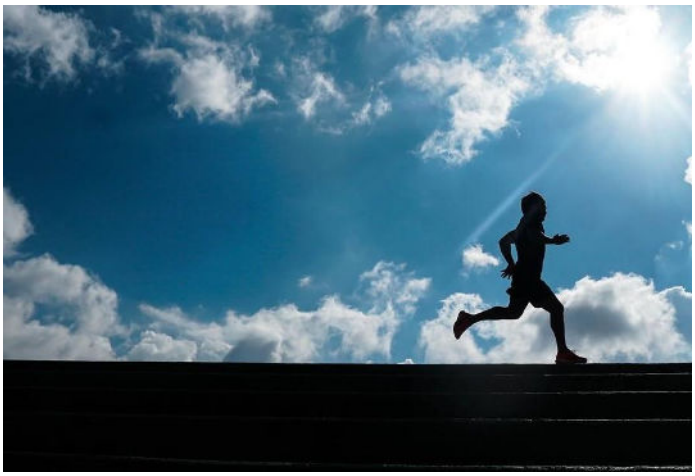


United Methodist Church of Westport &Weston

October 25, 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

Loving God, we gather before you in praise and thanksgiving, wonder and awe, doubt and uncertainty, joy and pain. We seek your guidance and direction, assurance and challenge, correction, and encouragement. Make your presence known among us this day. Let your Spirit reign in our worship, in our hearts, and in our lives. Just your presence among us gives us comfort, strength, and joy. Be glorified in our love, O God. Amen.

PRELUDE — *Cho-Shi* — Trad. Japanese Piece
Shoji Mizumoto, Flute

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Our hearts are lifted up toward God.
People: God created all that is!
Leader: We celebrate that great love of God.
People: God gifted us with God's only son, Jesus the Christ.
Leader: Rejoice and be glad today!
People: Our hearts and spirits praise God for all God's blessings. Amen.

*HYMN — *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* — UMH 66

OPENING PRAYER

Lord of light and hope, be with us this day as we have gathered to hear your word. Help us open our hearts to the commandments to love, even when loving is difficult. Give us the courage to be people who will commit their whole lives in your service. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING — 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 — Cindy Glover\

SERMON — "Keep Going" — Pastor Jinha Choi

*HYMN — *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* — UMH 557

**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)

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 — *Bolling Suite for Flute and Jazz Piano Part V.* — Irlandaise
Shoji Mizumoto, Flute | Ahyoung Son, Piano

*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 — Christine Radu

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 — *Loving Spirit* — TFWS 2123

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BENEDICTION — Pastor Jinha Choi

POSTLUDE — *Sonata for Flute in G Major, 2nd Movement* — G.F Handel
Shoji Mizumoto, Flute | Ahyoung Son, Piano

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 28 | 7:30pm | Weekly Bible Study via Zoom

Sunday, November 15 | 4pm | Fairfield County Symphony Society

Thursday, November 19 | 5pm | Sunday School on Thursday Nights

Saturday, December 12th | 10am – 3pm | 2nd Annual Cookie Walk & Holiday Gift Market

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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