



United Methodist Church
of Westport and Weston

September 18, 2022
15th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Sanctuary & Livestream Worship – 10:00am

CENTERING PRAYER

God of covenant, you promised Abraham land, descendants, and blessing, so that he might be a blessing for all. Show us how to honor the covenant in our daily lives, so that we might be a blessing to others.

PRELUDE

Faith of Our Fathers
Ahyoung Son, organ

H. Hemy; adapt, J. Walton

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Heather

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Based on Psalm 105

Give thanks to the Lord! Call on God's name!
Make God's deeds known to all the people!
For God is faithful to a thousand generations!
Sing God's praises! Tell of God's wonderful works,
and give glory to God's holy name!
For God is faithful to a thousand generations!
Search for God, and for God's strength.
Never stop looking for God.
For God is faithful to a thousand generations!

*OPENING HYMN

The God of Abraham Praise

UMH 116

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of salvation, you shower our lives and our world with love, yet we too often turn away from your blessing. It is just so easy to complain! There are little annoyances each day, but they pile up into a mountainous burden that becomes a curse on our lives. Free us from our unwise choices, O God. When we are distracted and confused, redirect our attention to the abundant opportunities to experience your love. Guide us to put our trust in you alone. Focus our hearts on you, that we may choose the blessing of salvation offered us each day through Jesus Christ, in whom we pray. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS

WORDS OF AFFIRMATION & SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

God's blessings of forgiveness and grace are all around us, in all the families of the earth. As human beings created in God's own image, we carry that divine blessing in our being! Confident of that blessing, turn now to one another and offer these words:

You are blessed to be a blessing. Peace be with you.

MESSAGE FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

"Blessed to be a Blessing"

Pastor Heather

Children are invited to return to their seats for the service. There are coloring pages and bulletins in the narthex. The Nursery is open for children under age five.

SONG

Lead Me, Lord

UMH 473

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 12:1-9

Dan Gelman

"I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great,
so that you will be a blessing." Genesis 12:2

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

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 28:19-20

“Go therefore and make disciples of all peoples...” Matthew 28:19

SERMON

“Go!”

Rev. Heather A. M. Sinclair

OFFERING OUR PRAYERS & GIFTS

Through our baptism and membership in the church, we covenant to give of our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. Financial gifts, tithes and offerings support the mission and ministries of this congregation and the connectional church. Online giving is available at WestportUMC.org.

Prayer cards may be placed in the offering plates to be lifted up during the Prayer of the People and/or added to the weekly Prayer List.

MUSIC OFFERING

Spiritual Medley

Arr. George Weigle

My Lord, What a Morning; Steal Away; Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Dennis Castiglia and Don Hazard, vocals; John Collinge, piano

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 95

OFFERING PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

*CLOSING HYMN

Cry of My Heart

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

I Know Whom I Have Believed

J. McGranahan

Ahyoung Son, organ

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 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.

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