Second Congregational Church of Winsted

(Baptist & Congregational)

Biblical, Traditional, Protestant

Worship Service: 10:00 AM April 28, 2024

"I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world." (John 17:14)



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

Welcome, Greeting & Announcements

Prelude – "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" – arr. Brian Buda © 2020 Lorenz Publishing Co., Used by permission 21246057, 21246064

Call to Worship - From Psalm 26-A Psalm of David

Leader:

Vindicate me, O Lord, for I have walked in my integrity, And I have trusted in the Lord

without wavering.

People:

Examine me, O Lord, and try me; Test my mind and my heart.

Leader:

For Your lovingkindness is before my eyes, And I have walked in Your truth.

People:

I do not sit with deceitful men, Nor will I go with pretenders.

Leader:

I hate the assembly of evildoers, And I will not sit with the wicked.

People:

I shall wash my hands in innocence, And I will go about Your altar, O Lord,

Leader:

That I may proclaim with the voice of thanksgiving And declare all Your wonders.

People:

Lord, I love the habitation of Your house And the place where Your glory dwells.

Leader:

Do not take my soul away along with sinners, Nor my life with men of bloodshed,

People:

In whose hands is a wicked scheme, And whose right hand is full of bribes.

Leader:

But as for me, I shall walk in my integrity; Redeem me, and be gracious to me.

People:

My foot stands on a level place; In the congregations I shall bless the Lord.

Prayer of Invocation and Confession

Anthem — "Praise the Father, Praise the Son" — Chris Tomlin and Ed Cash © 2008 Alletrop Music, Used by permission 21246057, 21246064

^{*}**Hymn** #325 (green hymnal) "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" © Used by permission 21246057, 21246064

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 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 You will use this church 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

Reception of New Members

Timothy Angell John Costa

Address to the Congregation & Prayer

Address to New Members

Pastor: Do you confess the Triune God of the Bible as the only true God, and do you repent of your sins and turn to Jesus Christ?

New Members: I do.

Pastor: Do you believe that Jesus Christ is fully God and fully man and that He died and rose again for the sins of the world? That He alone, by His sacrifice on the cross, can save you from the Father's wrath and righteous judgment against the wicked? And that He alone is your Lord?

New Members: I do.

Pastor: You have made a public confession of your faith and have been baptized. Do you accept the Holy Scriptures, the Old and New Testaments, as the only Word of God and the rule of your faith and conduct?

New Members: I do. (continued)

Pastor: Do you intend to pursue the holiness of God, to live among God's faithful people, to hear His Word and share in His supper, regularly searching the Scriptures and seeking God's will through prayer? Do you promise to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through Word and deed, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

New Members: I do.

Pastor: Do you agree with this church's Statement of Faith and its government and organization?

New Members: I do.

Pastor: Do you also promise to support the people and ministries of this local church, to accept its instruction, and to be an active member of this assembly?

New Members: I do.

Address to the Congregation

Pastor: Do you, the members of the Second Congregational Church, receive these believers into our fellowship and promise to help and support them in the faith?

Congregation: We do.

Charge & Welcome of New Members

*Hymn #454 (green hymnal) "Trust and Obey"

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Scripture Readings

1 Peter 2:11-12

¹¹ Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts which wage war against the soul. ¹² Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles, so that in the thing in which they slander you as evildoers, they may because of your good deeds, as they observe *them*, glorify God in the day of visitation.

Matthew 5:13-16

¹³ "You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how can it be made salty *again*? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. ¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; ¹⁵ nor does *anyone* light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, it gives light to all who are in the house. ¹⁶ "Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

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 – 2 Corinthians 6:14–18 (NASB95)

¹⁴ Do not be bound together with unbelievers; for what partnership have righteousness and lawlessness, or what fellowship has light with darkness? ¹⁵ Or what harmony has Christ with Belial, or what has a believer in common with an unbeliever? ¹⁶ Or what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; just as God said, "I will dwell in them and walk among them; And I will be their God, and they shall be My people. ¹⁷ "Therefore, come out from their midst and be separate," says the Lord. "And do not touch what is unclean; And I will welcome you. ¹⁸ "And I will be a father to you, And you shall be sons and daughters to Me," Says the Lord Almighty.

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.

Sermon – "In the World vs. Of the World"

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 – 1 Peter 2:21–25

²¹ For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps, ²² who committed no sin, nor was any deceit found in His mouth; ²³ and while being reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting *Himself* to Him who judges righteously; ²⁴ and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed. ²⁵ For you were continually straying like sheep, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls.

Partaking of the Bread and then the Cup Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Closing Hymn #408 (green hymnal) "I Surrender All"

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*Benediction

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

Musical Response

*Postlude - "Fanfare" - Jacques Lemmens

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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

Leading Worship: Rev. Dr. Daniel Cote

Preaching: John Costa

Monthly Deacon: Glenn McMahon Fellowship Hosts: Youth Group Last Week's Attendance: 56 total

Last Week's Offering: \$ 1,231.00 (\$3,300 is needed each week to meet our budgeted

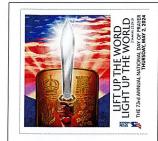
expenses.)

