



United Methodist Church  
of Westport and Weston

July 31, 2022  
8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

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

Fellowship Hall & Livestream Worship – 10:00am

CENTERING PRAYER

Luke 8:11-13

*This is the meaning of the parable: The seed is the word of God. Those along the path are the ones who hear, and then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. Those on the rocky ground are the ones who receive the word with joy when they hear it, but they have no root. They believe for a while, but in the time of testing they fall away.*

PRELUDE

*Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)*

C. Tomlin

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arr. C. Tornquist

Ahyoung Son, piano

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dennis Castiglia

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 136

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

**People: His love endures forever.**

Leader: Give thanks to the God of gods.

**People: His love endures forever.**

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord of lords.

**People: His love endures forever.**

Leader: He remembered us in our low estate

**People: His love endures forever.**

Leader: and freed us from our enemies.

**People: His love endures forever.**

Leader: He gives food to every creature.

**People: His love endures forever.**

**All: Give thanks to the God of heaven.**

**His love endures forever.**

\*OPENING HYMN

*Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

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MORNING PRAYER

from Revelation 21:3-4

**And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”**

SCRIPTURE READING:

Colossians 3:1-17, *A New Heaven and a New Earth*

Paula Castiglia

SPECIAL MUSIC

*Concerto for Two Violins in A minor,  
RV 522, Op 3 No. 8, 1st mvt Allegro.*

A. Vivaldi

Michael Lee, violin; Sabrina Lee, violin; Ahyoung Son, piano

NEW TESTAMENT READING

John 15:5-17, *The True Vine*

Dennis Castiglia

SERMON

*Joy ...a revelation?*

Dennis Castiglia, Lay Servant

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

\*HYMN

*He Touched Me*

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

James Hisey II

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

\*CLOSING HYMN

*Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart*

UMH 160, vv. 1, 3, 4 & 5

BENEDICTION

Dennis Castiglia

POSTLUDE

*Blessed Be Your Name*

M. Redman

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arr. C. Tornquist

Ahyoung Son, piano



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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 a worship leader, 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 Fellowship Time in Fellowship Hall following the Worship Service.

### *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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