



United Methodist Church
of Westport and Weston

May 25, 2025

6th Sunday of Easter

Hybrid Worship – 10:00am



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

CENTERING PRAYER

Faithful God, You have chosen us to receive salvation by faith, not by the works of our hands. Deliver us, then, from the law, and free us from the bondage of sin so that with our hands we might serve you in purity of joy and response to your goodness, for the sake of Jesus Christ, who is all goodness. Amen.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Heather

PRELUDE

Bourrée I from Suite No. 3 for Cello, BWV 1009
John Hoddinott, guitar

J. S. Bach

*CALL TO WORSHIP

By this we have known the presence of the Lord:

**in the rising of the sun,
in the smile of another's face,
in the touch of a hand
or the sound of a laugh,
in the scent of a flower
holding the promise of spring.**

By this we have known the power of the Lord:

**in the healing of hurts,
in the forgiveness of sin,
in the giving of gifts beyond all expectation,
in the shower of love
that comes from God's Son.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord with all of our heart!

Let us worship our God, whose presence and power endures forever!

*HYMN

In Christ There Is No East or West

UMH 548

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, I confess that I do not always know what it means to be a follower of Christ. Sometimes I wonder if I have enough faith, or have done enough to be called "Christian." You remind us that we are all unique and beloved in your eyes.

That you see who we – and all your children – truly are, even with our faults and failures, and welcome us home. You know our essence, and call us each beloved child of God. Remind us, as many times as we need, to see the blessedness in each other. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

God promises to be our God, and that we will be God's people, and this is God's Covenant of Love. We know the truth and can proclaim it to one another:

in Jesus Christ we are Forgiven. Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

SCRIPTURE READING

Galatians 3:1-9, 23-29

Bob Searles

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

SERMON

"One in Christ"

Rev. Heather A. M. Sinclair

*HYMN

Grace Alone

TFWS 2162

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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

Standin' in the Need of Prayer

arr. P. J. Drennan

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Chancel Choir

*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 – MEMORIAL DAY PRAYER by Rev. William Sloan Coffin, Jr.

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

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

TFWS 2191

BENEDICTION

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Make Us One, Lord

TFWS 2224

POSTLUDE

When Our Confidence Is Shaken
Ahyoung Son, organ

GRAFTON



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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.



PASTOR HEATHER'S LAST DAY IN WORSHIP – JUNE 1, 10AM

Sunday, June 1 will be the last day Pastor Heather will preach and lead Worship at UMCWW. After Worship, please gather for Fellowship Time to celebrate Pastor Heather's seven years at UMCWW and wish her well in her new position as Connecticut District Superintendent of the UMC.

Pastor Heather will be at Cabinet Meetings and the New York Annual Conference from June 2 through June 8, 10-11. For the remainder of the month, she will be available for pastoral emergencies. Worship during June will be led by lay speakers and laity teams.

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