

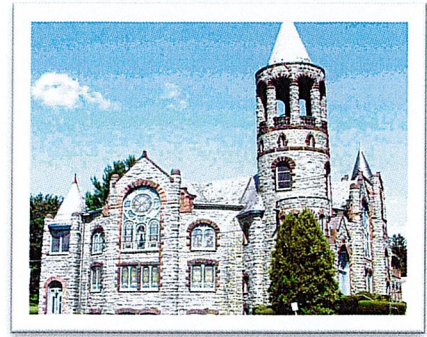
Second Congregational Church of Winsted

(Baptist & Congregational)

Biblical, Traditional, Protestant

Worship Service: 10:00 AM

April 21, 2024



“Therefore as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him,” (Colossians 2:6)

REMINDER The offering plates remain in the back if you wish to give to the advancement of God’s Kingdom.

Welcome, Greeting & Announcements

Mission Moment – Diaper Bank Recognition

Prelude – Meditation on “Bradbury” – Edward Broughton

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Call to Worship – From Psalm 41 (A Psalm of David.)

Leader: How blessed is he who considers the helpless; The Lord will deliver him in a day of trouble.

People: **The Lord will protect him and keep him alive, And he shall be called blessed upon the earth;**

Leader: The Lord will sustain him upon his sickbed; In his illness, You restore him to health.

People: **As for me, I said, “O Lord, be gracious to me; Heal my soul, for I have sinned against You.”**

Leader: My enemies speak evil against me, “When will he die, and his name perish?”

People: **And when he comes to see me, he speaks falsehood; His heart gathers wickedness to itself; When he goes outside, he tells it.**

Leader: All who hate me whisper together against me; Against me they devise my hurt, saying,

People: **“A wicked thing is poured out upon him, That when he lies down, he will not rise up again.”**

Leader: Even my close friend in whom I trusted, Who ate my bread, Has lifted up his heel against me.

People: **As for me, You uphold me in my integrity, And You set me in Your presence forever.**

All: **Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, From everlasting to everlasting. Amen and Amen.**

***Hymn #78** (green hymnal) “My Hope Is in the Lord”

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Prayer of Invocation and Confession

Anthem – “Praise the Father, Praise the Son” – Chris Tomlin and Ed Cash

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A Prayer for Our Church (recited in unison)

Father, we praise you and glorify you. Help us to demonstrate our love for you through what we do and say. Draw this body of believers together in love and let us be united in Christ. Where we as a church stray from your ways, we pray that you would correct us so that we will conform to all things to your Word. We ask for the presence and wisdom of your Holy Spirit. We pray that you will protect us and guide us. We pray that Your Word will be correctly preached from the pulpit, that each of us will apply it to our lives, and that this church will be transformed according to Your will. We pray that you would protect this church so the schemes of the evil one will not prosper against it. We pray that this church will be used by you to proclaim the hope that we have in Jesus to this community and the world. O Lord, sustain this church so that many would come to hear the gospel of the kingdom preached and that many would come to true faith in Jesus. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Offering

Please put your tithe/offering in the plates before or after the service – Thank you!

***Presentation of the Offering**

***Doxology #515** (red hymnal)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn #591** (green hymnal) “Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

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Scripture Readings – Romans 13:10-14

¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfillment of *the* law. ¹¹ Do this, knowing the time, that it is already the hour for you to awaken from sleep; for now, salvation is nearer to us than when we believed. ¹² The night is almost gone, and the day is near. Therefore, let us lay aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³ Let us behave properly as in the day, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual promiscuity and sensuality, not in strife and jealousy. ¹⁴ But put on the Lord Jesus Christ and make no provision for the flesh in regard to *its* lusts.

Prayers of the Church & Lord's Prayer (sins)

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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

Musical Response

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon Text – Ephesians 5:1-13

¹ Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children; ² and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma. ³ But immorality or any impurity or greed must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints; ⁴ and *there must be no* filthiness and silly talk, or coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks. ⁵ For this you know with certainty, that no immoral or impure person or covetous man, who is an idolater, has an inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. ⁶ Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. ⁷ Therefore do not be partakers with them; ⁸ for you were formerly darkness, but now you are Light in the Lord; walk as children of Light ⁹ (for the fruit of the Light *consists* in all goodness and righteousness and truth), ¹⁰ trying to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹ Do not participate in the unfruitful deeds of darkness, but instead even expose them; ¹² for it is disgraceful even to speak of the things which are done by them in secret. ¹³ But all things become visible when they are exposed by the light, for everything that becomes visible is light. ¹⁴ For this reason it says, “Awake, sleeper, And arise from the dead, And Christ will shine on you.”

