

# “The Welcome Table”

Matthew 9:9-13



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

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany  
February 1, 2026

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**                      1Corinthians 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: And 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: If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my  
body so that I may boast, but do not have love,  
I gain nothing.
- P: Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious  
or boastful or arrogant or rude.**
- L: 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.
- All: Love bears all things, believes all things,  
hopes all things, endures all things.  
And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three;  
and the greatest of these is love.  
Let us worship God.**

\*GATHERING HYMN “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” No. 72

\*PASSING THE PEACE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

*unison*

O living Christ, in your mercy you called the tax collector Matthew to follow you, and he became your disciple. Teach us to show your mercy to others, so that all people may know your love and find in us a place of welcome, hope, and healing. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*unison*

Holy God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

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, in faithfulness to your call we now share with others the blessings we have received. With our gifts we offer ourselves. Use us and these gifts to bring hope and healing in this world. Amen.

**ANTHEM**

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**The Gospel Reading**

Matthew 9:9-13

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

**SERMON**

"The Welcome Table"

**\*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**      "We Are God's People"

No. 547

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**



Praising God's Glory  
the flowers are presented by  
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## CHURCH PRAYER LIST

For the week of February 1, 2026  
Please keep the following persons  
in your thoughts and prayers this week:

Ellen M  
George D  
Bill R  
Jeannie B  
Rachel D  
Debra K  
Dick  
Ryan  
Andie  
Haley T's mom  
Susan H  
Judy  
Sookie  
Robin J  
Frank A  
Seraphin  
Kenny  
Barbara  
Levi  
Mary Ellen  
Diane  
Malcom  
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  
Lorraine  
Courtney  
Diane  
Carol K  
Kathy & Dennis F  
Janet



## On The Calendar/Announcements

- **Book Swap** - Sunday February 8, Noon. Bring one book, wrapped in brown paper. On the wrapping, note general features of the book without revealing title or author. le: Non-Fiction Memoir - 345 pages Artist's struggle out of poverty Nomadic life. le: Fiction 500 pages Romance Historic 1800's Spicy Author's first Novel. The afternoon will include the Book swap, discussions about books, Book Bingo, prizes. Coffee, Tea and snacks available. Bring a friend!
- **Rummage Sale** - Saturday February 21

## PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

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

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