

“It just so happened...”

Ruth 2:3



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

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
July 27, 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**

Lamentations 3:22-25; Psalms 136:1; 89:1 *responsively*

L: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
God's mercies never come to an end;

P: **they are new every morning;**
great is your faithfulness.

L: The Lord is good to those who wait for him,
to the soul that seeks God.

P: **O give thanks to God, who is good,**
for God's steadfast love endures forever.

L: I will sing of your steadfast love, O God, forever.

All: **With my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness**
to all generations.

***GATHERING HYMN**

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

No. 358

***PASSING THE PEACE**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

unison

You are always there, O God. Even when we don't realize it, you are at work to bring good out of suffering and out of failures and regrets in our lives. Surprise us with your grace, O God, and help us always to trust your presence with us. Amen.

MISSION POSSIBLE OFFERING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

HYMN

“All the Way My Savior Leads Me”

No. 505

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 and the ministries they enable us to carry out. Work in and through our lives and your church to bring hope, healing, and the joy of your love to others. Amen.

ANTHEM

THE WORD OF GOD

Ruth 1:19 - 2:12

So Naomi and Ruth went on until they came to Bethlehem. When they came to Bethlehem, the whole town was stirred because of them, and the women said, "Is this Naomi?" She said to them, "Call me no longer Naomi ("pleasant"); call me Mara ("bitter"), for the Almighty has dealt bitterly with me. I went away full, but the Lord has brought me back empty; why call me Naomi when the Lord has dealt harshly with me and the Almighty has brought calamity upon me?"

So Naomi returned together with Ruth the Moabite, her daughter-in-law, who came back with her from the country of Moab. They came to Bethlehem at the beginning of the barley harvest.

Now Naomi had a kinsman on her husband's side, a prominent rich man of the family of Elimelech whose name was Boaz. And Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi, "Let me go to the field and glean among the ears of grain behind someone in whose sight I may find favor." She said to her, "Go, my daughter." So she went. She came and gleaned in the field behind the reapers.

As it so happened, Ruth came to the part of the field belonging to Boaz, who was of the family of Elimelech. Just then Boaz came from Bethlehem. He said to the reapers, "The Lord be with you." They answered, "The Lord bless you."

Then Boaz said to his young man who was in charge of the reapers, "To whom does this young woman belong?" The young man who was in charge of the reapers answered, "She is the young Moabite woman who came back with Naomi from the country of Moab. She said, 'Please, let me glean and gather among the sheaves behind the reapers.' So she came, and she has been on her feet from early this morning until now without resting even for a moment."

Then Boaz said to Ruth, "Now listen, my daughter, do not go to glean in another field or leave this one, but keep close to my young women. Keep your eyes on the field that is being reaped and follow behind them. I have

ordered the young men not to bother you. If you get thirsty, go to the vessels and drink from what the young men have drawn.” Then Ruth fell prostrate, with her face to the ground, and said to him, “Why have I found favor in your sight, that you should take notice of me, when I am a foreigner?”

But Boaz answered her, “All that you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband has been fully told me, how you left your father and mother and your native land and came to a people that you did not know before. May the Lord reward you for your deeds, and may you have a full reward from the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come for refuge!”

SERMON

“It Just So Happened”

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**

“Be Thou My Vision”

No. 502

***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.

Many Thanks to all who helped at the Summer Fair - whatever your contribution, it was greatly appreciated

- **Fidget Blankets, Tuesday, July 29, 9:30 AM**



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

For the week of July 27, 2025
Please keep the following persons
in your thoughts and prayers this week:

Linda K
Leslee S & Ashley C
Jim K
Martha & Lou
Family & Friends of Isaac who
passed last week
Family & Friends of Leslie S
whose son David passed last
week
Fred D
Madeleine D
John S
Donna S
Mary Sue
Ellen V
James P
Roxann
Marsha
Jerry S
Heather

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

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