

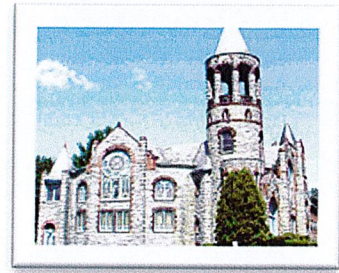
Second Congregational Church of Winsted

(Baptist & Congregational)

Bible-focused/Christ-centered

Worship Service: 10:00 AM

May 3, 2026



"He who restrains his words has knowledge, And he who has a cool spirit is a man of understanding." (Proverbs 17:27)

Welcome, Greetings & Announcements

Prelude – "Moderato" – Eugene Gigout

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Call to Worship – (From Psalm 5:4; Psalm 11:5-7; Psalm 34:16; James 1:13-14)

Leader: Our God hates evil, sin, and violence, for He is righteous and holy, and He never tempts anyone into sin.

People: For our God does not take pleasure in wickedness; No evil dwells with Him.

Leader: "The LORD tests the righteous and the wicked, and the one who loves violence, His soul hates.

People: Upon the wicked He will rain snares; Fire and brimstone and burning wind will be the portion of their cup.

Leader: For the LORD is righteous, He loves righteousness; The upright will behold His face."

People: The face of the LORD is against evildoers, to cut off the memory of them from the earth."

Leader: Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, and He Himself does not tempt anyone.

People: But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust.

*Hymn #68 (red hymnal) "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

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Prayer of Invocation and Confession

Anthem – "Sweet Hour of Prayer" - arr. Jack Schrader

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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. Give us a desire to conform all things to your Word. Grant us the presence and wisdom of your Holy Spirit. We pray that Your Word will be correctly preached from the pulpit, that lives will be changed, and many will believe in Jesus. Transform this church according to Your will. We pray that you would protect this church so the schemes of the evil one will not prosper against it. Father, use this church to proclaim the gospel to this community and the world and make us true disciples of Jesus Christ. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Offertory – “Beach Spring” – arr. Eurydice V. Osterman

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***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 #404** (red hymnal) **“Take My Life and Let It Be”**

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Scripture Readings

Ephesians 4:26–27

²⁶ Be angry and *yet* do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷ and do not give the devil an opportunity.

Proverbs 16:32

³² He who is slow to anger is better than the mighty, And he who rules his spirit, than he who captures a city.

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 – James 1:16–22

¹⁶ Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren. ¹⁷ Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow. ¹⁸ In the exercise of His will He brought us forth by the word of truth, so that we would be a kind of first fruits among His creatures. ¹⁹ *This* you know, my beloved brethren. But everyone must be quick to hear, slow to speak *and* slow to anger; ²⁰ for the anger of man does not achieve the righteousness of God. ²¹ Therefore, putting aside all filthiness and *all* that remains of wickedness, in humility receive the word implanted, which is able to save your souls. ²² But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves.

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 – ““Listening for A Righteous Response”

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

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***Benediction**

- **Prayer Chain** – All prayers requested on Sunday and during the week are sent out to the church Prayer Chain. If you would like to be included in those for either personal prayers or to pray for others, please email Kathy at info@sccwinsted.org.
- 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. Audio of the service can be heard.

Upcoming Events This Week

- **Monday** **Celebrate Recovery** – 7:00 PM (led by Jeff Liskin, Sr., downstairs)
- **Wednesday** **Diaper Bank** – 5:00 PM–6:30 PM
Prayer Group – 5:30 PM;
Bible Study – 6:00 PM-7:15 PM (led by Pastor Dan)
- **Thursday** **Homeschool** – 10:00 AM-2:00 PM
Missions Meeting – 4:00 PM (led by Colleen Gundlach, in the parlor)
National Day of Prayer – 6:00 PM (led by John Costa, East End Park on the Winsted Green)
- **Sunday** **Bible Study** – 9:00 AM-9:45 AM (led by Pastor Dan)

