



Welcome to Wilton Presbyterian Church

September 5, 2021

15TH 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

Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown

Zachary Wright

Arr. Jason W. Krug

* RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Susan Power Trucksess

Leader: Let us awaken our hearts to the presence of God, saying:

People: We praise you for your glory.

Leader: God before us, behind us, above us, upholding us, guiding us....

People: We praise you for your outreach.

Leader: God with us, among us, beside us, befriending us....

People: We praise you for your inreach.

Leader: God within us, flowing through us, animating, harmonizing....

All: Let us worship the God who leads us on the joyful journey along the Holy Way.

* UNISON OPENING PRAYER

Good and gracious God, whose ways are not our ways, as the seasons shift and new possibilities are upon us, summon us from our familiar patterns, our known assurances, to hear your challenge and respond to your invitation to journey forth. Lead us through our hesitations and fears to deeper trust. Lift us from our uncertainties and doubts to more winsome faith. Free us to know great gladness as we travel on the way that you set before us, for the sake of all your children and the whole creation. We pray this in Jesus' name.

Amen.

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OPENING HYMN #401

Gather Us In

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Cathy Ratcliffe

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 35: 8-10

A highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Holy Way;
the unclean shall not travel on it,
but it shall be for God's people;
no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.
No lion shall be there,
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there.
And the ransomed of the Lord shall return,
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain joy and gladness,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:13-16

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him.

SERMON

"Road Trips"

ANTHEM

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Arr. Joel Raney

The Lord's Prayer

**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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever.
Amen!**

*** CLOSING HYMN #80**

You Shall Go Out With Joy

*** BENEDICTION**

*** POSTLUDE**

Order My Steps
Arr. Jack Schraeder



By her own admission, Susan Power Trucksess, now the Reverend Susan PT, has been around Wilton Pres for a long time – a very long time. She and her husband Jim and eventually their four 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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