising God's Glory
the flowers are presented by
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CHURCH PRAYER LIST

For the week of August 3, 2025
Please keep the following persons
in your thoughts and prayers this week:

Nora
Martha & Lou
Linda K
Leslee S & Ashley C
Jim K
Martha & Lou
Fred D
Madeleine D
John S
Donna S
Mary Sue
Ellen V
James P
Roxann
Marsha
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
Kermit Williams, Liturgist
Patricia Cauchon, Director of Music
Carol Yetto, Guest Musician
All the Congregation, Ministers to the World

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