



United Methodist Church
of Westport and Weston

July 18, 2021
8th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Sanctuary & Livestream Worship – 10:00am

THOUGHT FOR MEDITATION

Psalm 105:4-5

*Pursue the LORD and the LORD's strength; seek God's face always!
Remember the wondrous works God has done, all the marvelous works, and the justice God declared.*

PRELUDE

Sonatina in F (op. 36, No. 4) 2nd Movement
Ahyoung Son, organ

M. Clementi

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Heather

CALL TO WORSHIP

In the beginning God created all things,
and God saw that they were good.
At our beginning God created us,
and sees that we are unique, treasured, loved and good.
Along the journey, we have stumbled and disregarded the “good”
in creation, in each other, in ourselves.
We seek healing, wholeness, and forgiveness.
We hope to forgive as we have been forgiven.
All of our stories are part of God's story.
**As we seek meaning and understanding,
we are held in God's embrace.**
Let us worship the God of past, present, and future,
our God in disappointment and delight, the God of story and song.

*OPENING HYMN

When We Are Called to Sing Your Praise
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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O Lord, we seek your mercy—
yet we ourselves seek payback when we are wronged.
We think it's “only fair” when we retaliate, use harsh words, and withdraw from relationships.
Although the forgiveness you offer on our account
is larger than we can comprehend, still we withhold forgiveness.
We carry grudges over petty grievances.
We are eager to replace your judgments with our own.
We delude ourselves, trying to secure your forgiveness while avoiding honest repentance.
Forgive us for the sins we know in our hearts. Save us from the sins we hide.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Our God is full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger, and has not dealt with us according to our sins. Instead, in Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven. This gift of forgiveness makes us able, in the power of Holy Spirit, to choose to forgive, renew, and live again in right relationship with each other and with our God.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

**Indicates that those who are able
are invited to rise in body and spirit.*

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

MESSAGE FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

Pastor Heather

SPECIAL MUSIC

The Love of God

F. M. Lehman

Chaeyoung Son, violin; Jinyoung Son, cello; Ahyoung Son, piano

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

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SERMON

"Telling the Story"

Rev. Heather A. M. Sinclair

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

*CLOSING HYMN

I Love to Tell the Story

UMH 156

BENEDICTION

At the conclusion of the Postlude, you are invited to exit the sanctuary. You may greet each other outside on the walkways or lawn.

SUNG BENEDICTION

Shalom to You

UMH 666

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POSTLUDE

Moment by Moment Medley

Arr. D. Marsh

Chaeyoung Son, violin; Jinyoung Son, cello; Ahyoung Son, piano

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