



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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
August 31, 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** Colossians 3:12-14, 16-17 *responsively*

L: As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved,
clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness,
humility, meekness, and patience.

P: **Bear with one another and,
if anyone has a complaint against another,
forgive each other.**

L: Above all, clothe yourselves with love,
which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

P: **With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms,
hymns, and spiritual songs to God.**

All: **And whatever you do, in word or deed,
do everything in the name of the Lord
Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.
Let us worship God.**

***GATHERING HYMN**

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

No. 40

***PASSING THE PEACE**

THE WORD OF GOD

Luke 10:25-37

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.” And Jesus said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.”

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him; and when he saw him, he was moved with compassion. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine.

Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.’ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

SERMON

“Beauty Calls Us”

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** “God of Grace and God of Glory” No. 569

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**



Praising God's Glory
the flowers are presented by
Elaine Goddard for family



On The Calendar/Announcements

- **Church Office Closed**, Monday, September 1 - Labor Day
- **Fidget Blankets**, Tuesday, September 2, 9:30 AM
- **Rummage Sale**, Saturday, September 13 - this will be in conjunction with the Town Wide Yard Sale - Signup sheets are in the link - please consider helping for an hour or two
- **Cathedral of the Pines Worship Service**, Sunday, September 14 at 10:30am

CHURCH PRAYER LIST

For the week of August 31, 2025
Please keep the following persons
in your thoughts and prayers this week:

Ginny D	Mary Ellen
Ted W	Jen
Becky K	Don K
Ryan	Caitlyn
Sandy B	Jim T
Nora	Krista
Linda K	Sylvie
Leslee S & Ashley C	Lorraine
Jim K	Courtney
Martha & Lou	Darrel B
Fred D	Donna
John S	Diane
Donna S	Carol K
Mary Sue	Bob D
James P	Shawn D
Marsha	Gail C
Jerry S	Amanda
John H	Kathy & Dennis F
Bob M	Janet
Matt S	Shawna



PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Rev. Dr. Gary Klingsporn, Pastor
Ingrid Howard, Liturgist
Patricia Cauchon, Director of Music
All the Congregation, Ministers to the World

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