



United Methodist Church  
of Westport and Weston

April 24, 2022  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

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

Sanctuary & Livestream Worship – 10:00am

THOUGHT FOR MEDITATION     *The road to Emmaus is this world.* ~ Franz Wright

PRELUDE

*The Risen Christ*

K. Getty & P. Madeira  
arr. C. Tornquist

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Ahyoung Son, piano

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Heather

CALL TO WORSHIP

Based on Psalm 150

Praise the Lord!

**Praise God in the sanctuary.**

Praise God in the vault of heaven.

**Praise God in the earth and skies.**

Sing praises to the Lord.

**Shout and sing praises to God.**

We have witnessed God's mighty acts.

**We have seen the Lord's greatness.**

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord.

**Let everything that draws breath praise the Lord!**

\*OPENING HYMN

*The Day of Resurrection*

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Risen One, like the disciples on the road to Emmaus,  
we struggle to recognize you on the everyday journey.**

**We seek your wisdom in the midst of the questions and circumstances of life –  
sometimes beyond our control, sometimes of our own making.**

**Open our eyes, Light of the World, to your work of transformation in and around us.**

**As we walk with you day by day, may your new life be made manifest in what we say to others.**

**Help us to understand the power of our words to hurt or to heal;  
give us the graciousness to make all our conversations holy.**

**May our seeing be holy as well. In the midst of the many images that bombard us  
and shape our attitudes and behaviors, open our eyes to see you in unexpected ways.**

**As you opened the scriptures to the disciples and taught them everything,  
open our eyes to behold you in your Word, in the beauty of nature,  
the beauty of another human being and the beauty of sacred art.**

**And in our seeing, help us to recognize and welcome the stranger in our midst.  
May our welcome be a celebration of the gifts and graces of persons  
who are different from us and not merely some token tolerance of an outsider.  
So often we forget, Holy One, that you invite us to abide with you.  
We thank you that you see us, forgive us and travel with us. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

SPECIAL MUSIC

*Open the Eyes of My Heart*

P. Baloche

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GOSPEL READING

Luke 24:13-32

Pastor Heather

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

A MESSAGE FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

"Walking with Jesus"

Pastor Heather

*All children are welcome to come forward for a special message. Children over the age of five will then be invited to Sunday School. The Nursery is open and staffed by professionals for those under the age of five.*

MISSION MOMENT Bayard Dodge, Volunteer Coordinator for CIRI (CT Institute for Refugees and Immigrants)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*You are invited to pray in the version and language of your heart.*)

\*CLOSING HYMN

*Easter People, Raise Your Voices*

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BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

*Peace I Leave with You*

Arr. G. Weigle

POSTLUDE

*Hail Thou Once Despised Jesus*  
Ahyoung Son, organ

Trad. Dutch melody



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**WELCOME!** It is a blessing to welcome you to worship today. If you are visiting, please sign the guestbook, introduce yourself to Pastor Heather, an usher or greeter and check out WestportUMC.org to find out more about the mission and ministries of this community of faith.

## *Welcoming Statement*

The United Methodist Church of Westport and Weston is a community of faith that is committed to growing in grace and supporting one another in love. We affirm the sacred worth of all of God's children and welcome people of all ages, races, abilities, sexual orientations, gender identities and economic circumstances to join us in the membership, participation and leadership of our church.

Our hearts, our minds and our doors are open to all.

Portions of the worship service are adapted from:

*Ministry Matters website,*

<http://www.ministrymatters.com/>

*The Church of Ireland website,*

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