



United Methodist Church
of Westport and Weston

October 3, 2021
19th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Sanctuary & Livestream Worship – 10:00am
World Communion Sunday

PRAYER FOR MEDITATION

God of grace and goodness, your blessings in our lives have been so abundant that when trials come, we become disoriented. Our needs have so often been met that when we're challenged in life, we wonder what's wrong. Why isn't the world perfectly aligned to meet our desires? We offer our worship and gifts this day with hope that we might ground ourselves in gratitude for the blessings that we so easily come to take for granted. We pray for eyes to see clearly the bright mountains and the dark valleys, with grateful hearts for both. In Christ, we pray. Amen.

PRELUDE

St. Agnes
Ahyoung Son, organ

J. Dykes

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Heather

CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the day that the Lord has made.

God, thank you for the gift of this new day.

This day may be filled with joys and questions, challenges and tears.

And we know that you, God, will be with us through it all.

Praise the Lord!

*OPENING HYMN

When We Are Called to Sing Your Praise
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GOSPEL READING

Mark 10:13-16

MESSAGE FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

"Come to Jesus"

Pastor Heather

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING

Job 1:1; 2:1-10

Paula Castiglia

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

SERMON

"Good Job!"

Rev. Heather A. M. Sinclair

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, you created us to live in relationship with you, to love and serve one another and to care for your creation. We try to be blameless and upright at all times, but we are human and we stumble. In the hardness of our hearts, we dismiss your commandments and seek to go our own ways. Lord, have mercy on us. Redeem, restore and re-create us, by the grace of Jesus Christ.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

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

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

What are we that God is mindful of us? Who are we that God should care for us? Yet God calls all of us beloved children; Jesus claims us as siblings. This is the good news of God's grace:

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right and our great delight to praise you, O God.

In the beginning of time, your wisdom danced through creation,
calling forth light and life.

Through wisdom, you formed us in your image,
calling us to love and serve you.

Foolishly we turned from you
and abandoned your ways of justice and mercy.

Yet you did not reject us,
but continued to call us and claim us as your own.

We were slaves in Egypt, and you freed us.

We were hungry and thirsty in the wilderness,
and you nourished us with manna and water from the rock.

We had no home, and you led us into the land of your promise.

We worshiped idols of our own making,
and you called to us through the prophets to turn back to you.

At last you emptied yourself of power
and came to us as the child of Mary,
holy God in frail and human flesh.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels
and with all the faithful of every time and place,
who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

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You are holy, O God of power and might,
and blessed is Jesus Christ, the one who comes in your name.
In his life, he called unlikely people to follow him:
fisherfolk, tax collectors, children, sinners, deniers, betrayers.
On the cross he gave himself up to the powers of this world,
showing in his body your great foolishness, O God,
for loving such a wayward world.

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Yet by this very cross, O Wisdom from on high,
you have undone and remade the wisdom of this world,
drawing light from darkness, power from humiliation,
life from death itself.

Remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ,
we proclaim together the mystery of faith:
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Come, then, life-giving Spirit,
descend upon these bodily things
and make us into one body with Christ,
that we, who are baptized into his death,
may walk in newness of life;
that what is sown in dishonor may be raised in glory
and what is sown in weakness may be raised in power.

We praise you, O God,
blessed and holy Trinity,
now and forever. **Amen.**

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.

SHARING THE BREAD & CUP

In the United Methodist Church, all who wish to receive the love and grace of Jesus are welcome at the Lord's Table. At the direction of the ushers, you will be invited forward to receive a cup of juice and piece of bread. Please move down the altar rail to eat the bread and drink the juice. Leave your empty cup in the altar rail and return to your seats by the side aisles. If you prefer pre-sealed communion, please notify the servers. If you are worshipping at home, the blessing of the table extends to the bread and cup which you bring to your worship space.

COMMUNION MUSIC

A Place at the Table Words, Shirley Murray
Dennis Castiglia, Paula Castiglia, Chris Hisey, Heather Hisey, vocals Music, Lori True

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God, you fill the hungry with good things. In this holy meal and mystery, you have filled us with your word, the bread of life, and the grace of forgiveness. Fill us with Christ's spirit of service and love, that through us, all may be welcomed. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*CLOSING HYMN

How Firm a Foundation

UMH 529, vv. 1-3, 5

BENEDICTION

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

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 given online through our website. Your generosity is a blessing. Thank you.



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