



United Methodist Church  
of Westport and Weston

November 17, 2024  
26<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Hybrid Worship – 10:00am

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

**ISAIAH 6:8**

*When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus's knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" For he and all who were with him were astounded at the catch of fish that they had taken, and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." Luke 5:8-10*

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**CENTERING PRAYER**

*Ruler of heaven and earth, as you cleansed Isaiah with a coal of fire to prepare him for proclaiming your word to the world, prepare us so that we may know your bidding and carry out our callings with eagerness. Show the world greatness that cannot be contained any more than smoke or fire can be caught, in the name of the one who sacrificed everything to carry out your commands, Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.*

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Pastor Heather

**PRELUDE**

*Gigue from Suite 1 for Cello, BWV 1007*  
John Hoddinott, guitar

J. S. Bach

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Based on Psalm 93

We come to worship God, the Eternal Sovereign – who is robed in majesty and light.

**We come in quiet, awed wonder and praise before our Glorious God and King.**

We come to praise God, the Glorious Sovereign – who is robed in holy righteousness.

**We come in humility, because we are not worthy of receiving God's sovereign grace.**

We come and reverently marvel that the LORD our God, the Sovereign of all creation – who is forever robed in power and mercy – welcomes and accepts our prayers.

**We come, to worship our Creator, who has created all things for and in love.**

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, we raise our songs to you.**

**\*HYMN**

*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*

UMH 64

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Holy God, we know that you are always there to lead us, yet we somehow lose our way and fall back into fear. We confess that we allow fear and worries to overwhelm us, rather than putting our complete trust in you. We confess that we have stumbled, and we recognize our need for you to lift us up and help us start again. Forgive us our failing, restore us to strength, open our ears and hearts to your voice, and reconcile us with you, ourselves and each other, through the power of Christ and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Siblings in Christ, hear the good news: God cleanses us of our sins and reminds us that we are beloved children – forgiven, loved and free.

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

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 6:1-13

Dean Zarras

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

SERMON

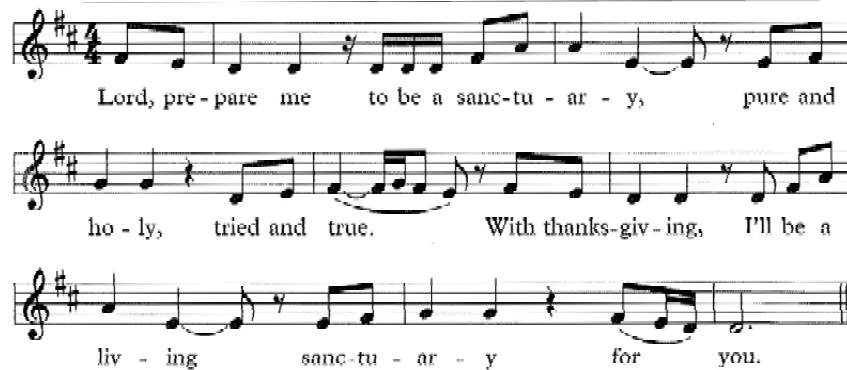
“God Sightings: Isaiah’s Vision”

Rev. Heather A. M. Sinclair

SUNG RESPONSE

*Sanctuary*

TFWS 2164



Lord, pre- pare me to be a sanc- tu - ar - y, pure and  
ho - ly, tried and true. With thanks- giv - ing, I'll be a  
liv - ing sanc- tu - ar - y for you.

WORDS: John Thompson and Randy Scruggs  
MUSIC: John Thompson and Randy Scruggs

SANCTUARY  
Irregular

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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](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

*Love Lifted Me*  
Chancel Choir

J. Rowe, H. Smith

\*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God, above ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

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.*)

\*HYMN

*Here I Am, Lord*

UMH 593

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

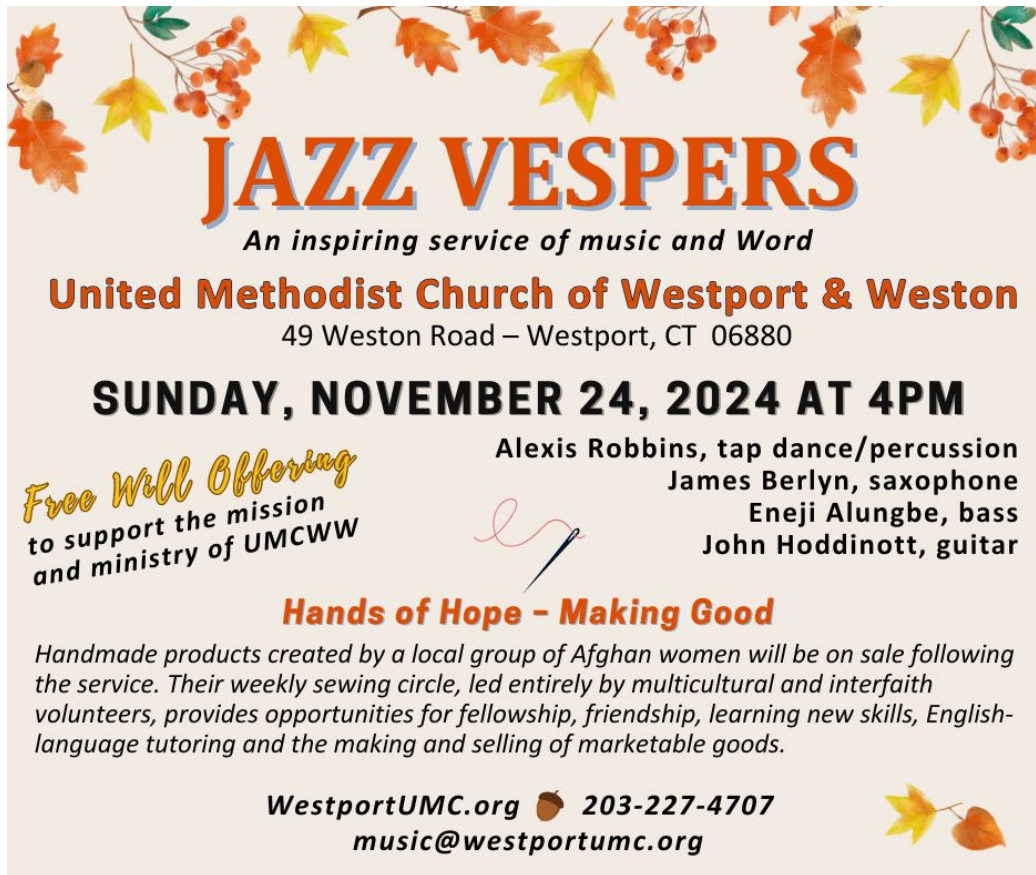
*Bless Thou the Gifts*  
Ahyoung Son, organ

adapt. by R. Vaughan Williams  
harm. by B. Harwood

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Year B, Vol 2, Westminster John Knox Press, 2015



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**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2024 AT 4PM**

*Free Will Offering*  
to support the mission  
and ministry of UMCWW

Alexis Robbins, tap dance/percussion  
James Berlyn, saxophone  
Eneji Alungbe, bass  
John Hoddinott, guitar

**Hands of Hope - Making Good**  
*Handmade products created by a local group of Afghan women will be on sale following the service. Their weekly sewing circle, led entirely by multicultural and interfaith volunteers, provides opportunities for fellowship, friendship, learning new skills, English-language tutoring and the making and selling of marketable goods.*

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