



*Seek ye first the
kingdom of God
and God's
righteousness...*

Matthew 6:33



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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 7, 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** Philippians 4:4-7 *responsively*

L: Rejoice in the Lord always;

P: **again I will say, Rejoice.**

L: Let your gentleness be known to everyone.

P: **Do not be anxious about anything.**

L: But in everything by prayer and supplication with
thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

**All: And the peace of God, which surpasses all
understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds
in Christ Jesus. Let us worship God.**

***GATHERING HYMN**

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

No. 71

***PASSING THE PEACE**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

unison

Gracious God, we give you thanks for the wonder of life and for your blessings that come to us new every day. Free us from all fear and worry that, trusting in your goodness, we may respond by living for you, serving others, and rejoicing in your peace which surpasses all human understanding. 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

Gracious God, bless this offering, that it may be an expression of ourselves now offered more fully to you. Use these gifts, we pray, that they may nurture faith among us, and that they may reach out and touch those who are in need, those who hurt, and those who seek new hope. Amen.

ANTHEM

THE WORD OF GOD

Matthew 6:25-33

Jesus said, “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?”

And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you – you of little faith?

Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”

SERMON

“Seek Ye First”

***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** “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing” No. 712

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**



Praising God’s Glory
the flowers are presented by
Ann Lorden in celebration of her birthday



On The Calendar/Announcements

- **Summer Fair Wrap Up Meeting**, today Following Worship.
Open to all Interested Parties
- **Linus Project**, Tuesday, September 9, 10:00 AM
- **Lay Visitation Group**, Tuesday, September 9, 12 Noon
- **Rummage Sale**, Saturday, September 13 - help is needed -
please sign up for an hour or two - sheets are in the link
- **Cathedral of the Pines Worship Service**,
Sunday, September 14, 10:30am - Rindge, NH
- **Council Meeting**, Tuesday, September 16, 7:00 PM Via Zoom

CHURCH PRAYER LIST

For the week of September 7, 2025
Please keep the following persons
in your thoughts and prayers this week:

Edie L	Bob M
Ginny D	Matt S
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	Diane
John S	Carol K
Donna S	Bob D
Mary Sue	Amanda
James P	Kathy & Dennis F
Marsha	Janet
Jerry S	Shawna
John H	



PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

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

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