



United Methodist Church
of Westport and Weston

June 1, 2025 – Pentecost Sunday

Hybrid Worship with Holy Communion – 10:00am

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

CENTERING PRAYER

Abba, God, You have adopted us as heirs of your kingdom and we have inherited the gift and presence of the Holy Spirit. Through the fire of the Spirit, make us generous givers of all that you have bestowed upon us, for the sake of the one whose fire brings light and life to all the world, Jesus Christ. Amen.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Heather

PRELUDE

Surely The Presence of the Lord

L. Wolfe

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John Hoddinott, guitar

*CALL TO WORSHIP

When Pentecost Day arrived,
they were all together in one place.
Suddenly a sound from heaven
like the howling of a fierce wind
filled the entire house where they were sitting.
They saw what seemed to be individual flames of fire
alighting on each one of them.
They were all filled with the Holy Spirit
and began to speak in other languages
as the Spirit enabled them to speak.

(Acts 2, Common English Bible)

Come, Holy Spirit, come!
Come, Holy Spirit, come!
Holy Spirit,
making life alive,
moving in all things,
root of all being,
cleansing the cosmos of every impurity,
effacing guilt,
anointing wounds.

(continued...)

You are lustrous and praiseworthy life,
you waken and re-awaken everything that is.

(Hildegard of Bingen, 1098-1179)

*HYMN

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

UMH 404

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CELEBRATION OF GRADUATES

HYMN

This Little Light of Mine

UMH 585

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MESSAGE FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

Pastor Heather

Children are welcome to join Pastor Heather for a brief message, then remain in the sanctuary for the service. Coloring pages are available in the narthex. The Nursery is open, but unstaffed, for children and parents who need a break.

SCRIPTURE READING

Galatians 5:16-26 (NLT)

Kirstin Zarras

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

SERMON

"You've Got This"

Rev. Heather A. M. Sinclair

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

He Is Here
Chancel Choir

K. Talley, arr. C. Kirkland

*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

HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, the gift of Jesus' life in us is visible in the way we witness to the fruitfulness of that gift. We know that the fruit of the Spirit consists of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Yet, so often we put conditions on our love – and joy and peace are difficult to discern when our words and actions deny their presence.

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit in me. (Ps. 51:10)**

By desiring instant results to most things these days,

we confess that we forget what it's like to be patient.
We find ourselves neglecting the needs of others
because we run out of time to be kind to other than ourselves.

When we persistently make self-centered decisions
rather than Christ-centered ones, our understanding of your goodness and faithfulness is weakened and our
discipleship lacks credibility.

In this aggressive world, it is easy to believe one can't get anywhere
by exercising a spirit of gentleness or even self-control.

Gracious and merciful God, grant us your forgiveness and your love
so that we may truly care for one another.

**Refresh and renew us with the Holy Spirit
so that we are fruitful and vital disciples of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Those who are in Christ are a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become
new! All this is from God with whom we have been reconciled through Christ. (2 Cor. 5:17-18)
Thanks be to God!

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.
In the beginning your Spirit moved over the face of the waters.
You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life.
When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.
Your Spirit came upon prophets and teachers,
anointing them to speak your Word.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
At his baptism in the Jordan your Spirit descended upon him
and declared him your beloved Son.
With your Spirit upon him he turned away the temptations of sin.

Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor,
to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,
and to announce that the time had come
when you would save your people.
He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners.
By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection,
you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant
by water and the Spirit.
When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always,
baptizing us with the Holy Spirit and with fire, as on the Day of Pentecost.

On the night in which Jesus was arrested,
while he was at table with his friends,
he took bread, gave thanks to you,
broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:
“Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.”

When the supper was over he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:
“Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

On the day you raised him from the dead
he was recognized by his disciples in the breaking of the bread,
and in the power of your Holy Spirit your Church has continued
in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup.

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ’s offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.
By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.
Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours,
Creator God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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.

BREAKING THE BREAD

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

In the United Methodist Church, all people, of all ages, and church affiliations, who love Jesus Christ, and seek forgiveness and peace are welcome to the Lord's Table. At the direction of the ushers, you are invited forward to receive the gluten-free bread and non-alcoholic grape juice. If you prefer, pre-packaged communion is available. You may kneel for prayer after receiving or return to your seats by the side aisles. If you are worshipping at home, be assured that God's blessing is upon the bread and cup which you bring to the online gathering.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Spirit of the Living God

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Spirit of God

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy, gracious, God, here at this table your promise of life is made tangible.

We have rested in the depth of your love;

We have tasted your nourishing, nurturing presence;

We accept you into our bodies, into our lives.

Together, at this table, you have offered us life.

Together, by your grace, we accept the life you offer.

And we give you thanks. Amen.

ORDER OF FAREWELL TO PASTOR HEATHER

I thank you, the members and friends of the United Methodist Church of Westport and Weston, for the love and support you have shown me while I have ministered among you.

I am grateful for the ways my leadership has been accepted.

I ask forgiveness for the mistakes I have made.

As I leave, I carry with me all that I have learned here.

We receive your thankfulness, offer forgiveness, and accept that you now leave to serve as District Superintendent of the Connecticut District.

We express our gratitude for your time among us.

We ask your forgiveness for our mistakes.

**Your influence on our faith and faithfulness
will not leave with your departure.**

I accept your gratitude and forgiveness, and I forgive you,
trusting that our time together and our parting are pleasing to God.

I release you from turning to me and depending on me.

I encourage your continuing ministry here

and will pray for you and for Pastor Jinha Choi and his family as they begin their ministry among you. Let us pray:

Eternal God, whose steadfast love for us is from everlasting to everlasting, we give you thanks for cherished memories and commend one another into your care as we move in new directions.

Keep us one in your love forever, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN

Forever

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BENEDICTION

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Peace I Leave with You

arr. G. Weigle

POSTLUDE

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

D. Akers

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Ahyoung Son, organ



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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.

TODAY IS PASTOR HEATHER'S FINAL DAY IN WORSHIP AT UMCWW.

ALL ARE INVITED TO FELLOWSHIP TIME in Fellowship Hall following Worship 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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