Special Event Coming Soon

• Join us on Thursday, May 2 at Second Congregational as we participate in the National Day of Prayer. The first Thursday in May was established in 1952 as a nationwide day of prayer by a joint resolution of the United States Congress and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman. Its purpose is to communicate the need for personal repentance and prayer and to "mobilize the Christian community to intercede for America's leaders and this country's families." It is a reminder that this country was born in prayer and on the Word of the God of the Bible.

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Join us on May 2 at 6 p.m. to pray for our families, our country and the world. Come and worship the God who founded and continues to protect our country. We will pray and sing together on this day when Christians across the country will be all praying at the same time, in unity. "Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven." Matthew 18:18.



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.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION UPDATES –

- 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 youth group will be meeting today after church. We hope everyone can attend. The last two meetings will be on May 12th and June 23rd (more information coming soon).
- **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.
- **VBS:** Volunteer signup sheet is posted in the fellowship hall. Please see which area you would like to help with. It is going to be a blessing for the kids! **We hope you can join us!**

Other Announcements:

• STEWARDSHIP MOMENT:

Through the faithful stewardship of the body of Christ here at Second Congregational Church, we are able to proclaim the Gospel here and in the mission field, both in word and in deed. We understand that God calls us to be stewards of His abundance and caretakers of all He has entrusted to us. May we continue to be faithful stewards bearing witness to the love of Christ in our lives through the grateful sharing of our time, talent and treasure!

- <u>Adult Sunday School Class</u>—Every Sunday, 9:00-9:45 am (in the parlor led by Pastor Dan and open to all)— See Pastor Dan if you would like to attend.
- <u>Wednesday Bible Study</u>—We meet every Wednesday, 7:00-8:15 pm (in the music room led by Pastor Dan and open to all
- 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 <u>Sunday</u>, <u>May 5th</u>.

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- 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.

Weekly Events:

Sunday:

9:00-9:50 AM

Sunday School for all ages

Children (downstairs, see John Costa for information) Adult Sunday School (led by Pastor Dan in the parlor area)

Youth Group for grades 4-6 will meet <u>today</u> following worship (11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.) in the basement. The last two meetings will be on May 12th and

June 23rd. (More information coming soon)

Wednesday:

7:00-8:15 PM

Bible Study for all (led by Pastor Dan in the Music room)

SCC Online

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:

Tuesday - Thursday

8:30 AM-Noon; 12:30 – 4:00 PM

Friday only 8:30 AM-Noon

Staff:

Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Daniel Cote

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appointment)

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(Other days as required)

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Organist: Christopher King

Sextons: Tom Doney & Cassie Riberdy

325 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised. — Psalm 145:3



Trust and Obey

To obey is better than sacrifice . . . - I Samuel 15:22 TRUST AND OBEY James H. Sammis Daniel B. Towner 1 When we walk with Lord the In the light His Word, 2 Not shad - ow а can rise. Not cloud а in the skies, 3 Not a bur - den we bear, Not a sor - row we share. 4 Then in fel - low - ship sweet We will sit at His feet, What a glo - ry He sheds on our way! While we do His good will, 2 But His smile quick-ly drives it a doubt or a - way; Not а fear, 3 But our toil He doth rich - ly re - pay; Not grief or a loss, 4 Or we'll walk by His side in the way; What He says we will do, He a - bides with us still, And with all who will trust and o - bey. Notsigh or a Can re-main when we trust and o - bey. a tear, 3 Not But is blest if we a frown or a cross, trust and o - bey. 4 Where He sends we will go, Nev - er fear, on - ly trust and o - bey. Trust and for there's no 0 bey, oth wav To be hap - py in Je - sus, but to trust and bey.

He that loveth his life shall lose it; He that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal.

- John 12:25 SÜRRENDER Winfield S. Weeden Judson W. Van de Venter give; sur-ren - der, All to Him I free - ly 1 All to Je - sus sur-ren - der, Hum - bly at His feet 2 All to Je - sus sur-ren - der, Make me, Sav - ior, whol - ly Thine. 3 All to Je - sus sur-ren - der, Lord, I give my - self to Thee; to Je - sus will ev - er love and trust Him, In His pres-ence dai - ly live. 1 I 2 World-ly plea-sures all for-sak-en, Take me, Je-sus, take me now. me feel the Ho - ly Spir - it, Tru - ly know that Thou art mine. me with Thy love and pow-er, Let Thy bless-ing fall on me. 4 Fill I sur-ren-der all, sur-ren-der all, I sur-ren-der all, I sur-ren-der all, all. All to Thee, my bless - ed Sav - ior, sur-ren-der