



United Methodist Church  
of Westport and Weston

May 22, 2022  
6<sup>th</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

Psalm 67:1-2

*May God be gracious to us and bless us and make God's face shine upon us,  
that God's way may be known upon earth, and saving power upon all nations.*

PRELUDE

*Jesus Messiah*

D. Carson, arr. C. Tornquist

*2008 sixsteps Music / Vamos Publishing / Wondrously Made Songs / worshiptogether.com songs; CCLI Song #5183443*

Ahyoung Son, piano

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Heather

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

*This Is the Day*

UMH 657

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\*PRAISE MUSIC

*How Great Is Our God*

W&S 3003

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*CCLI Song #4348399*

*Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus*

UMH 349

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Loving God, we confess that we are an anxious people who deny your blessings and fail to keep your word. We wander and stray and trust too much in the ways of the world. Forgive us, we pray, for these and all our sins, that we might live in peace that only you can give and reflect your love in the world; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Let your hearts be still, for God loves you and forgives all your wrongdoing.  
Beloved, receive the peace of Christ.

**In the name of the Risen Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.**

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

GOSPEL READING

John 14:23-29

Kirstin Zarras

A MESSAGE FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

“Peace Be with You”

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.*

SPECIAL MUSIC

*I'll Fly Away*

A. E. Brumley

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SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 16:9-15

Pastor Heather

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

SERMON

“A Surprising Detour”

Rev. Heather A. M. Sinclair

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

\*CLOSING HYMN

*Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)*

W&S 3104

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CHORAL BENEDICTION

*Make Us One*

C. Cymbala

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POSTLUDE

*Mighty to Save*

R. Morgan, arr. C. Tornquist

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Ahyoung Son, organ



*Your gifts, tithes and offerings allow us to continue the mission and ministries of this congregation and the connectional church. Checks may be brought to worship and dropped in the offering box in the narthex, mailed to the church office or given online through our website. Your generosity is a blessing. Thank you.*

**WE THANK MUSICIANS** Mike Asetta and Artie Dixon for lifting us up in song today.

**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](http://WestportUMC.org) to find out more about the mission and ministries of this community of faith.

**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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