Gloria Patri #513 (red hymnal)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Sermon – “Walking in Love and Light”

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Invitation

Communion Prayer - (recited in unison)

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord, who always delights in showing mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to partake of this sacrament of your son Jesus Christ that we may walk in newness of life, may grow into his likeness, and may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Communion Text – Acts 2:41-46

⁴¹ So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand souls. ⁴² They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³ Everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles.

⁴⁴ And all those who had believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵ and they *began* selling their property and possessions and were sharing them with all, as anyone might have need. ⁴⁶ Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart,

Partaking of the Bread and then the Cup Prayer of Thanksgiving

***Closing Hymn #456** (red hymnal) “My Jesus, I Love Thee”

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***Benediction**

Please join us for refreshments in Fellowship Hall after our worship service.

Musical Response

***Postlude** – “Festal March” – James Mansfield

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Children’s bulletins are available in the Main Street entry hall, located in the brochure holders attached to the wall on your right as you enter.

The two nursery rooms downstairs are clean, sanitized, and available should you need a place to change a diaper, feed your baby, or simply need a quiet place to take your child during the service. There is an audio speaker in the room so the service can be heard.

Service Information

Preaching: Rev. Dr. Daniel Cote

Monthly Deacon: Glenn McMahon

Fellowship Hosts: Missions Ministry

Last Week’s Attendance: 56 adults 4 children - 60 total

Last Week’s Offering: \$ 931.00 (\$3,300 is needed each week to meet our budgeted expenses.)

Special Events Coming Soon

- **New Member Class** –Will meet today, April 21 following worship.

(continued)

- **Mission Moment/Diaper Bank Appreciation Day** – At today’s worship service, Diaper Bank Coordinator Kathy Craig will present a Mission’s Moment to bring us all up to date on how our diaper bank is doing in its mission to reach out to young families in the community. This is a very important outreach that helps provide diapers and wipes to people who need them the most. There are special envelopes marked for the Diaper Bank that can be found on the entrance tables in the back of the sanctuary. If you would prefer to donate packages of diapers instead of a monetary contribution, we will have a special collection box in the Fellowship Hall for the next three weeks to accept them. Your support of this important outreach is very much appreciated.
- **Books, Plants & Bake Sale** – Saturday, June 15th – 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM – start collecting your books now and you can bring them in and drop them on the designated table in Fellowship Hall. We will also be selling plants during this event. If interested in volunteering for the day, see Sharon Okraska or Kathy Craig for more information.
- **VBS (Vacation Bible Spectacular)** – week of July 22-26 – refer to information in the April Contact newsletter.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION UPDATES –

- **Children’s Church:** Children’s Church will not be available today during the service. It will be offered as volunteers are available.
- **Youth volunteers are welcome:** If anyone is interested in volunteering to help with youth programs, please see John Costa or Bonnie Sterpka to get started.
- **Youth Group:** The next youth group meeting will be on the 28th. We hope everyone can attend.
- **Operation Christmas Child:** We will continue to collect items for Operation Christmas Child. The theme for the month of April is stuffed animals. Please see the flyer on the tables or the April Contact newsletter for more information or speak with Colleen Gundlach or Sarah Emmons. Thanks to everyone for your donations!
- **Children’s Sunday:** Sunday, June 2, 2024. Please save the date! The Sunday School classes will give a short presentation of what they have learned this year. Following the service the CE Board will host a church family picnic. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The Council has voted to rejoin the Interfaith Food Bank managed by the Salvation Army. We will be collecting non-perishable foods on the first Sunday of each month; however, you can always bring in your items and place them in the purple crates in Fellowship Hall. The next collection date is **Sunday, May 5th.**
- The **Fellowship Coffee Hour** chart for the second quarter of 2024 is posted on the board in Fellowship Hall. Feel free to fill in any open slots available.
- **The Diaper Bank** is now accepting donations of baby and toddler foods. We have seen an increase in families who are very much helped by these extra items. Non-perishable food donations may be left in the Diaper Bank box in our Fellowship Hall. Please see Kathy Craig if you are interested in helping in any way.

Weekly Events:

Sunday:

9:00-9:50 AM

Sunday School for all ages

Children (downstairs, see Pastor Dan for information)

Adult Sunday School (led by Pastor Dan in the parlor area)

The first class has started and will work through books of the Bible, in sequence, alternating between the Old and the New Testament. We began with Genesis and will cover two or more chapters every week. There's still time to join Pastor Dan if you wish.

