



United Methodist Church
of Westport and Weston

June 28, 2020
4th 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

Matthew 10:40 (NRSV)

Jesus said, “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me.”

GATHERING THE PEOPLE OF GOD

PRELUDE

Fairest Lord Jesus
Ahyoung Son, organ

St. Elizabeth
arr. R. Storrs Willis

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Heather

CALL TO WORSHIP

Based on Psalm 13

Anja Gubitz

We have come to worship, to sing and pray and hear God’s Word, because:

God’s love lasts forever!

Even when God seems far away, we know:

God’s love lasts forever!

Even when nothing is going right, and we are ready to give up, we know:

God’s love lasts forever!

When people treat us badly, we know:

God’s love lasts forever!

When we are all alone,

and we feel like no one loves us, we know:

God’s love lasts forever!

Let us worship God together!

OPENING HYMN

Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated

UMH 399

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.

Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love.

Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King.

Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.

Take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.

Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store.

Take myself, and I will be, ever, only, all for thee.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Based on Romans 6 & 7

Siblings in Christ, let us not allow sin to control the way we live. Let us not give in to sinful desires. Rather, let us offer ourselves to God, who mercifully has brought us from death to life.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, we confess that we have sinned in your sight. Despite our best efforts and intentions, we have failed to consistently live in ways that bring honor to your name. We have sinned by what we have done and what we have left undone. We have sinned by turning away from you. Forgive us. Through the grace of Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit, set us free from the grip of sin – from attitudes and actions that do not lead to life.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Once we were slaves to sin, living lives that led only to death. But thanks be to God! In God's mercy, God has set us free from the power of sin and death, and has offered us forgiveness and eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord! Now you are free to choose life, and to use your life to bring honor and glory to God!

Thanks be to God!

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

MESSAGE FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN "Whoever Welcomes You, Welcomes Me"

Pastor Heather

EPISTLE READING

Romans 6:12-23 (NRSV)

Harry Jordan

¹² Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. ¹³ No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴ For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵ What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶ Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷ But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, ¹⁸ and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹ I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

²⁰ When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹ So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²² But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

SERMON

"The Free Gift of God"

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

The Old Rugged Cross
Chris Hisey, strings & vocals; Heather Hisey, flute & vocals

G. Bennard

HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

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

UMH 95

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

Trust and Obey

UMH 467

Verse 1

When we walk with the Lord in the light of his word,
what a glory he sheds on our way!
While we do his good will, he abides with us still,
and with all who will trust and obey.

Refrain:

Trust and obey, for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

Verse 2

Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share,
but our toil he doth richly repay;
not a grief or a loss, not a frown or a cross,
but is blest if we trust and obey. ***(Refrain)***

Verse 3

But we never can prove the delights of his love
until all on the altar we lay;
for the favor he shows, for the joy he bestows,
are for them who will trust and obey. ***(Refrain)***

Verse 4

Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at his feet,
or we'll walk by his side in the way;
what he says we will do, where he sends we will go;
never fear, only trust and obey. ***(Refrain)***

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Ye Servants of God
Ahyoung Son, organ

Hanover
attr. W. Croft

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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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