



United Methodist Church
of Westport and Weston

August 28, 2022
12th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Fellowship Hall & Livestream Worship – 10:00am

THOUGHT FOR MEDITATION

The one who sings prays twice.

Attributed to St. Augustine

PRELUDE

Prelude in C Sharp Major
John Collinge, piano

J. S. Bach

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Heather

CALL TO WORSHIP

Based on Psalm 96

O God, there is none like you, Lord!

Such splendor and strength!

May all the earth sing to you:

the families of the nations, the fish of the sea,

the fields brimming with crops,

and the forests filled with creatures.

May your whole creation become a chorus whose song is you.

May our voices join creation's chorus in praising you today.

*OPENING HYMN

When in Our Music God Is Glorified

UMH 68

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God invites us to mutual love. But to find that mutuality, we must release our need for honor, our desire for privilege. In humility let us seek forgiveness through prayer, trusting in the promise of God in Christ Jesus.

Merciful God, forgive us for when we exalt ourselves, rather than singing your praises. Forgive us for believing we are self-sufficient, rather than trusting in your strength. Open us to your spirit, that we might serve all people with wisdom, love and compassion, devoting ourselves to your honor alone. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God rejoices when we repent and return, sustaining us with grace and mercy. Rejoice! For we have been reconciled to God and one another. Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

SCRIPTURE READING

Colossians 3:12-17

ANTHEM

A Charge to Keep I Have

C. Wesley, arr. R. Cox

MEDITATIONS ON MUSIC

Rev. Heather A. M. Sinclair & John Collinge

HYMN SING

*The congregation is invited to choose hymns from **The United Methodist Hymnal (red)** and **The Faith We Sing (black)** hymnals. We will sing the first and last verses, unless there is another preference.*

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

*CLOSING HYMN

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

UMH 126

BENEDICTION

Pastor Heather

POSTLUDE

It Is Well With My Soul
John Collinge, piano

P. Bliss
Arr. Mark Hayes



Portions of the Order of Worship are adapted from:
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The United Methodist Publishing House, Nashville, TN.
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Feasting on the Word: Worship Companion, Liturgies for Year C, Volume 2, Westminster John Know Press, 2013
Chris Altmock, True North. <http://chrisaltmock.com/2011/12/prayer-from-psalm-96-earth-chorus/>



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WELCOME! It is a blessing to welcome you to worship today. If you are visiting, please sign the guestbook, and introduce yourself to Pastor Heather, an usher or greeter. 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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