

United Methodist Church of Westport and Weston

November 1, 2026
All Saints' Sunday &
Holy Communion

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

Creator of all of us, be present among us as we gather. Let us worship you in praise and thanksgiving, in spirit and in truth, in season and out of season. May our souls reach toward you and our hearts burn as we encounter you afresh. Renew our minds through your word and our spirits through our praise. May your name be magnified and glorified in our assembly, and may your path become clearer for all who follow you. Amen.

PRELUDE — *Contentment* — C.J. Dorn
John Hoddinott, Guitar

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God is leading us out of our wilderness.
People: God will provide a safe haven for us.
Leader: Place your trust in God's loving kindness.
People: God has heard our cries and offers us hope.
Leader: Thanks be to God who brings us to life.
People: Thanks be to God who nurtures and sustains us. Amen.

*HYMN — *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* — UMH 127

OPENING PRAYER

God of gentle, loving guidance, who brought the Israelites into a new land, filled with new hope and promise: Be with us today, opening our hearts and spirits to an awareness of your abiding love and presence with us. Help us to place our trust solely in you; for we ask this in Jesus' Name, Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING — Joshua 3:7-17 — Kirstin Zarras

SERMON — "Reminder of Faith" — Pastor Jinha Choi

**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)

*HYMN *Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know* UMH 163

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 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* Arr. J. Hoddinott
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 George Hanze

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WORD OF ASSURANCE

Pastor: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
All: Glory to God. Amen.

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, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. 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 he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.
Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection You gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and make with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

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

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

COMMUNION MUSIC

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

*HYMN *Let All Things Now Living* TFWS 2008
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BENEDICTION PASTOR JINHA CHOI

SUNG BENEDICTION *Make Us One* Arr. J. Collinge
Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE *Lead On, O King Eternal* H. Smart
Ahyoung Son, Organ

FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP SERVICE,
WE WILL HOST OUR CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING IN THE SANCTUARY

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.
***Tithe.ly** is the platform used for UMCWW giving.*
Thank you for supporting the mission and ministry of this church

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, November 4 | 7:30pm | Weekly Bible Study via Zoom

Sunday, November 8 | 2pm | Church Conference, UMC New Canaan

Sunday. November 15 | 4pm | Fairfield County Symphony Society Concert

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?

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