

“I pray that Christ
may dwell
in your hearts
through faith,
as you are being
rooted and grounded
in love.”

Ephesians 3:17

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 28, 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** 1 Corinthians 13:1-7, 13 *responsively*

L: If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels,
but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a
clanging cymbal.

P: **If I have prophetic powers, and understand all
mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith,
so as to remove mountains, but do not have love,
I am nothing.**

L: Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious
or boastful or arrogant or rude.

P: **Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable
or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing,
but rejoices in the truth.**

L: Love bears all things, believes all things,
hopes all things, endures all things.

All: **Now faith, hope, and love abide, these three;
and the greatest of these is love. Let us worship God.**

***GATHERING HYMN** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" No. 358

***PASSING THE PEACE**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

unison

Gracious God, increase in us the gift of faith. When we are weak, strengthen us. When we are fearful, reassure us. Help us always to trust that your power at work within us is able to accomplish far more than we can ask or imagine, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

MISSION POSSIBLE OFFERING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

HYMN

“Have Thine Own Way, Lord”

No. 486

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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Eternal God, through your goodness you have blessed us with the gifts of our lives, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and these offerings we now bring, to nurture faith among us, provide for those who are in need, and take your love to the world. Amen.

ANTHEM

THE WORD OF GOD

Ephesians 3:14-21

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of God's glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to God, who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to God be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

SERMON "That Christ May Dwell in You"

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** "Be Thou My Vision"

No. 502

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

CHURCH PRAYER LIST

For the week of September 28, 2025
Please keep the following persons
in your thoughts and prayers this week:

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



On The Calendar/Announcements

- **Deacons Meeting**, Monday, September 29, 7:00 PM via zoom

**On Sunday, October 5th we will receive the UCC offering -
Neighbors in Need.**

Gifts to Neighbors in Need support the United Church of Christ's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). The other two-thirds of the offering support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, direct service projects, and grants. Neighbors in Need grants are annually awarded to UCC churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities.



PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

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

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