

A blue sky with white clouds and sunbeams. The sunbeams are visible on the left side, creating a bright, ethereal atmosphere. The clouds are fluffy and white, contrasting with the clear blue sky.

“The Lord is
my light and
my salvation...”

Psalm 27:1

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 12, 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** Isaiah 40:28-31 *responsively*

L: The Lord is the everlasting God,
 the Creator of the ends of the earth.

P: **God does not faint or grow weary;
 his understanding is unsearchable.**

L: God gives power to the faint,
 and strengthens the powerless.

P: **Even youths will faint and be weary,
 and the young will fall exhausted;
 but those who wait for the Lord
 shall renew their strength;**

L: they shall mount up with wings like eagles;

All: **they shall run and not be weary,
 they shall walk and not faint.
 Let us worship God.**

***GATHERING HYMN**

“I Sing the Almighty Power of God”

No. 31

***PASSING THE PEACE**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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Gracious God, you give life to all who seek you. You promise light and salvation in the midst of darkness and despair. Deliver us from fear. Grant that we may walk in your light, take courage in your faithfulness, and rejoice always in your goodness, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

HYMN

“Will You Let Me Be Your Servant”

No. 391

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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Generous God, daily we experience your goodness in our lives. Accept these offerings and use them for the work of this church, for those who are in need in our community, and for the well-being of all who seek hope and peace. Amen.

ANTHEM

THE WORD OF GOD

Psalm 27

responsively

- L: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
- P: **When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh – my adversaries and foes – they shall stumble and fall. Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.**
- L: One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.
- P: **For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.**
- L: Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord.
- P: **Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me! “Come,” my heart says, “seek his face!” Your face, Lord, do I seek. Do not hide your face from me.**
- L: Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help. Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation! If my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will take me up.
- P: **Teach me your way, O Lord, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies. Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries, for false witnesses have risen against me, and they are breathing out violence.**
- L: I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.
- All: **Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!**

SERMON “The Lord Is My Light and My Salvation”

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**

“We Are God’s People”

No. 547

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**



Praising God’s Glory
the flowers are presented by
Jane Herlihy in loving memory
of her husband Tom and their son Christopher



On The Calendar/Announcements

- **Meeting to Plan Recognition Sunday**, today following Worship
- **Linus Project**, Tuesday, October 14, 10:00 AM
- **Lay Visitation Group**, Tuesday, October 14, 12:00 PM
- **Rummage Sale**, Saturday, October 18, Please sign up to help.
- **Church Council Meeting**, Tuesday, October 21, 7:00 PM via Zoom
Important* Please have reports to Del by **Thursday, October 16th**.
- Our Administrative Assistant, Del, will be on vacation the week of October 19th.

CHURCH PRAYER LIST

For the week of October 12, 2025
Please keep the following persons
in your thoughts and prayers this week:

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



PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Rev. Dr. Gary Klingsporn, Pastor
Dana Dahl, Liturgist
Karen Nelson, Guest Musician
Patricia Cauchon, Director of Music
All the Congregation, Ministers to the World

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