



United Methodist Church
of Westport and Weston

August 9, 2020
10th Sunday after Pentecost

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

On-line Worship – 9:30am

THOUGHT FOR MEDITATION

Romans 10:11,14-17 (The Message)

Scripture reassures us, 'No one who trusts God like this – heart and soul – will ever regret it.' ... But how can people call for help if they don't know who to trust? And how can they know who to trust if they haven't heard of the One who can be trusted? And how can they hear if nobody tells them? And how is anyone going to tell them, unless someone is sent to do it?

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Heather

PRELUDE

Come, Christians, Join to Sing
Ahyoung Son, organ

B. Carr/A. C. Lovelace

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Based on Psalm 105

The Dingle Family

Give thanks to the Lord and call on God's name!

Sing to God! Sing praises to God!

Remember the wonderful works of God!

Sing to God! Sing praises to God!

Let the hearts of those who seek God rejoice!

Sing to God! Sing praises to God!

Seek God and God's strength always.

Sing to God! Sing praises to God!

Let us worship God!

OPENING HYMN

God of Grace and God of Glory

UMH 577

Verse 1

God of grace and God of glory,
on the people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story,
bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour, (of this hour)
for the facing of this hour.

Verse 2

Lo! the hosts of evil round us
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
Fears and doubts too long have bound us;
free our hearts to work and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days, (of these days)
for the living of these days.

Verse 3

Cure thy children's warring madness,
bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal, (kingdom's goal)
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

Verse 4

Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore;
let the search for thy salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore, (we adore)
serving thee whom we adore.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Source of goodness, who remembers not our sins, open our lips to speak your praise!
We give thanks that you are the hope of all the earth, the one for whom we yearn and yet from whom we so often turn away.
We confess that we live possessive lives as if all we have were not a gift from you.
We confess that we live prideful lives as if we were the center of creation.
We confess that we live diminished lives, jealous and resentful, as if we were not enriched by another's joy.
Forgive us, Lord. Ground our lives in your faithful love that endures forever.
We pray in the name of him by whom we know love, Christ our 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

MESSAGE FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

"Remember the Wonderful Works of God"

Pastor Heather

EPISTLE READING

Romans 10:5-15 (NIV)

George and Nancy Hanze

⁵ Moses writes this about the righteousness that is by the law: "The person who does these things will live by them."⁶ But the righteousness that is by faith says: "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷ "or 'Who will descend into the deep?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸ But what does it say? "The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: ⁹ If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For it is with your heart that you believe and are

justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. ¹¹ As Scripture says, “Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, ¹³ for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

¹⁴ How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? ¹⁵ And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

GOSPEL READING Matthew 14:22-33 (NRSV)

²² Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. ²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear.

²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”

²⁸ Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” ²⁹ He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind, ^[b] he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” ³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

SERMON

“Take Heart”

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

Double Violin Concerto: II. Largo ma non tanto
Chris Hisey, strings

J. S. Bach

HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

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

UMH 95

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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

It Is Well With My Soul

UMH 377

Verse 1

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain:

It is well with my soul,
it is well, it is well with my soul.

Verse 2

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control,
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and hath shed his own blood for my soul.

(Refrain)

Verse 3

My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part but the whole,
is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

(Refrain)

Verse 4

And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
the trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,
even so, it is well with my soul.

(Refrain)

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Christ is the World's Light

Paris Antiphoner/D. Evans

Ahyoung Son, organ

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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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