Men's and Women's Fellowship

- **Women's Fellowship**: Attention women of the church. Please join us for our Retreat and Picnic on Saturday, June 6 from 10 AM-1:30 PM. This will be held at People's State Forest. We plan to meet near the pavilion and bathroom area (to the left of the entrance). The theme will be: *Growing in our Faith and Friendship*. Things to bring: Bag Lunch (personal size cooler if needed), water, lawn chair, Bible, bug repellent, sunscreen. Please dress in comfortable clothing and sneakers (we may take a walk to the river). There is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall. We hope that you will join us! If you have questions, please see Bonnie Sterpka (event organized by Bonnie and Marilyn).
- **Church Grounds Beautification**: This event is postponed. There is not a good date for us to reschedule. If you would like to gather a friend or two and plant some flowers, please speak to Sharon O. for a suitable date and location for planting.

Christian Education and Youth Events

- **VBS Volunteers Needed**: Consider setting aside some time in July or giving up a morning! As we look forward to our Rain Forest theme 2026, we are seeking volunteers to play a part in bringing this adventure to the kids. Volunteer to assist with our adventure stations. See signup sheet in the fellowship hall, or speak to John C.
- **Children's Sunday (6/7)**: Please plan on joining us on June 7th for Children's Sunday. The Sunday School class students will receive awards for completion and attendance, recognizing their hard work. They will also give presentations, sharing some of what they learned. The youth will participate in leading the worship service.

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- **Children’s Sunday Potluck:** Following the service, the CE Board will host a hotdog cookout/potluck. Please bring a dish if you can but all are welcome to join and enjoy fun and fellowship!

Youth Group Calendar – April – May			
Youth Group is open to grades 6 + –We Welcome you to Join Us! Meetings typically include Bible lessons games activities & snacks			
Day	Date	Time	Event
Sunday	May 10	11:30am - 12:45pm	Youth Group – Bible verse/Mother’s Day project
Sunday	May 17	9:00am – 9:45am	Youth & Kids – Teacher Appreciation
Sunday	May 24	11:30am - 12:45pm	Youth Group – VBS Outreach Projects Hot Snacks!
Sunday	May 31	9:00am – 9:45am	Children’s Sunday Practice
Sunday	June 7	10:00am -----	Children’s Sunday – Completion Awards, Class Presentations, Youth Lead Service Sunday School (end) - Summer Break
Sunday	June 14	11:30am-12:30pm	Youth Group – Bible Activities, Games, Snacks

Other Important Information



Meetings are held on Monday evenings at 7 PM – downstairs (doors to open at 6:30 PM).

- We have partnered with **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, June 7, 2026**. They are also requesting personal care items.
- **The Fellowship Coffee Hour** chart for 2026 is posted, and there are vacancies if anyone wants to sign up.
- **Tithes, Offerings, and Donations** may now be made online. For those who would like to give to the church online, simply go to the front page of our [church website](#) and click the link “Support Our Church and Ministries.” You may also download the Vanco mobile app on your smartphone. Search for churches in your area, and you will find “Second Congregational Church of Winsted.” For more information on Vanco, see Paul Okraska.



Second Congregational Church 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>

Church Office Hours

Wed. – 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Thurs. - 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Fri. - 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Church Staff

Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Daniel Cote

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Cell Phone: 413-854-7147

Office Hours: Sun. 8:00 AM-1:00 PM, Mon. 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM, and Wed. 6:00-8:15 PM
(Other days as required)

