

“Where you go,
I will go;
where you lodge,
I will lodge;
your people
shall be my people
and your
God my God.”

Ruth 1:16

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
July 20, 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 27 *responsively*

L: The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

P: **The Lord is the stronghold of my life;**
of what shall I be afraid?

L: One thing I asked of God; this I will seek:

P: **to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,**
to behold God's beauty, and to inquire in his temple.

L: "Come," my heart says, "seek God's face!"
Your face, Lord, do I seek.

All: Sing praises to God, O you faithful ones,
and give thanks to God's holy name.

***GATHERING HYMN**

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

No. 59

***PASSING THE PEACE**

THE WORD OF GOD

Ruth 1:13-18

Naomi said to her daughters, "It has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the Lord has turned against me." Then they wept aloud. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law goodbye, but Ruth clung to her.

So Naomi said to Ruth, "Look, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; follow your sister-in-law." But Ruth said to Naomi, "Do not press me to leave you, to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people and your God my God. Where you die, I will die, and there will I be buried. May the Lord do thus to me, and more as well, if even death parts me from you!" When Naomi saw that Ruth was determined to go with her, she said no more to her.

SERMON

"Faithful"

THE LORD'S PRAYER

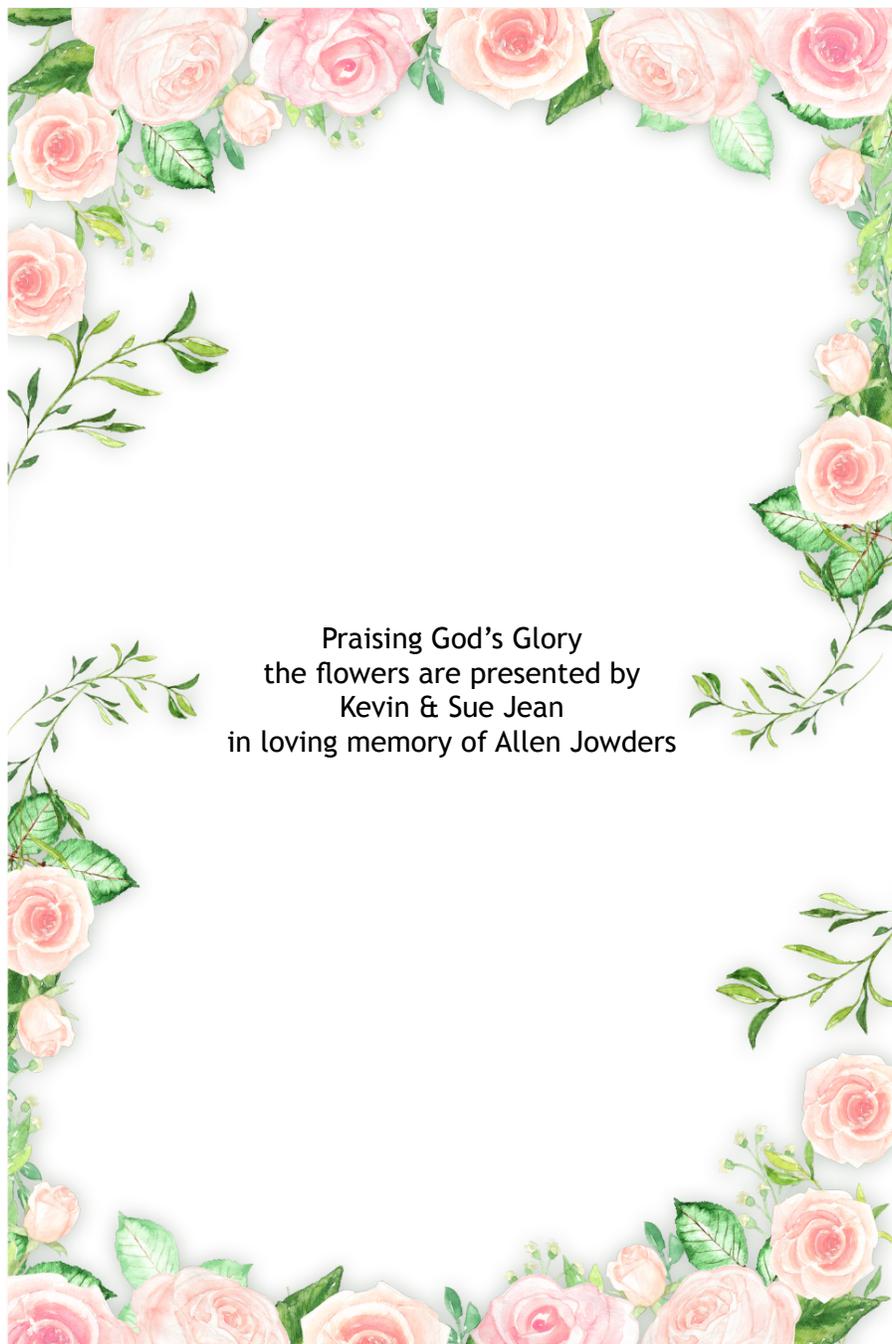
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Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into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

*SENDING HYMN "Take My Life and Let It Be" No. 466

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE



Praising God's Glory
the flowers are presented by
Kevin & Sue Jean
in loving memory of Allen Jowders

On The Calendar/Announcements

Today in Worship we begin 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.

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- **Linus Project, Tuesday, July 22, 10:00 AM**

CHURCH PRAYER LIST

For the week of July 20, 2025
Please keep the following persons
in your thoughts and prayers this week:

Fred D
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
Debra Klingsporn, Liturgist
Karen Nelson, Guest Musician
Patricia Cauchon, Director of Music
All the Congregation, Ministers to the World

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