Youth Group for grades 4-6 will meet on the second and fourth Sundays of each month following worship (11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.) in the basement. (Next April meeting is 4/28).

11:45 AM

New Member's Class - today, April 21st (led by Pastor Dan, in his office)

Wednesday:

7:00-8:15 PM

Bible Study for all (in the music room led by Pastor Dan and open to all).

We will work through the chapters of this excellent book, *A Popular Survey of Bible Doctrine*, which lays out the biblical case for the essential Christian doctrines handed down by the apostles, which have been affirmed by Christians since the foundation of the church. The class has begun, but there is still time to join in.

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Church Email: info@sccwinsted.org

Church Webpage: <http://sccwinsted.org>

Church Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/sccwinsted

Youtube Channel for Livestream Services: www.youtube.com/channel/UCCW4dPY3yqt-GsjPZG-cHuQ
(Search for: Second Congregational Church of Winsted, CT)

Church Library & Media Center: www.librarything.com/catalog/sccwlibrary

Pastor Dan's Apologetic Page: <http://multimediaapologetics.com>

Hours & Staff

Church Office Hours: (Note office will close at 2:00 PM on Thursday)
Tuesday - Thursday 8:30 AM-Noon; 12:30 – 4:00 PM
Friday only 8:30 AM-Noon

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Sextons: Tom Doney & Cassie Riberdy

My Hope Is in the Lord

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Christ, in you the hope of Glory. — Colossians 1:27

WAKEFIELD
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1 My hope is in the Lord Who gave Him-self for me,
2 No mer - it of my own His an - ger to sup - press,
3 And now for me He stands Be - fore the Fa - ther's throne,
4 His grace has planned it all, 'Tis mine but to be - lieve,

1 And paid the price of all my sin at Cal - va - ry.
2 My on - ly hope is found in Je - sus' right - eous - ness.
3 And shows His wound - ed hands, and names me as His own.
4 And rec - og - nize His work of love and Christ re - ceive.

For me He died, For me He lives,
For me He died, For me He lives,

And ev - er - last - ing life and light He free - ly gives.

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ASSURANCE

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

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For we also are weak in Him, but we shall live with Him by the power of God.
— II Corinthians 13:4

CLOSER WALK

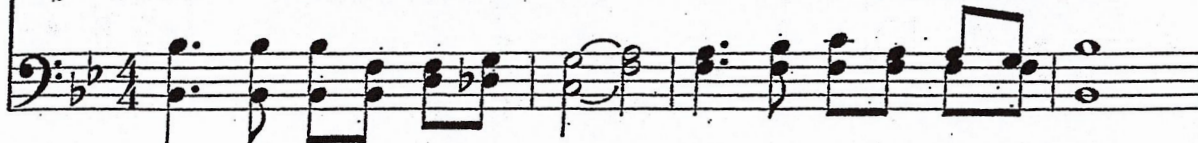
Traditional Folk Song

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- 1 I am weak but Thou art strong; Je - sus, keep me from all wrong;
2 *Through this world of toil and snares,* If I fal - ter, Lord, who cares?
3 When my fee-ble life is o'er, Time for me will be no more;

Refrain: Just a clos - er walk with Thee, Grant it, Je - sus, is my plea,



D.C. for Refrain



- 1 I'll be sat - is - fied as long As I walk, let me walk close to Thee.
2 *Who with me my bur - den shares?* None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee.
3 Guide me gent - ly, safe - ly o'er To Thy king - dom shore, to Thy shore.

Refrain: Dai - ly walk - ing close to Thee, Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