Office Administrator: Kathy Craig

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Organist: Christopher King

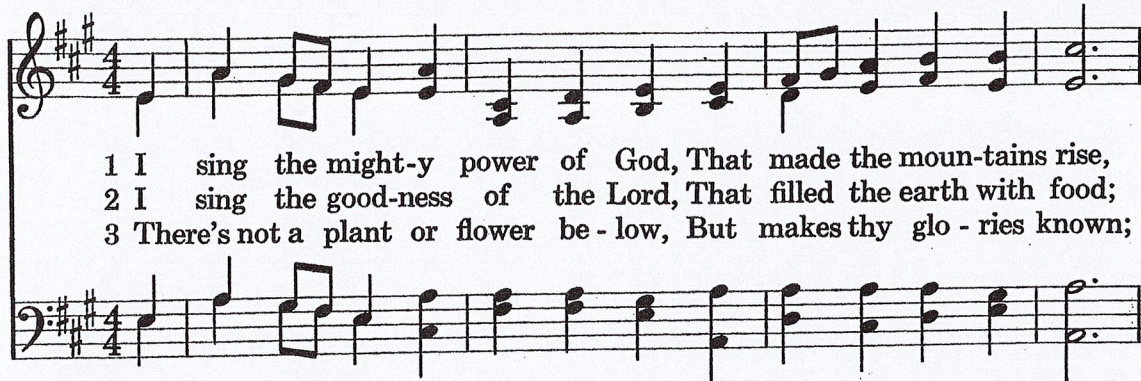
Sextons: Tom Doney & Cassie Riberdy

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

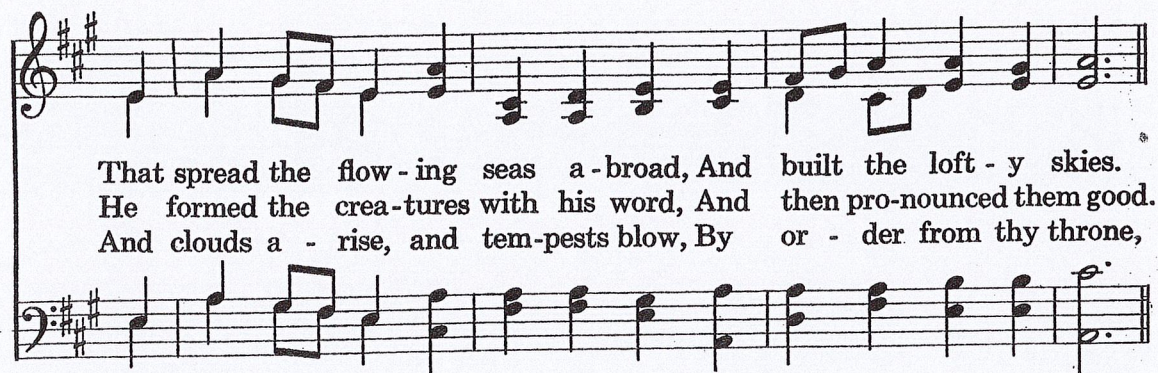
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Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.

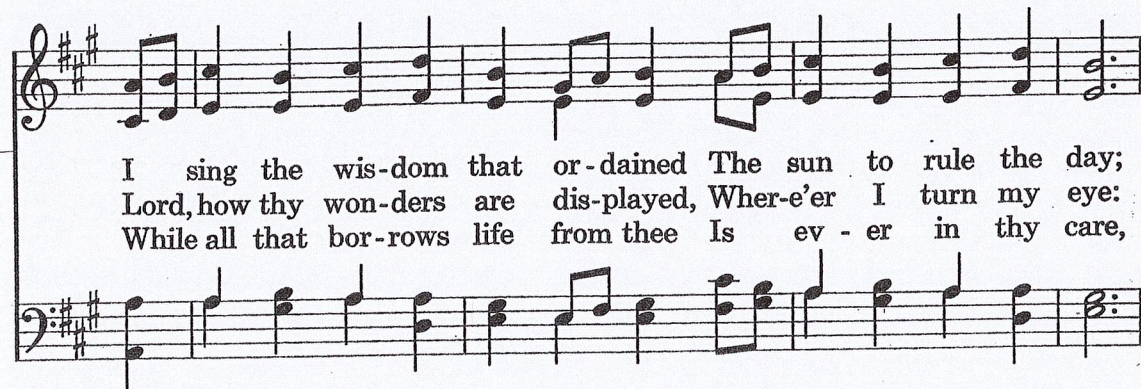
ELLACOMBE C.M.D.
"Gesangbuch," Württemberg, 1784



