



United Methodist Church
of Westport and Weston

August 16, 2020
11th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Online Worship with Hymn Sing – 9:30am

THOUGHT FOR MEDITATION

Romans 12:1-2 (MSG)

So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life – your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life – and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for God. Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what God wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Heather

PRELUDE

My God, I Love Thee
Ahyoung Son, organ

Este's Whole Booke of Psalmes

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 HYMNS

I Sing the Almighty Power of God

UMH 152

Verse 1

I sing the almighty power of God, that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.

I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
the moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.

Verse 2

I sing the goodness of the Lord, who filled the earth with food,
who formed the creatures thru the Word, and then pronounced them good.

Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye,
if I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky.

Verse 3

There's not a plant or flower below, but makes thy glories known,
and clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy throne;
while all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care;
and everywhere that we can be, thou, God, art present there.

Refrain:

Every time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.
Yes, every time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.

Verse 1

Upon the mountain, my Lord spoke, out his mouth came fire and smoke.
All around me looks so shine, ask my Lord if all was mine. **(Refrain)**

Verse 2

Jordan river runs right cold, chills the body, not the soul.
Ain't but one train on this track, runs to heaven and right back. **(Refrain)**

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess how easy it is for us to begin to adopt the attitudes and actions of the world around us; to let our lives be shaped by contemporary culture rather than by Your call.

We confess how often we think of our own interests first – more concerned with our own status than with the well-being of others.

We confess that we have not always treated one another as beloved members of the body of Christ, the Church; that we have allowed intolerance and resentment to tear us apart.

We confess that our love is not always genuine and harmonious; that we have lagged in spirit, zeal and hope for what is good.

We confess that we do not always acknowledge You as Lord, trusting in our own abilities and following our own goals rather than submitting ourselves to Your will and Your call.

Through the power of Your Holy Spirit, transform us. Change us from the inside out, so that our words and our lives would bring honor and glory to You, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Beloved in Christ, feel God's healing love and forgiving grace pouring over you and into your lives.
Know that God delights in you and will always be present with you.

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

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

HYMNS

Let There Be Peace on Earth

UMH 431

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God our creator, children all are we.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:
to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me

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Verse 1

Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Verse 2

Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear;
and while the wave-notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Verse 3

Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere;
open my heart and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

EPISTLE READING

Romans 12:1-21

12 I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶ We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸ the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

⁹ Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰ love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; ¹⁷ do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” ²⁰ No, “if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.” ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

MESSAGE FOR ALL GOD’S CHILDREN

“Many Parts, Many Gifts”

Pastor Heather

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, vocals
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

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

Lift High the Cross

UMH 159, vv. 1 & 4

Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.

Verse 1: Come, Christians, follow this triumphant sign. The hosts of God in unity combine. **(Refrain)**

Verse 4: So shall our song of triumph ever be: Praise to the Crucified for victory! **(Refrain)**

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus
Ahyoung Son, organ

G. J. Webb

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Our Mission is:
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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