

“I am the
bread of life.”

John 6:35



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

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 15, 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 46:1-6,10-11 *responsively*

L: God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

**P: Therefore we will not fear,
though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;
though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.**

L: There is a river whose streams make glad the city
of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

**P: God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.**

L: The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter....

**P: The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

**All: "Be still, and know that I am God!
I am exalted among the nations;
I am exalted in the earth."
Let us worship God.**

***GATHERING HYMN** "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" No. 507

***PASSING THE PEACE**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

unison

God of hope, when your hungry people longed for food in the wilderness, you gave them bread from heaven to eat. In Christ, feed us with the bread of life, that we may be strengthened to lead lives worthy of our calling to love you and serve others all our days. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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Gentle and most merciful God, we have not loved you as you love us, nor have we always lived as we ought. Forgive our sin. Lift us above every past regret and failure. Draw us closer to you, that we may know your healing grace, and serve you in newness of life. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

HYMN

“Blessed Assurance”

No. 426

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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Blessed are you, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Use our gifts, and us, for the needs of others and for the well-being of your world. Amen.

ANTHEM

THE WORD OF GOD

The Hebrew Scriptures

Exodus 16:2-4,13-15

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the pots of meat and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not"....

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat."

The Gospel Reading

John 6:30-35

So the people said to Jesus, "What sign are you going to give us, then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

SERMON

"Manna for Today"

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** “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” No. 501

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**



Praising God's Glory
the flowers are presented by
Jessie Salisbury and Verna Porter
in loving memory of Parents and Grandparents



On The Calendar/Announcements

- **Today we will be taking the UCC offering** - One Great Hour of Sharing
- **Summer Fair Planning Meeting**, today following Worship, everyone is invited to attend.
- **Church Council Meeting**, Tuesday, March 17 - 7:00 PM Via Zoom, Please have reports to Del by Monday, March 16th - 1:00 PM
- **Rummage Sale** - Saturday March 21 - We need help setting up on Friday and workers on Saturday - please sign up even for an hour or two

Cindy B is taking orders for memorial Easter Lilies

please see Cindy to get your order in -
plants will be in Church for Palm Sunday and can be taken home
after the Easter Sunday Service.

We will be holding a Good Friday Service

on Friday, April 3 at 5:00 pm in the Sanctuary

Dinner Plays are coming up - April 10 & 11

signup sheets are on the counter.

Please consider helping out -
need kitchen help, turkey cookers, wait staff and cake bakers



A Service of Celebration of the Life of Jim Tuttle

will be held

Monday, March 23, at 11 am in the Church Sanctuary.

CHURCH PRAYER LIST

For the week of March 15, 2026
Please keep the following persons
in your thoughts and prayers this week:

Dennis A	Robin J
Family & Friends of Jim T who passed away	Frank A
Family and Friends of Bill B who passed away	Seraphin
Family & Friends of Jeanie B who passed away	Kenny
Family & Friends of Linda A who passed away	Barbara
Mary Sue	Levi
Barbara G	Diane
Violet & Tedo	Sandy B
Hillary	Martha & Lou
Patty B	John S
Del	Donna S
Steve E	Marsha
Ellen M	Jerry S
Rachel D	John H
Ryan	Matt S
Annie	Jen
Haley T's mom	Don K
Susan H	Caitlyn
Sookie	Lorraine
	Diane
	Carol K
	Kathy & Dennis F
	Janet



PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Rev. Dr. Gary Klingsporn, Pastor
Jeff Gilson, Liturgist
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All the Congregation, Ministers to the World

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