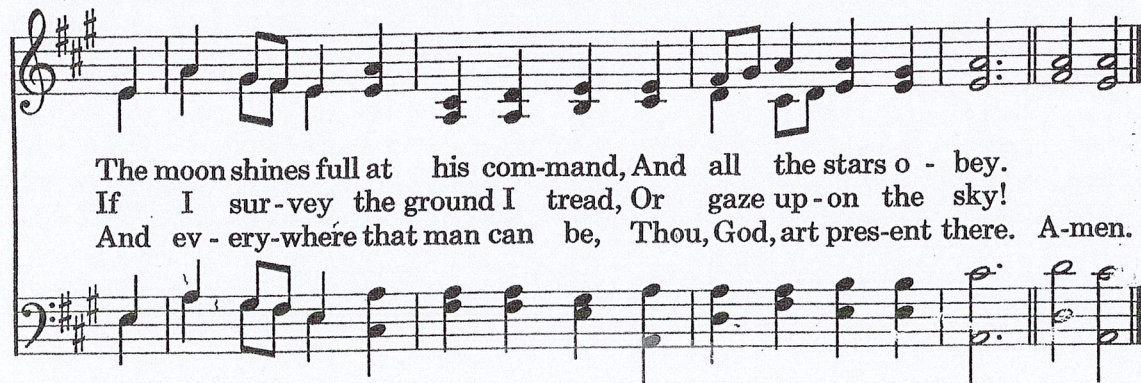
1 I sing the might-y power of God, That made the moun-tains rise,
2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord, That filled the earth with food;
3 There's not a plant or flower be - low, But makes thy glo - ries known;



That spread the flow - ing seas a - broad, And built the loft - y skies.
He formed the crea-tures with his word, And then pro-nounced them good.
And clouds a - rise, and tem-pests blow, By or - der from thy throne,



I sing the wis-dom that or-dained The sun to rule the day;
Lord, how thy won-ders are dis-played, Wher-e'er I turn my eye:
While all that bor-rows life from thee Is ev - er in thy care,



The moon shines full at his com-mand, And all the stars o - bey.
If I sur-vey the ground I tread, Or gaze up-on the sky!
And ev - ery-where that man can be, Thou, God, art pres-ent there. A-men.

A higher setting may be found at No. 459

WORKS IN CREATION

Take My Life and Let It Be

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Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879

VIENNA 7.7.7.7.

Melody by Justin H. Knecht, 1752-1817

1 Take my life, and let it be Con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
2 Take my hands, and let them move At the im - pulse of thy love;
3 Take my will, and make it thine; It shall be no long - er mine;
4 Take my love: my Lord I pour At thy feet its treas - ure store;

Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them flow in cease-less praise.
Take my feet, and let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
Take my heart, it is thine own; It shall be thy roy - al throne.
Take my - self, and I will be Ev - er, on - ly, all for thee. A - men.

CONSECRATION

I Surrender All

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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

Judson W. Van de Venter

SURRENDER
Winfield S. Weedon

1 All to Je - sus I sur-ren - der, All to Him I free - ly give;
2 *All to Je - sus I sur-ren - der, Hum - bly at His feet I bow,*
3 All to Je - sus I sur-ren - der, Make me, Sav - ior, whol - ly Thine.
4 *All to Je - sus I sur-ren - der, Lord, I give my - self to Thee;*

1 I will ev - er love and trust Him, In His pres - ence dai - ly live.
2 *World - ly plea - sures all for - sak - en, Take me, Je - sus, take me now.*
3 Let me feel the Ho - ly Spir - it, Tru - ly know that Thou art mine.
4 *Fill me with Thy love and pow - er, Let Thy bless - ing fall on me.*

I sur-ren - der all, I sur-ren - der all,
I sur-ren - der all, I sur-ren - der all,

All to Thee, my bless - ed Sav - ior, I sur - ren - der all.