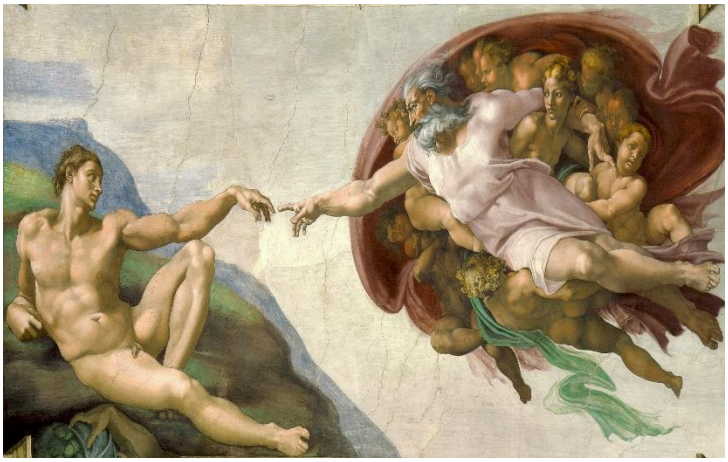


# United Methodist Church of Westport and Weston

October 11, 2026
20th Sunday after Pentecost

Hybrid Worship 10:00am

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

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WELCOME & GREETING — John Hoddinott

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING PRAYER

**O God, we come this morning with many trials and temptations in our hearts. We pray that we meet you fully in this space. Fully ourselves. Fully open. Fully human. We pray that for this hour, we can open ourselves up to your spirit of Love and Truth. Amen.**

PRELUDE — *Sweet Hour of Prayer* — W. Bradbury
Ahyoung Son, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord.
**People: For our ancestors who have run the race before us.**
Leader: Give thanks to the Lord.
**People: For our future kin who will continue the work when we leave.**
Leader: Give thanks to the Lord.
**People: For His steadfast Love endures forever.**

*HYMN — *What a Friend We Have In Jesus* — UMH 526

OPENING PRAYER

**Lord, we cannot be perfect. We rely on your grace everyday. We thank you for allowing us to bring the depths of our faults to you. For your steadfast love. Help us to love you and our neighbor more fully. Help us to always turn towards you.**

SCRIPTURE READING — Matthew 22:1-4 — Bob Searles

SERMON — "Stretching Out to God" — John Hoddinott

*HYMN — *Lead Me, Lord* — UMH 473

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*

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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)

*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* — J. McGranahan
Ahyoung Son, piano — arr. L. Hoekstra

*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 — Bob Trinka

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy 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 thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen**

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*HYMN — *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* — UMH 474

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BENEDICTION — John Hoddinott

POSTLUDE — *When Our Confidence Is Shaken* — *Tune Grafton*
*Ahyoung Son, Organ*

# *Welcome to UMCWW!*

The United Methodist Church of Westport & Weston is a community of faith that is committed to growing in grace and supporting one another in love. We affirm the sacred worth of all of God's children and welcome people of all ages, races, abilities, sexual orientations, gender identities, and economic circumstances to join us in the membership, participation and leadership of our church. Our hearts, our minds and our doors are open to all.

**ALL ARE INVITED TO FELLOWSHIP TIME** in Fellowship Hall following Worship.

***You Can Make a Donation Online***

*The QR Code opens a "give.tithe.ly" contribution form.*
*used for UMCWW giving.*
*Thank you for supporting the mission and ministry of this church*

***Tithe.ly** is the platform*

# *Upcoming Events*

**Wednesday, October 14** | 7:30pm | Weekly Bible Study via Zoom

**Thursday, October 15** | 5pm | Sunday School on Thursday Nights

Stock Up on Stew Leonard's Gift Cards!

It's an easy way to support the church! Stew Leonard's gift cards are sold during Fellowship Hour every Sunday. Stew Leonard's donates ten percent of each purchase to the church! Questions?

Contact Pat Farmer pahf02@gmail.com.

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