



United Methodist Church  
of Westport and Weston

August 14, 2022  
10<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

*Most Gracious God we greet you once again in this sacred space. We have come because we need to be reminded of your love and your expectations for our living. We are like the vine you planted, watered and protected. We know in our hearts that we need and desire your presence in our lives. So we come in prayer and listen for your Word to speak to our hearts and reveal again your desires for us. Amen.*

PRELUDE

Alexis Zingale, piano

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Heather

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER

God of grace and glory, at the starting line of this day, **we call on your name.**

As we run the race you have set before us, **help us to keep our eyes on your goals, not our own.**

When we falter, **give us fresh strength and courage.**

When we are fleet-footed, **let us give you the glory.**

Keep us from wanting to win at other's expense **or to count ourselves better than other runners.**

All runners are your children. In the race You imagine, each one is a winner.

**And Jesus our goal and prize.**

**O God, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us. Mindful of the gifts and grace we receive and confident of the sustenance the Lord provides, we lift up our prayers and praise. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God hears our prayers, rejoicing as we seek to live a transformed life. God acknowledges the stumbling blocks that separate us and slow us down. God forgives us, and brings us to peace.

**We rejoice and trust in forgiveness and reconciliation of God through Christ.**

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

\*OPENING HYMN

*Grace Alone*

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SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

SERMON

“Receive the Promise”

Rev. Heather A. M. Sinclair

SPECIAL MUSIC

*Scars in Heaven*

Raymond Trapp and NYAC Music Team

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

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

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Alexis Zingale, 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 Pastor Heather or an usher or greeter, and check out 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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