



United Methodist Church
of Westport and Weston

May 15, 2022
5th 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 *Love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.*
– Jesus to his disciples in John 13:34

PRELUDE *Violin Sonata #4, 2nd Mvt Allegro* G. F. Handel
Sabrina Lee, violin & Ahyoung Son, piano

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Heather

*CALL TO WORSHIP Inspired by Psalm 148

Come, praise the eternal God!
All the heavens and angels above — **praise God!**
Sun, moon, and stars in the sky — **praise God!**
Dolphins and whales, fish in the sea — **praise God!**
Wild and tame animals, creatures that crawl and fly — **praise God!**
Lightning and thunder, snow and rain — **praise God!**
Mountains and hills, desert and prairie — **praise God!**
Fruit trees and cedars, flowers and weeds — **praise God!**
Every nations of the globe, citizens and leaders — **praise God!**
All beloved children of God — **praise God!**
For God's name stands alone, above all others;
God's glory shines over earth and heaven.
Let us worship God together!

*OPENING HYMN *All Creatures of Our God and King* UMH 62, vv. 1-4 & 7
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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, your command to love one another across all differences opens us to new horizons, yet we often respond with hesitation, fear and judgment that hinders your goal and vision for humanity. Forgive our sins, we pray. Embolden us to move in new directions. Give us the grace for true repentance that leads to life for all of creation. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God's promises are trustworthy and true. Be at peace to serve the Lord, and may you always be known by the love of Christ shining in and through you.
In the name of the Risen Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

GOSPEL READING John 13:13-35 Nancy Hanze

A MESSAGE FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN "Love One Another" Pastor Heather
All children are welcome to come forward for a special message. Children over the age of five will remain in worship. There are coloring pages and activities in the narthex. The Nursery is open and staffed by professionals for those under the age of five.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

E. Hatch, R. Jackson

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 11:1-18

Pastor Heather

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

SERMON

“Unexpected Changes”

Rev. Heather A. M. Sinclair

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

*CLOSING HYMN

In Christ There Is No East or West

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Make Us One

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POSTLUDE

Christ Loves the Church

J. Marshall

Ahyoung Son, organ

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THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the greater glory of God by Thoumma and Tony Russo in loving memory of Aki Ikeda.

WELCOME! It is a blessing to welcome you to worship today. If you are visiting, please sign in with an usher and introduce yourself to Pastor Heather. **ALL ARE INVITED** to enjoy a time of fellowship and refreshments after worship in Fellowship Hall. Thanks go to all who provide food, make the coffee, set up and clean up. It’s a team effort every Sunday! Please look for the sign-up board in Fellowship Hall.

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.

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Rev. Roddy Hamilton,

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