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When Christians Get It Right

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 26, 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** Psalms 119:105; 86:5,11 *responsively*

L: Your word, O Lord, is a lamp to our feet
and a light to our path.

**P: Teach us your way, O Lord,
that we may walk in your truth.**

L: Give us undivided hearts to honor your name.

**P: For you, O God, are good and forgiving,
abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you.**

L: Let us worship God.

**All: Let us come into God's presence with joy
and thanksgiving.**

***GATHERING HYMN**

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

No. 603

***PASSING THE PEACE**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

unison

Gracious God, thank you for the gift of the Holy Scriptures, and for the guidance, hope, and reassurance they bring us. Teach us the way of Jesus: to love one another, love our neighbors, and even love our enemies. Give us faith to interpret your Word rightly, and the will to live as you call us to live. Amen.

MISSION POSSIBLE OFFERING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MORNING PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

HYMN

“Lord of the Dance”

No. 118

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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Holy God, for the beauty of your good earth, for the people you have given us to love, for the tasks you call us to do, we give you thanks. Use us, and these offerings, to care for the needs of others, and to bring hope and joy to all. Amen.

ANTHEM

THE WORD OF GOD

John 8:2-11

Early in the morning Jesus came again to the temple. All the people came to him and he sat down and began to teach them. The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery; and making her stand before all of them, they said to him, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. Now in the law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?" They said this to test him, so that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground.

When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." And once again he bent down and wrote on the ground. When they heard it, they went away, one by one, beginning with the elders; and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. Jesus straightened up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" She said, "No one, sir." And Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go your way, and from now on do not sin again."

SERMON "When Christians Get It Wrong"

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**

“He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands”

No. 80

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**



Praising God’s Glory
the flowers are presented by
Jessie Salisbury and Verna Porter
in loving memory of husband and
father Pat Salisbury



On The Calendar/Announcements

- **Deacons Meeting**, Monday, October 27, 7:00 PM, via Zoom
- **Linus Project**, Tuesday, October 28, 10:00 AM
- **Fall Dinner Plays**, November 7 & 8, Help Needed Sign up Sheet in Link

A Service of the Celebration of Life for Becky Kennedy will be held on Saturday morning, November 1, at 10 am. Following the service there will be a time of fellowship and light refreshments in the Parish Hall.

CLOCKS WILL BE CHANGING ON NOVEMBER 1 - Fall Back



Fall back

CHURCH PRAYER LIST

For the week of October 26, 2025
Please keep the following persons
in your thoughts and prayers this week:

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
Donna S	Janet
Mary Sue	Shawna



PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Rev. Dr. Gary Klingsporn, Pastor
Jeff Gilson and Violet Blake, Worship Leaders
Peter Ouellette, Liturgist
Patricia Cauchon, Director of Music
All the Congregation, Ministers to the World

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