



United Methodist Church of Westport and Weston

April 27, 2025
2nd Sunday of Easter

Hybrid Worship 10:00am

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

CENTERING PRAYER

O Great Spirit, whose breath gives life to the world, and whose voice is heard in the soft breeze; We need your strength and wisdom. Cause us to walk in beauty. Give us eyes ever to behold the red and purple sunset. Make us wise so that we may understand what you have taught us. Help us learn the lessons you have hidden in every leaf and rock. Make us always ready to come to you with clean hands and steady eyes, so when life fades, like the fading sunset, our hearts come to you without shame. Amen.

Traditional Native American Prayer, No. 329, The United Methodist Hymnal

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Heather

PRELUDE

Allemande (Part 1) from Suite No. 3 for Cello, BWV 1007
John Hoddinott, guitar

J. S. Bach

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Based on Psalm 30

We will praise you, O God, for you have lifted us up
and have given our enemies no cause to rejoice.
Hearing my cries for help, you healed me;
bringing me from the very depths, you restored my life.
Let all faithful people give thanks, and praise God's holy name.
Your graciousness, O God, lasts a lifetime.
Weeping lingers for a night, but joy comes with the morning.
You have transformed our lives from mourning to joy,
making our spirits dance and our hearts sing.
**May our praise never be silenced as we give thanks,
and praise God for ever and ever.**

*HYMN

The Day of Resurrection

UMH 303

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Great Spirit of all Creation, when we are unkind to people, and forget they are God's children; when we are careless with the beasts, and forget they are God's creation; when we ill-treat the land, and forget the divine splendor:
Forgive us, O God of love, and reconcile us to yourself, to one another and to the Creation. Teach us that the earth and all its fullness is yours, the world and all who dwell in it. Remind us that your Son, Jesus, also enjoyed the fruits of the harvest in Galilee and, by his example, we celebrate and share the abundance of your good gifts. Call us again to be stewards of the gift of life, now and forever. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Whatever we have done or left undone, let us remember that God loves us, as God loves all creation. The graciousness of God, demonstrated through the resurrection of Christ, lasts a lifetime.

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

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:13-35

Nancy Everson

“Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight.” Luke 24:31

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

SERMON

“Did You See That?”

Rev. Heather A. M. Sinclair

SUNG RESPONSE

He Lives

UMH 310

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

I Will Sing of My Redeemer
Ahyoung Son, piano

J. McGranahan, arr. C. Berry

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

UMH 95

OFFERING PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER *Maori & Polynesia, New Zealand Book of Common Prayer*

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain bearer, Life-giver, Source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echo through the universe; The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world; Your heavenly will be done by all created beings; Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us. In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us. In times of temptation and test, strengthen us. From trial too great to endure, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.

*HYMN

Up from the Grave He Arose

UMH 322

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain
Ahyoung Son, organ

A. Sullivan



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Call to Worship by Moira Laidlaw, Liturgies Online
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Creation Care Prayers, churchofengland.org*



WELCOME! It is a blessing to welcome you to Worship today. If you are visiting, please fill out a visitor card, introduce yourself to Pastor Heather or an usher, 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 Worship.

IMPORTANT DATES –

Today! Ministry Tables after Fellowship

Thursday, May 1 – Sign-up Deadline

Staples Players will perform “The Diary of Anne Frank” next month. Local congregations will have the opportunity to buy group tickets in advance of public sales. If you are interested in attending with Pastor Heather and a group from UMCWW on **Friday, May 23, please let Pastor Heather know by Thursday, May 1.**

Saturday, May 3, 9am in Fellowship Hall

UMM Breakfast hosted for YOU!

Dennis Castiglia presents: *What does Spirituality mean living within a world of materialism?*

Sunday, May 4, 3pm – Please Arrive by 2:30pm for Fellowship

The New York Connecticut District Conference

Darien UMC, 345 Middlesex Rd, Darien, CT 06820-2518

► Rev. Heather A. M. Sinclair, preaching – “and Know that I am God” (Psalm 46)

Wednesday, May 14, 10am on Zoom

Wednesday Morning Book Group begins discussing chapters 1 & 2 of “The Swerve: How the World Became Modern” by Stephen Greenblatt. Questions? Contact Cindy Glover.

Sunday, May 18, 4pm

Jazz Vespers featuring Sabeth Pérez

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