



United Methodist Church  
of Westport and Weston

October 17, 2021  
21st 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

*I do not know what I may appear to the world, but to myself I seem to have been only like a boy playing on the seashore, diverting myself in now & then finding a smoother pebble or a prettier shell than ordinary, whilst the great ocean of truth lay all undiscovered before me.* – William Shatner on Twitter after his October 13<sup>th</sup> space flight

PRELUDE

*I Love to Tell the Story*  
Ahyoung Son, organ

W. G. Fischer

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Heather

CALL TO WORSHIP

Based on Psalm 104

On this day the Lord has made,  
**Let us praise the Lord, for God is great indeed!**  
**Let us sing praises for God's glorious works.**  
We give glory, honor, and thanksgiving to the Lord,  
who makes and sustains all things.  
**How great are you, O God!**

\*OPENING HYMN

*How Great Thou Art*

UMH 77

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God, heart of creation, we look around and see the glory and the heartache of this world. We look at ourselves and see how we fall short in our attempts at faithfulness. We often do things, not because it is what you call us to do, but in hopes of earning points and praise. We can become so self-absorbed that we cannot see the suffering and struggles of friends, family, strangers. We are so desperate to get to the front of the line, we push aside the very ones you seek to honor.**

**Forgive us, Holy One. Remind us that we are offered abundant grace through Jesus Christ, who calls us to humble service, standing by our side, as we seek to be faithful disciples.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

The One who poured the foundations of creation fills us with grace and hope. The One who numbered the clouds, tips over rain barrels of living water into our parched souls. The One who writes anthems for the early morning stars, fills us with songs of joy. The One who provides food for all living things, feeds us with mercies which come fresh and new each day.

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

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

MESSAGE FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

“Wow!”

Pastor Heather

SPECIAL MUSIC

*How Great Is Our God*

C. Tomlin, J. Reeves & E. Cash

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

SCRIPTURE READING

Job 38:1-7, 34-41

Dennis Castiglia

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

SERMON

“Out of the Whirlwind”

Rev. Heather A. M. Sinclair

HYMN

*Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

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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

*I Sing the Almighty Power of God*

UMH 152

BENEDICTION

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POSTLUDE

*Diadem*  
Ahyoung Son, organ

J. Ellor

*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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