



United Methodist Church
of Westport and Weston

November 13, 2022
23rd Sunday after Pentecost
Commitment Sunday

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

Sanctuary & Livestream Worship – 10:00am

CENTERING PRAYER

Almighty God, you ask us to practice justice, mercy, and humility. Help us to walk in your ways, and to act with justice and mercy toward our neighbors, so that we may all flourish in your presence. Amen.

PRELUDE

I Need Thee Every Hour
Ahyoung Son, organ

R. Lowry

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Heather

*CALL TO WORSHIP

How shall we worship our God?

We have heard what the Lord requires of us.

Leave empty talk and pride behind.

We must walk the walk.

Prepare to step out in faith, even into troubled waters.

Only God knows where we might need to go.

Don't be afraid.

Jesus will guide our steps along the way,

Teaching us to walk humbly, To love boldly,

To serve God with body, soul, mind, and strength.

Let us pray for the humility and courage to follow where the Spirit leads.

Let us breathe in the Holy Spirit, listen for the Word of God

and follow in the footsteps of Jesus as we worship with our hearts, voices and lives.

*OPENING HYMN

Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated

UMH 399

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess we have sinned against you
and against our neighbors.

We have not always sought true justice or loved mercy.

We have not been faithful to the covenant you made with us

Nor have we always walked in your ways.

We are quick to seek what benefits us

And slow to seek justice for the poor or the stranger.

We have not loved you with our whole being,

And we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

Forgive us, for the sake of your faithful love,

and renew us in your covenant,

so that we may be who you desire us to be. *(Silent Prayers...)*

WORDS OF AFFIRMATION

From Psalms 86:5; 103:10–12 (CEB)

Hear the promise of Scripture: “God is good and forgiving, full of faithful love for all those who cry out.

God doesn't deal with us according to our sin or repay us according to our wrongdoing, because as high as heaven is above the earth, that's how large God's faithful love is for those who honor God.

As far as east is from west – that's how far God has removed our sin from us.”

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

MESSAGE FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

“Do”

Pastor Heather

Following the Message, children over age five are invited to Sunday School. The Nursery is open and staffed for children under age five.

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING

Micah 6:1-4, 6-8

This is the Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5:43-48 (CEB)

SERMON

“Do. Love. Walk.”

Rev. Heather A. M. Sinclair

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Dennis & Paula Castiglia

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 Prayers of the People and/or added to the weekly Prayer List.

MUSIC OFFERING

Blessed Be Your Name

M. Redman, arr. C. Tornquist

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Ahyoung Son, piano

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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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

Give Thanks

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BENEDICTION

Pastor Heather

POSTLUDE

Holy, Holy

J. Owens

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Ahyoung Son, piano

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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