



United Methodist Church
of Westport and Weston

July 5, 2020
5th 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 11:28-30

Come to me, all you that are weary and carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. “For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

GATHERING THE PEOPLE OF GOD

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Heather

PRELUDE

My Faith Looks Up to Thee
Ahyoung Son, organ

L. Mason

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Brumit Family

Come to worship, people of God!

Hallelujah!

We come, seeking God’s healing and peace.

Hallelujah!

Make your hearts ready to discover God’s power and mercy in your lives.

Hallelujah!

We open our hearts and spirits to receive God’s gifts of love and forgiveness.

Hallelujah! Amen!

OPENING HYMN

To God Be the Glory

UMH 98

Verse 1

To God be the glory, great things he hath done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he hath done!

Verse 2

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To every believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

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Refrain:

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Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he hath done!

Verse 3

Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,
and great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son;
but purer, and higher, and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. (*Refrain*)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful and loving God, we are so grateful for your redeeming love. We confess that there have been times of doubt in our spirits. We confess that when the times of difficulties are upon us, we do not always believe that you will take our burdens. We insist on always being in control, trying to demand the desired outcome. Help us to place our trust in you. Remind us that you surround us continually with your care. You never let us go to drift aimlessly about. Open our hearts and spirits again to your healing powers. For we pray these things in the name of Jesus, the one who will take our burdens and give us peace. AMEN.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the good news, friends in Christ! Jesus releases us from our burdens. Place your whole trust in his steadfast love.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

MESSAGE FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

“We Are Family”

Pastor Heather

EPISTLE READING

Romans 7:15-25 (NRSV)

Jane Jones

¹⁵ I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶ Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷ But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸ For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

²¹ So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²² For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³ but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴ Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ²⁵ Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

So then, with my mind I am a slave to the law of God, but with my flesh I am a slave to the law of sin.

SERMON

“Who Will Rescue Me?”

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

‘Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus
Ahyoung Son, organ

Words: L. M. R. Stead
Music: W. J. Kirkpatrick

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

This is My Song

UMH 437

Verse 1

This is my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is;
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
but other hearts in other lands are beating,
With hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

Verse 2

My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
and sunlight beams on clover leaf and pine;
but other lands have sunlight too, and clover,
and skies are everywhere as blue as mine.
O hear my song, thou God of all the nations,
A song of peace for their land and for mine.

Verse 1

This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms:
Thy kingdom come; on earth thy will be done.
Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve him,
and hearts united learn to live as one.
O hear my prayer, thou God of all the nations;
myself I give thee; let thy will be done.

BENEDICTION

Pastor Heather

CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

America the Beautiful

Chris Hisey, strings

Paula Castiglia, Don Hazard, Chris Hisey, Grace Hisey, Lauren Hisey,
Skip Sinclair, Grace Sinclair & Sophia Sinclair, vocals

Words: K. L. Bates

Music: S. A. Ward

*O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain;
for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.*

*O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!
America! America! May God thy gold refine,
till all success be nobleness, and every gain divine.*

*O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years
thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears!
America! America! God mend thine every flaw,
confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.*



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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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