



United Methodist Church  
of Westport and Weston

April 25, 2021  
4th Sunday of Easter

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

Livestream Worship – 10:00am

THOUGHT FOR MEDITATION

*In this world  
we live  
and love and die  
and live again  
in parts  
until  
we die a different death  
and live a different life  
Death comes to us all  
but it never has a season  
only an instant  
in time it is nothing  
only a shadow  
in the valleys of life  
In this world  
we need not concern our selves  
with death  
though some of us do  
at times it is the living that counts  
and because there was another  
death  
The measure of a life  
Is Love  
where is thy victory*

JHH II

PRELUDE

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is*  
Ahyoung Son, organ

Irish Melody, harm. 1906

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cindy Glover, Lay Leader

CALL TO WORSHIP & OPENING PRAYER

From Psalm 139

Cindy Glover

O, LORD you have searched me and known me.  
<sup>2</sup> You know when I sit down and when I rise up;  
you discern my thoughts from far away.  
<sup>3</sup> You search out my path and my lying down,  
and are acquainted with all my ways.  
<sup>7</sup> Where can I go from your spirit?  
Or where can I flee from your presence?

- 8 If I ascend to heaven, you are there;  
 if I make my bed in (hell), you are there.
- 9 If I take the wings of the morning  
 and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,  
 10 even there your hand shall lead me,  
 and your right hand shall hold me fast.
- 11 If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,  
 and the light around me become night,"  
 12 even the darkness is not dark to you;  
 the night is as bright as the day,  
 for darkness is as light to you.
- 23 Search me, O God, and know my heart;  
 test me and know my thoughts.
- 24 See if there is any wicked way in me,  
 and lead me in the way everlasting.

OPENING HYMN

*This Is My Father's World*

UMH 144

*Verse 1*

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears  
 all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.  
 This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought  
 of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.

*Verse 2*

This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise,  
 the morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise.  
 This is my Father's world: he shines in all that's fair;  
 in the rustling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me everywhere.

*Verse 3*

This is my Father's world. O let me ne'er forget  
 that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.  
 This is my Father's world: why should my heart be sad?  
 The Lord is King; let the heavens ring! God reigns; let the earth be glad!

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 23

*The congregation reads aloud where ever you are. Please use the version you enjoy.  
 This is the King James Version.*

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. <sup>2</sup> He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. <sup>3</sup> He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup> Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

<sup>5</sup> Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. <sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

This is the Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

"Listen!"

Pastor Heather

SPECIAL MUSIC

SERMON

“The Valley of Life”

James Hisey II

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 power, and the glory, now and forever. Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

*When We All Get to Heaven*

UMH 701

**Verse 1**

Sing the wondrous love of Jesus; sing his mercy and his grace.  
In the mansions bright and blessed he’ll prepare for us a place.

**Refrain:**

When we all get to heaven, what a day of rejoicing that will be!  
When we all see Jesus, we’ll sing and shout the victory!

**Verse 2**

While we walk the pilgrim pathway, clouds will overspread the sky;  
but when traveling days are over, not a shadow, not a sigh. **(Refrain)**

**Verse 3**

Let us then be true and faithful, trusting, serving every day;  
just one glimpse of him in glory will the toils of life repay. **(Refrain)**

**Verse 4**

Onward to the prize before us! Soon his beauty we’ll behold;  
soon the pearly gates will open; we shall tread the streets of gold. **(Refrain)**

BENEDICTION & SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

SUNG BENEDICTION

*Peace I Leave with You*

Arr. G. Weigle

POSTLUDE

*Where He Leads Me*  
Ahyoung Son, organ

J. S. Norris



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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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