



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

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
February 8, 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** Psalm 103:1-5, 8, 11 *responsively*

L: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me,
bless God's holy name.

P: **Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and do not forget all God's benefits –**

L: who forgives all our iniquity, who heals our diseases,

P: **who crowns us with steadfast love and mercy,
who satisfies us with good as long as we live....**

L: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and
abounding in steadfast love.

All: **For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is God's steadfast love toward those who
honor him.... Let us worship God.**

***GATHERING HYMN** "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" No. 71

***PASSING THE PEACE**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

unison

Eternal God, show us the mystery of your love which is offered to all people. When race, ethnicity, gender, religion, or politics divide us, remind us that in Christ all are one. Teach us to know your love for all: for the poor, the oppressed, and all who suffer. Lead us, O God, to serve others by doing justice, loving kindness, and walking humbly with you. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

HYMN “Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life” No. 591

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

Blessed are you, O God of all creation. Through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for the work of mercy, compassion, and caring for the needs of people around us. Amen.

ANTHEM

THE WORD OF GOD

The Gospel Reading

Luke 4:16-30

When Jesus came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'"

And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

SERMON

“God’s Love for All”

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**

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

No. 569

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**



Praising God’s Glory
the flowers are presented by
Elaine Goddard in loving memory
of family especially husband David



CHURCH PRAYER LIST

For the week of February 8, 2026
Please keep the following persons
in your thoughts and prayers this week:

Del
Steve E
Prayers for friends and family of
Bill R who recently passed away

Ellen M
George D
Jeannie B
Rachel D
Ryan
Annie
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

- **Today: 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!
- **Linus Project**, Tuesday, February 10 - 10:00 AM
- **Lay Visitation Group**, Tuesday, February 10 - 12:00 PM
- **Church Council Meeting**, Tuesday, February 17 - 7:00 PM Via Zoom
- **Rummage Sale** - Saturday February 21 - watch for sign-up sheets

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

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

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