



## Welcome to Wilton Presbyterian Church

June 20, 2021

4TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

We are glad that you found us and that you are here. We are a progressive, welcoming and inclusive congregation seeking both to know Christ and to make Christ known to people from all walks of life. We pray that we will become better acquainted with you.

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### PRELUDE

*For All the Children*  
David Lohman

Zachary Wright

#### \* RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Susan Power Trucksess

Leader: I was glad when they said to me: let us go up to the house of the Living God,

**People: This is the day when we rejoice in God's continuing acts of creation.**

Leader: This is our Sabbath, when we rejoice in the resurrection of Jesus the Christ and the promise of new life he offers.

**People: We give thanks that once more God has brought us together so that we might refresh one another and gain strength for the journey ahead.**

**All: Peace to all who worship together today, peace this day and every day, in the name of Jesus Christ.**

**Amen.**

#### \* OPENING PRAYER (in unison)

**Holy One, Grant us eyes to see you, ears to hear you, hands to serve you, feet to follow you on the narrow path, so that we might notice your presence and accompaniment as we wend our way through this life.**

**So confront us here that we will recognize you in the midst of our daily walk...**

**in our trials and in our rejoicings, in the dips and the rises, in our personal journeys, in our church's strivings, and in the world's revolving. We ask this in Jesus' name.**

**Amen.**

#### HYMN

*Open My Eyes, That I May See*  
Arr. Mark Hayes

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rachelle Bernabei

*When this symbol (\*) precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit*

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING**

Ephesians 1:17-19

I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know God, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which God has called you, what are the riches of God's glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of God's power for us who believe, according to the working of God's great power.

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING**

Luke 5:12-16

Once, when he was in one of the cities, there was a man covered with leprosy. When he saw Jesus, he bowed with his face to the ground and begged him, "Lord, if you choose, you can make me clean." Then Jesus stretched out his hand, touched him, and said, "I do choose. Be made clean." Immediately the leprosy left him. And he ordered him to tell no one. "Go," he said, "and show yourself to the priest, and, as Moses commanded, make an offering for your cleansing, for a testimony to them." But now more than ever the word about Jesus spread abroad; many crowds would gather to hear him and to be cured of their diseases. But he would withdraw to deserted places and pray.

**SERMON****ANTHEM***Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore*

Cesáreo Gabaráin

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Patty Connor

**The Lord's Prayer**

Leader: Our Father and Mother, who art in heaven, slow to anger, and of great mercy, lover of all the people of the earth.

**People: Hallowed be Thy name.**

Leader: Remind us that all the nations are as nothing before thee, their governments are meant to embody your purposes and will for all creatures and all creation.

**People: Thy kingdom come.**

Leader: To thy children throughout all the world, and to the leaders of the nations, and especially to the leaders of this nation, grant the gift of prayerful thought and thoughtful prayer - so that, following the example of our Lord, we may discern what is right and just, and do it;

**People: Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.**

Leader: Help us to protect and to provide for all who are hungry or homeless, or cast adrift, especially those who are deprived of food and shelter, family and friends, safety and even sanity, through the effects of violence, selfishness or greed.

**People: Give us this day our daily bread.**



Leader: Forgive us for neglecting to “seek peace and pursue it,” and finding ourselves in each new crisis, more ready to make war than to seek other avenues of peace. “We have not loved thee with our whole heart, nor our neighbors as ourselves.”

**People: Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

Leader: Let us not seek revenge or retribution, but reconciliation;  
Let us not delight in victory, but in justice;  
Let us not give ourselves up to pride, but to prayer;

**People: Lead us not into temptation.**

Leader: Be present to all who are ravaged by war or conflict; disrespected on account of race, color, creed, gender, sexual orientation, class or economic means; threatened by unjust policies; fearful of violence because of who and what they are. Be present, O Lord, to us who by intent, ignorance or love of our own comfort, engage in such destructive behaviors. that we might be converted and transformed into more righteous and faithful disciples of Jesus and citizens of this country.

**People: Deliver us from evil.**

Leader: Subdue our selfish desires, and forbid us both arrogance in our small victories and hopelessness in our darkneses. Grant us a courage and hope found in a faith—not in earthly power, but in the redemptive love of our Risen Christ who leads us forth into a new kind of life. Grant us the boldness and openness of heart to move into healing relationships and rightly- directed anger and a world which would be the realm where God reigns.

**People: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.  
AMEN.**

*Adapted from a prayer by Ms. Wendy Lyons in Women's Uncommon Prayers.*

## **BENEDICTION**

### **\* POSTLUDE**

*How Firm a Foundation*  
Arr. Hugh Livingston



*By her own admission, Susan Power Trucksess, now the Reverend Susan PT, has been around Wilton Presbyterian Church for a long time – a very long time. She and her husband Jim and eventually their 4 children joined the church in the late 1960's . They remember worship in the Music Room and the gym at Cider Mill School, then in Fellowship Hall as we joined with St. Matthew's in this sacred complex. She goes all the way back to Stewart and Doug and Steve. Ordained here in 1983, Susan has served in several churches in our presbytery. Most recently an associate pastor in the First Congregational Church in Branford where she lives, she feels that her life and ministry is shaped by the Word of God she heard preached here, the sense of church she found here both in terms of service and fellowship, and especially the lifelong friendships formed in our midst. We welcome her back to her home community.*

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