



United Methodist Church  
of Westport and Weston

June 21, 2020  
3rd Sunday after Pentecost

*Our Vision is to Know, to Live and to Share the Love of Jesus Christ.*

Online Worship – 9:30am

THOUGHT FOR MEDITATION

Romans 5:1-2 (The Message)

*By entering through faith into what God has always wanted to do for us – set us right with God, make us fit for God – we have it all together with God because of Jesus. And that’s not all: We throw open our doors to God and discover at the same moment that God has already thrown open the door to us. We find ourselves standing where we always hoped we might stand – out in the wide open spaces of God’s grace and glory, standing tall and shouting our praise.*

GATHERING THE PEOPLE OF GOD

PRELUDE

*I Love to Tell the Story*  
Ahyoung Son, organ

W. G. Fischer

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Heather

CELEBRATION OF STUDENTS AND GRADUATES

Video by Kevin Ludy

High School Graduates: Julia Lawless, Abigael Liu and Nathaniel Witt

CALL TO WORSHIP

Based on Psalm 86

The Liu Family

O God, we lift up our souls to you.

**O God, you are our God.**

O Lord, you are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you.

**O God, you are our God.**

O God, teach us your way that we may walk in your truth.

**O God, you are our God.**

O God, hear our prayers. You give us strength in days of trouble.

**O God, you are our God.**

O God, hear our songs of praise. You are great and do wondrous things.

**O God, you are our God. Alleluia! Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

*I Need Thee Every Hour*

UMH 397

*Verse 1*

I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord;  
no tender voice like thine can peace afford.

*Refrain:*

I need thee, O I need thee; every hour I need thee;  
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to thee.

*(continues on next page)*

*Verse 2*

I need thee every hour; stay thou nearby;  
temptations lose their power when thou art nigh.

*Refrain:*

I need thee, O I need thee; every hour I need thee;  
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to thee.

*Verse 3*

I need thee every hour, in joy or pain;  
come quickly and abide, or life is vain. *(Refrain)*

*Verse 4*

I need thee every hour; teach me thy will;  
and thy rich promises in me fulfill. *(Refrain)*

*Verse 5*

I need thee every hour, most Holy One;  
O make me thine indeed, thou blessed Son. *(Refrain)*

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Forgiving and gracious Lord, God of steadfast love and faithfulness, we gather today with so many things on our hearts and minds. We have managed to get through these tumultuous seasons day by day. We have faced joyful times of transition – graduations, weddings, vacations, retirements – some plans suspended and changed. For some, the transitions may be from healthy living to lives filled with illness and pain. For some, transitions of employment and comfort to a lack of security. We confess that we have not always paid attention to these transitions, unaware of the spiritual and emotional adjustments that they require of those in the process. We confess that we see challenges beyond our own and choose not to speak or act. Forgive us when we get so pre-occupied with our own lives that we do not take time to reach out to someone who is ill; someone who is mourning the loss of a loved one; someone who feels lost and alone. Forgive us for not using our voice to speak for those who have been silenced. Remind us again of how Christ offered his whole life that we might live. He taught us how to be people of compassion and reconciliation. Be with us as we seek to turn our lives around, back toward you, O Lord; for it is in Jesus’ name that we offer this prayer. AMEN.**

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Christ came to walk with us into new life; to redeem and heal our brokenness. We are made whole through Christ’s boundless love.

**In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

MESSAGE FOR ALL GOD’S CHILDREN

“Listen to My Prayer, God”

Pastor Heather

**6** What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? **2** By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? **3** Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? **4** Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

**5** For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. **6** We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. **7** For whoever has died is freed from sin. **8** But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. **9** We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. **10** The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. **11** So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

SERMON

“Walk in Newness of Life”

Rev. Heather A. M. Sinclair

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*The ministry of the church is ongoing during these days. Your gifts, tithes and offerings continue to allow us to “be the church.” Checks may be sent to the church office or give online through our website. Your generosity is a blessing. Thank you.*

SPECIAL MUSIC

*Jesus Loves Me*  
Chris, Heather & Grace Hisey and  
Grace & Sophia Sinclair  
Sabrina Lee, violin

Words by Anna B. Warner  
Music by W. B. Bradbury

HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*  
Ahyoung Son, organ

UMH 95

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – A Prayer for Father’s Day

THE LORD’S PRAYER *You are invited to pray in the version and language of your heart.*

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for yours is the kingdom, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

GOING FORTH TO LOVE AND SERVE

CLOSING HYMN

*I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

TFWS 2129

**Verse 1**

I have decided to follow Jesus,  
I have decided to follow Jesus,  
I have decided to follow Jesus –  
no turning back, no turning back.

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*Verse 2*

The world behind me, the cross before me,  
the world behind me, the cross before me,  
the world behind me, the cross before me –  
no turning back, no turning back.

*Verse 3*

Though none go with me, still I will follow,  
though none go with me, still I will follow,  
though none go with me, still I will follow –  
no turning back, no turning back.

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Jesus Shall Reign*  
Ahyoung Son, organ

J. Hatton

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**To Know the love of Jesus in personal ways through worship, prayer and study**  
**To Live the love of Jesus through acts of compassion, gentleness and justice**  
**To Share the love of Jesus in our homes, our community and the world**  
**To Welcome all of God’s children regardless of age, race, ability,**  
**sexual or gender orientation, and economic circumstance.**

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