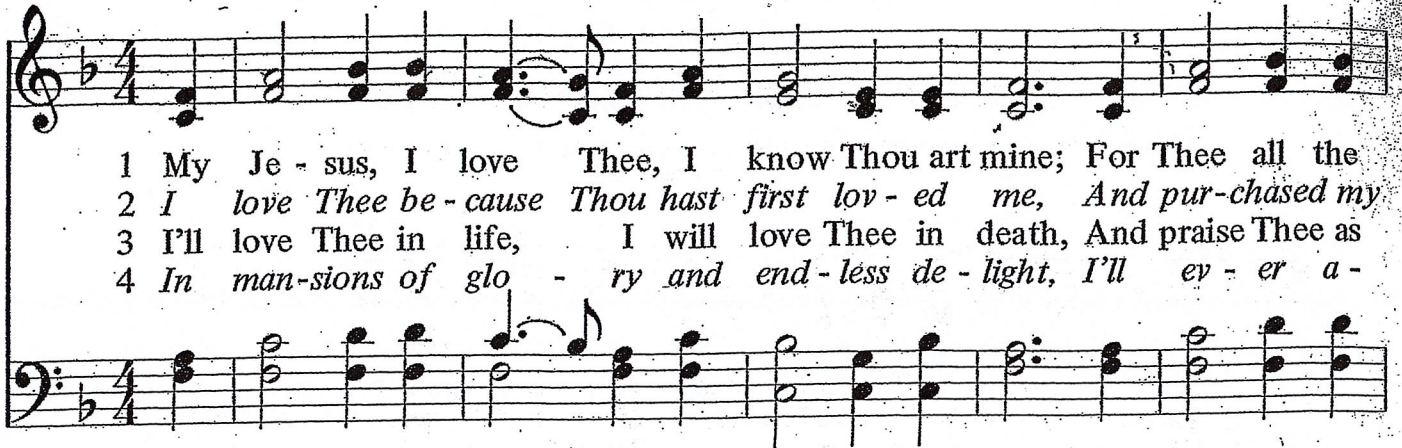


My Jesus, I Love Thee

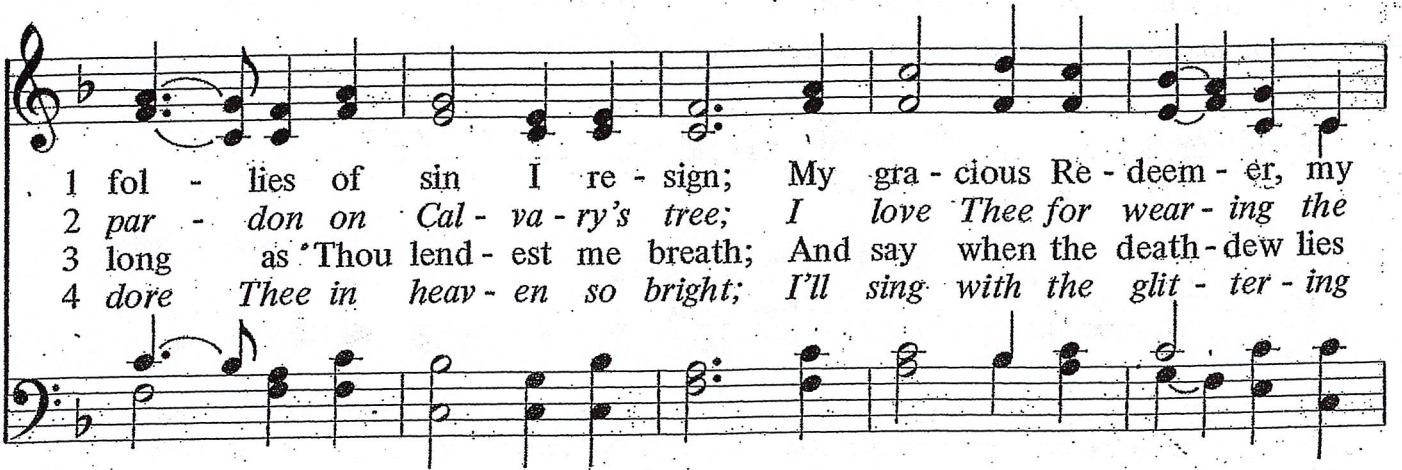
William R. Featherston

We love Him because He first loved us.
— I John 4:19

GORDON
Adoniram J. Gordon



1 My Je - sus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine; For Thee all the
2 I love Thee be - cause Thou hast first lov - ed me, And pur - chased my
3 I'll love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death, And praise Thee as
4 In man - sions of glo - ry and end - less de - light, I'll ev - er a -



1 fol - lies of sin I re - sign; My gra - cious Re - deem - er, my
2 par - don on Cal - va - ry's tree; I love Thee for wear - ing the
3 long as 'Thou lend - est me breath; And say when the death - dew lies
4 dore Thee in heav - en so bright; I'll sing with the glit - ter - ing



1 Sav - ior art Thou: If ev - er I loved Thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now.
2 thorns on Thy brow: If ev - er I loved Thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now.
3 cold on my brow: If ev - er I loved Thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now.
4 crown on my brow: If ev - er I loved Thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now. A - men.