

United Methodist Church of Westport and Weston

October 18, 2026
21st Sunday after Pentecost

Hybrid Worship 10:00am

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

WELCOME & GREETING — Pastor Jinha Choi

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING PRAYER

Merciful God, you go before us and invite us to meet you. Today, we gather in your presence as a community. We respond as you call us by name. We come to know you as you invite us to be known, by you. Receive our worship and form us as your people in justice, truth, righteousness, compassion, and love. Be glorified among us and through us, we pray. Amen.

PRELUDE — *Chester* — William Billings, B. 1746
John Hoddinott, Guitar

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We are chosen children of God, bound together by the Holy Spirit.
People: We belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another.
Leader: The Spirit empowers us to live as imitators of Christ in love of God, neighbor, self, and all creation.
People: We belong to God, and through God, we learn to love one another.
Leader: The Spirit inspires us to receive God's Word with joy in a world that rejects the good news.
People: We belong to God, and through God, we live in joy with one another.
Leader: Come, let us worship in the assurance of God's love that chooses us, empowers us, and inspires us to live as the family of Christ.
People: We come to worship God in the assurance that we belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another. Amen.

*HYMN — *His Name Is Wonderful* — UMH 174

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OPENING PRAYER

Loving, living God, be among us now. Show us your ways. Guide our steps. Live in us, that we may be people of steadfast hope and powerful giving. Help us hear your words, challenging us to give you all the things that are yours. Help us remember that all we are and all we have are gifts from you, gifts to be shared in service and love. Holy One among us, help us be a holy people who receive your word with joy and live your message with love. Amen.

**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)

SCRIPTURE READING — MATTHEW 22:15-22 — Mary Jo Kinser

SERMON — "The Image of God" — Pastor Jinha Choi

*HYMN — *This Is My Song* — UMH 437

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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.

OFFERTORY MUSIC — *10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)* — Arr. Heather Sorenson

Chancel Choir

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*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 — Ralph Nebelung

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*HYMN — Lord, Be Glorified — TFWS 2150

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BENEDICTION — Pastor Jinha Choi

POSTLUDE — *When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder* — J. Black, arr. A. Page

Ahyoung Son, Piano

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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

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Upcoming Events

Wednesday, October 21 | 7:30pm | Weekly Bible Study via Zoom

Thursday, November 19 | 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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