



United Methodist Church  
of Westport and Weston

Christ the King Sunday ~ November 19, 2023

Hybrid Worship ~ 10:00am

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



*Hosanna in the highest!*  
*Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!*

Mark 11:10

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Heather Sinclair

PRELUDE

*Sonatina*  
John Hoddinott, guitar; Ahyoung Son, piano

M. Clementi

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come to worship Jesus Christ, Alpha and Omega,  
the one who is, who was, and is to come. (Rev. 1:8)

**We come to worship the one who rules justly.** (2 Samuel 23:34)

Come to worship Jesus Christ, the faithful witness,  
the firstborn of the dead,  
the ruler of the kings of the earth! (Rev. 1:5)

**Bread of Heaven, God with us!** (John 6:51, Mt. 1:23)

Good Shepherd, True Vine! (John 10:11, John 15:1)

**Eternal Word, Great I AM** (John 1, John 8:58)

Wonderful Counselor, Prince of Peace! (Isaiah 9:6)

**We come to worship Jesus Christ,**

**King of kings and Lord of lords!** (Rev. 19:16)

**To Christ be glory and dominion forever and ever!** (Rev. 1:6)

OPENING PRAYER

**Amazing God, you have allowed us the opportunity during this year to walk the pathways of hope with Jesus.**

**From your incarnation in Christ at the Nativity to his acceptance of the ministries to which you called him; from the magnificent lessons about caring and compassion to his journey on the roads leading to Jerusalem; from the encounters with hostile people to the cries of those in need and to his crucifixion and resurrection, we have been blessed to learn from our Savior and have our lives transformed by his redeeming love.**

**Bring the joy of this day into our hearts. Flood our lives with your words of hope that our ministries may glow with delight at serving you by serving others.**

**Bless this church as we grow and continue to learn what you would have us do. Encourage us to be a haven of peace and hope in this world that is bound in such anger and fear.**

**We ask these things in Jesus' name. Amen.**

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

MESSAGE FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

Pastor Heather

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

*Thy Word Is a Lamp*

UMH 601

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**A CELEBRATION OF THE CHURCH YEAR**

ADVENT

SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:46-55

Paula Castiglia

SONG

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

UMH 196

CHRISTMAS

SCRIPTURE

John 1:1-5, 14

George Hanze

SONGS

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*  
Chancel Choir

Arr. J. Hoddinott

*Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*

UMH 240 (vv.1 & 3)

EPIPHANY

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 60:1-3

Ralph Nebelung

SONGS

*There's a Song in the Air*  
*We Three Kings*

UMH 249 (vv. 1 & 2)

UMH 254 (v. 2)

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](http://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 *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* C. Gläser, arr., L. Mason  
Ahyoung Son, piano

\*HYMN OF PRAISE *Praise God, from Whom All Blessing Flow* UMH 95

\*OFFERING PRAYER

LENT & HOLY WEEK

SCRIPTURE Mark 8:31-35 Gillian Anderson

SONG *What Wondrous Love Is This* UMH 292 (vv. 2 & 4)

SILENT REFLECTION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

**Our Father who art in heaven hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

EASTER

SCRIPTURE Luke 24:1-9 Mary Jo Kinser

SONGS *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* UMH 302 (vv.1 & 4)  
*Lift High the Cross* UMH 159 (vv. 1 & 4)

PENTECOST

SCRIPTURE Acts 2:1-12 Bob Searles

SONG *As a Fire Is Meant for Burning* TFWS 2237  
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CHRIST THE KING

SCRIPTURE Revelation 1:4b-8 Jerry Eyster

\*SONG *Majesty, Worship His Majesty* J. Hayford  
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\*BENEDICTION

\*SUNG BENEDICTION *Shalom to You* UMH 666

POSTLUDE *The Church's One Foundation* S. S. Wesley  
Ahyoung Son, organ

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**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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