



United Methodist Church  
of Westport and Weston

October 10, 2021  
20th 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

Mark 10:17-31 (CEB)

*Jesus looked at them carefully and said, “It’s impossible with human beings, but not with God. All things are possible for God.”*

PRELUDE

*Hereford*  
Ahyoung Son, organ

S. S. Wesley

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Heather A. M. Sinclair, Pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP

Through the generations, God has been  
and to this day, God continues to be with God’s people.  
God dwells our midst. Listen and hear God speak.

**Our hearts long for God’s word.**

**We wait upon the Lord**

**so that we may renew our strength.**

God is our help and our support.

God’s spirit moves in and through us  
to lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days.

**With joyful hearts we sing God’s praise.**

**With rejoicing we come into God’s presence  
and call upon God’s name.**

**The Lord is our hope and our salvation.**

\*OPENING HYMN

*Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of justice and mercy, we confess that we put ourselves first. We trust in things that will not last. We do not put our full trust in you. We choose words and actions that harm, rather than heal. We rant and rave, rather than committing to change. We gather up power and wealth and turn our gaze from the needy.**

**O Lord, be gracious to us despite our reluctance and lack of faith.**

**Teach us to love your justice and share in your mercy.**

**Help us to seek the treasure of heavenly life with you;  
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Siblings in Christ, we all wander from the way and truth of Christ.  
Rejoice! You have been brought back by the redemption of God  
and the grace of Christ.

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

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

MESSAGE FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN "You Are Not Alone" Pastor Heather

SPECIAL MUSIC *I Choose You* D. Govenor  
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SCRIPTURE READING Job 23:1-9, 16-17 Harry Jordan  
This is the Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Ranting and Raving" Rev. Heather A. M. Sinclair

HYMN *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* TFWS 2193  
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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 *You Are My All in All* W&S 3040  
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POSTLUDE *Indescribable* L. Story; Arr. C. Tornquist  
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Ahyoung Son, piano

*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 placed in the Offering box; sent to the church office or given through the website. Your generosity is a blessing. Thank you.*

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Rev. Richard J. Fairchild, Kir-shalom website. <http://www.spirit-net.ca/sermons/b-or02sm.php>  
*Feasting on the Word: Worship Companion, Year B, Volume 2; Westminster John Knox Press, 2015*

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OUR MINISTERS ARE EVERY PARTICIPANT IN THE LIFE OF OUR CONGREGATION, AND  
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*\*Indicates that those who are able are invited to rise in body and spirit.*