



United Methodist Church of Westport and Weston

February 9, 2025

5th Sunday after Epiphany

Hybrid Worship – 10:00am

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

CENTERING PRAYER

Healing Lord, by your goodness you healed many who were ill, even raising the dead to life. Restore us to new life, healing our hearts, minds, and spirits, so that we may proclaim praise and gratitude for your compassion to all who will hear. In the name of the one who is himself new life, Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Heather

PRELUDE

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love
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John Hoddinott, guitar

P. Scholtes

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Based on Luke 6:20-22

Blessed are we
when our treasures cannot be quantified.
Blessed are we
when our knowledge is tempered by mystery.
Blessed are we
when our pain is held in the balm of love.
Blessed are we
when our delight comes from beyond ourselves.
Blessed are we,
the beloved children of God.

*HYMN

Blessed Be Your Name
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**Indicates that those who are able are invited to rise in body and spirit. ♦ Boldface print is read aloud in unison. ♦ Assisted hearing devices are available from an usher. ♦ “UMH” refers to The United Methodist Hymnal (red cover); “TFWS” refers to The Faith We Sing Hymnal (black cover).*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Blessed are we when we let go of possessions,
for the kingdom of God unfolds in open places.

**Woe to us when we gather riches into barns,
for soon this life will be over.**

Blessed are we who know the ache of hunger
for the empty places in body and soul are the fertile soil for new growth.

**Woe to us who fill our lives to capacity,
for we fail to recognize what is missing.**

Blessed are we who know sorrow,
for the ache of love lost is witness to the seed planted.

**Woe to us who have yet to know the pain of grief,
for the fullness of love is woven with sorrow.**

Blessed are we who know scorn,
for humility keeps us mindful of that beyond ourselves.

**Woe to us who depend on the approval of others,
for to dance with the Spirit appears foolish.**

Blessed are we who live in the harmony of life in the Spirit,
For we will recognize abundance. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Blessed are the beloved children of God, for we receive the forgiveness and grace of Christ,
even in our woes.

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

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 7:1-17

Cindy Glover

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

SERMON

“Awestruck”

Rev. Heather A. M. Sinclair

SUNG RESPONSE

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

UMH 402, v. 4

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Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart;

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

In my heart, in my heart,

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

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

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

T. A. Dorsey

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

***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

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

*HYMN

Heal Me, Hands of Jesus

UMH 262

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1. Heal me, hands of Je - sus, and search out all my pain; re -
2. Cleanse me, blood of Je - sus, take bit - ter - ness a - way; let
3. Know me, mind of Je - sus, and show me all my sin; dis -
4. Fill me, joy of Je - sus; anx - i - e - ty shall cease, and

store my hope, re - move my fear, and bring me peace a - gain.
me for - give as one for - given and bring me peace to - day.
pel the mem - o - ries of guilt and bring me peace with - in.
heaven's se - ren - i - ty be mine, for Je - sus brings me peace!

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Wonderful Words of Life
Ahyoung Son, organ

P. Bliss



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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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INVITES YOU TO

Jazz Vespers

An inspiring service of music and Word

Featuring Jazz Vocalist & Composer
SABETH PÉREZ

SUNDAY MARCH 2 AT 4:00 PM
2025

49 Weston Road, Westport, CT 06880

Free Will Offering

MORE INFORMATION
Contact John Hoddinott
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Save the date!

Watch your emails to learn how you can get involved with these events.

United Methodist Church
of Westport & Weston
invites you to a

Women's Retreat

Saturday, March 8, 2025
10am - 3pm

Let's gather for a time of renewal and fellowship

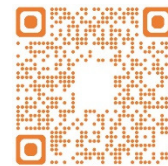
Interactive offerings will include meditative doodling, a sound bath experience, and more
\$20 per person
Lunch will be included • Dress in comfortable attire

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RSVP by Sat., Mar. 1

Easter Egg Hunt @ Rabbit Hill

SATURDAY, APRIL 5
2:00pm
RAIN DATE - APRIL 6



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