

“God is at work
for good ...”

Romans 8:28

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
July 13, 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 95:1-2; 92:1-5 *responsively*

L: O come, let us sing to the Lord;

P: **let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**

L: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!

P: **It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to sing praises to your name, O Lord Most High,**

L: to declare your steadfast love in the morning
and your faithfulness by night,

All: **For you, O Lord, have made us glad by your work;
at the works of your hands we sing for joy.**

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

***PASSING THE PEACE**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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God of the still, small voice: Help us to know that you are at work for good in our lives even when we're not aware of it. Keep us open to new encounters with you, new promptings of your Spirit, so that we may grow in your grace and serve you always. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

*HYMN "Lord of All Hopefulness" No. 469

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

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Gracious God, bless these gifts we now bring, that they may be expressions of our love and of ourselves now offered to you. Use these gifts, we pray, so that your kingdom may come, and your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

ANTHEM

THE WORD OF GOD

Romans 8:26-28

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. And we know that in everything God is at work for good with those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose....

SERMON

“God Is at Work for Good”

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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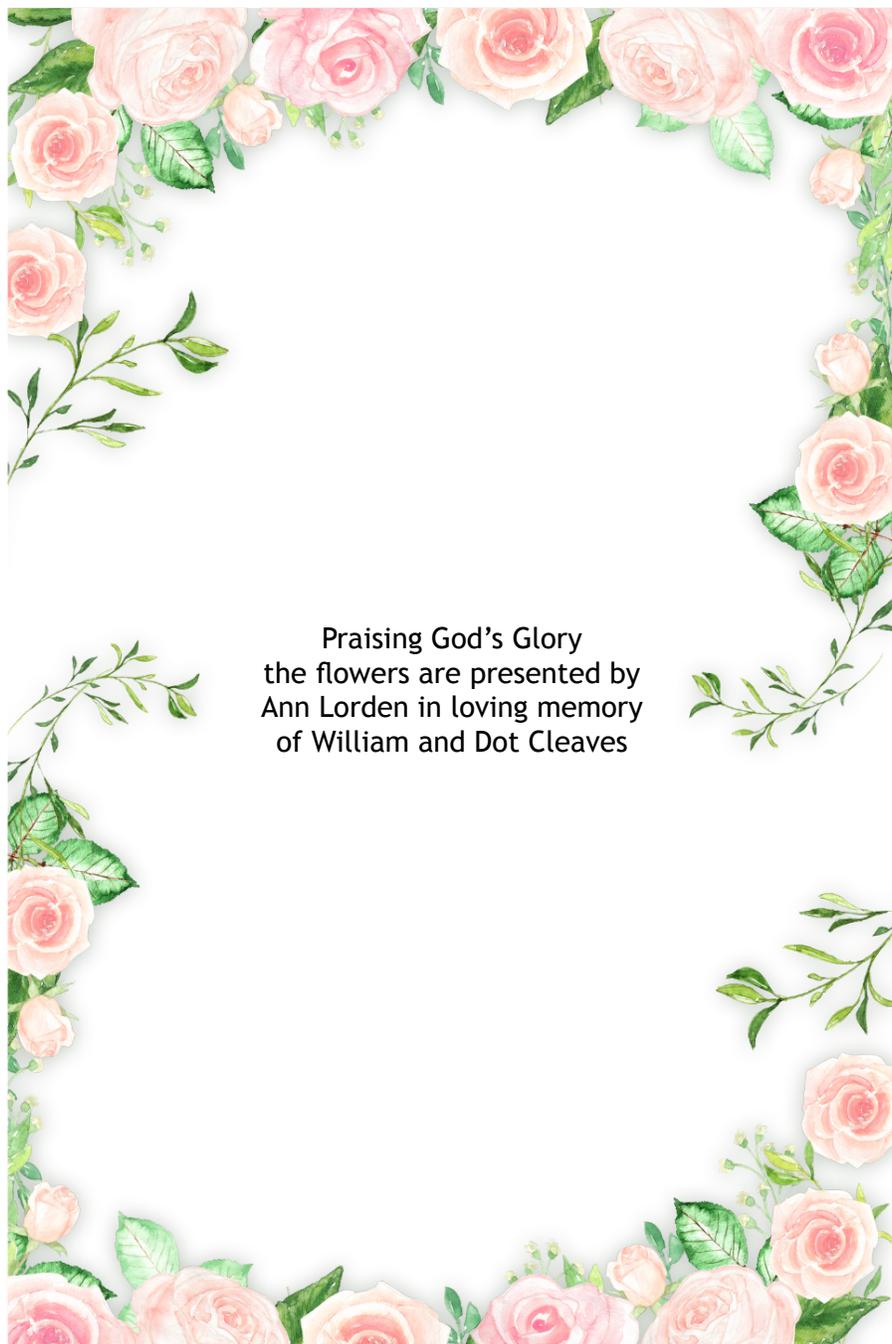
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.

*SENDING HYMN

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past” No. 84 vv.1-3, 6

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE



Praising God's Glory
the flowers are presented by
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On The Calendar/Announcements

- **Fidget Blankets**, Tuesday, July 15, 9:30 AM

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.

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.

CHURCH PRAYER LIST

For the week of July 13, 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
Paul Martin, Liturgist
Karen Nelson, Guest Musician
Patricia Cauchon, Director of Music
All the Congregation, Ministers to the World

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