



"Hon, where's the butter?"

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost
November 9, 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** Psalm 139:1-3, 7-10 *responsively*

L: O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

P: **You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.**

L: You search out my path and my lying down,
and are acquainted with all my ways.

P: **Where can I go from your spirit?
Or where can I flee from thy presence?**

L: If I ascend to heaven, you are there;
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.

P: **If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the
farthest limits of the sea, even there your hand shall
lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.**

L: Come, let us worship God with gladness.

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

***GATHERING HYMN**

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

No. 71

***PASSING THE PEACE**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

unison

Lord God of heaven and earth, you have created our world and all that is in it. Yet you are not far away in another world. You are always near us. Help us to see and know your presence in our daily lives. Lead us to live with your guidance, your comfort and peace, loving and serving others in your holy name. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

HYMN

“He Leadeth Me”

No. 499

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

All things come from you, O God: the light of the rising sun; the enfolding darkness of night; our food, drink, clothing; the gift of each day we live. We bring our offering to you in gratitude. Bless and use these gifts to bring life and joy to others. Amen.

ANTHEM

THE WORD OF GOD

Acts 17:22-30

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said: "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things.

"From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him – though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.'

"Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent...."

SERMON

"Never Far from 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**

“Take My Life and Let It Be”

No. 466

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**



**Praising God’s Glory
the flowers are presented by
The Clough’s in memory of loved ones**



On The Calendar/Announcements

- **Christmas Fair Meeting**, today following worship
- **Project Linus**, Tuesday, November 11, 10:00 AM

We are collecting for the Open Cupboard Pantry -
wish list of items is posted in the link near the collection basket

November 16 is employee appreciation Sunday,
see Lori if you haven't signed the cards yet

Save the Date: Sunday November 23 after Worship -
We will be decorating the church for Christmas -
Lunch will be provided

CHURCH PRAYER LIST

For the week of November 9, 2025
Please keep the following persons
in your thoughts and prayers this week:

Kent
Family and friends of Edie who
recently passed away

Ellen M
Robin J
Frank A
Seraphin
Kenny
Barbara
Henry L
Abby
Levi
Mary Ellen
Diane
Karen
Malcom
Ginny D
Ted W
Ryan
Sandy B
Leslee S & Ashley C
Martha & Lou

John S
Donna S
Mary Sue
James P
Marsha
Jerry S
John H
Bob M
Matt S
Jen
Don K
Caitlyn
Jim T
Sylvie
Lorraine
Courtney
Diane
Carol K
Amanda
Kathy & Dennis F
Janet
Shawna



PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

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

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