



United Methodist Church
of Westport and Weston

April 14, 2024
3rd Sunday of Easter
Hybrid Worship – 10:00am

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

CENTERING PRAYER

Holy God, the early disciples of Jesus offered something more powerful and more valuable than riches. They gave healing and hope. Bring healing and hope into our world and show us evidence of your presence in our lives. Amen.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Children ages five and up are invited to remain in Worship. The Nursery is open and staffed for children under age five. Coloring pages and activity bags are in the Narthex.

PRELUDE

His Eye Is on the Sparrow C. Gabriel, arr. C. Berry
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Ahyoung Son, piano

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Heal Me, Hands of Jesus M. Perry

Heal me, hands of Jesus,
and search out all my pain;
restore my hope,
remove my fear, and bring me peace again.
Fill me, joy of Jesus;
anxiety shall cease,
and heaven's serenity be mine,
for Jesus brings me peace!

*HYMN

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing UMH 57, vv. 1, 3 & 6

MORNING PRAYER

by Alan Paton of South Africa, author of "Cry, the Beloved Country"

O Lord, open my eyes that I may see the needs of others; open my ears that I may hear their cries; open my heart so that they need not be without succor; let me not be afraid to defend the weak because of the anger of the strong, nor afraid to defend the poor because of the anger of the rich. Show me where love and hope and faith are needed, and use me to bring them to those places. And so open my eyes and my ears that I may this coming day be able to do some work of peace for thee. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God shows steadfast love and blesses us for generations to come when we walk in God's ways and serve in God's name. In love, God sent Jesus to bless and redeem the world. God forgives us our sins and restores us to new life.

**Let us rejoice in God's mercy and live as a free and faithful people.
Thanks be to God! Amen.**

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 30:11-12 (Authorized KJV) Dennis Castiglia

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 3:1-10 (Authorized KJV) Dennis Castiglia

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

SERMON "Taking a Leap of Faith" Jerry Eyster, Lay Speaker

HYMN *We Shall Overcome* UMH 533

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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 *Op. 121, No. 12* F. Carulli

John Hoddinott, guitar

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH 94

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***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

OFFERING PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Dennis Castiglia

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

*CLOSING HYMN *Lord of the Dance* UMH 261, vv. 1, 3 & 5

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Hymn to Joy* L. van Beethoven

Ahyoung Son, organ



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Our Mission is:

To Know the love of Jesus in personal ways through worship, prayer and study
To Live the love of Jesus through acts of compassion, gentleness and justice
To Share the love of Jesus in our homes, our community and the world
To Welcome all of God's children regardless of age, race, ability,
sexual or gender orientation, and economic circumstance.

A NEW STUDY BEGINS AT GRACE CONNEXION TODAY

“Acts – The Revolution of Faith” by Randy Frazee

In the book of Acts, we see God's church growing and taking shape—setting itself apart from the culture of hatred and excess surrounding it and becoming a revolution of hope to a broken world. Today, we are writing the last chapter of Acts in our own lives...

Grace Connexion meets in the Library, 11:30am

- ▶ Pastor Heather will be on family vacation until April 20. In case of a pastoral emergency, please contact Rev. Laura Galbraith, Darien/Rowayton UMC (860-817-5501 – cell).
- ▶ Pastor Heather will lead worship on Sunday, April 21 with Guest Preacher Rev. Karen Eiler.
- ▶ Youth Education will be held on April 28.

TWO UPCOMING EVENTS ON MENTAL HEALTH IN OUR COMMUNITY

Learn, connect and discuss how we can receive and offer support.

UMC of New Canaan, Monday, April 22, 7pm –“The Mental Health Crisis in Our Backyard.” Visit umcofnewcanaan.org for more information.

UMM Breakfast in Fellowship Hall, Saturday, May 4, 9am – *Taking a deeper look at our country's public health crisis that impacts every community.* Look for more information in upcoming church emails.

- ▶ **The next Jazz Vespers** will be on Sunday, May 5, 4pm.

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