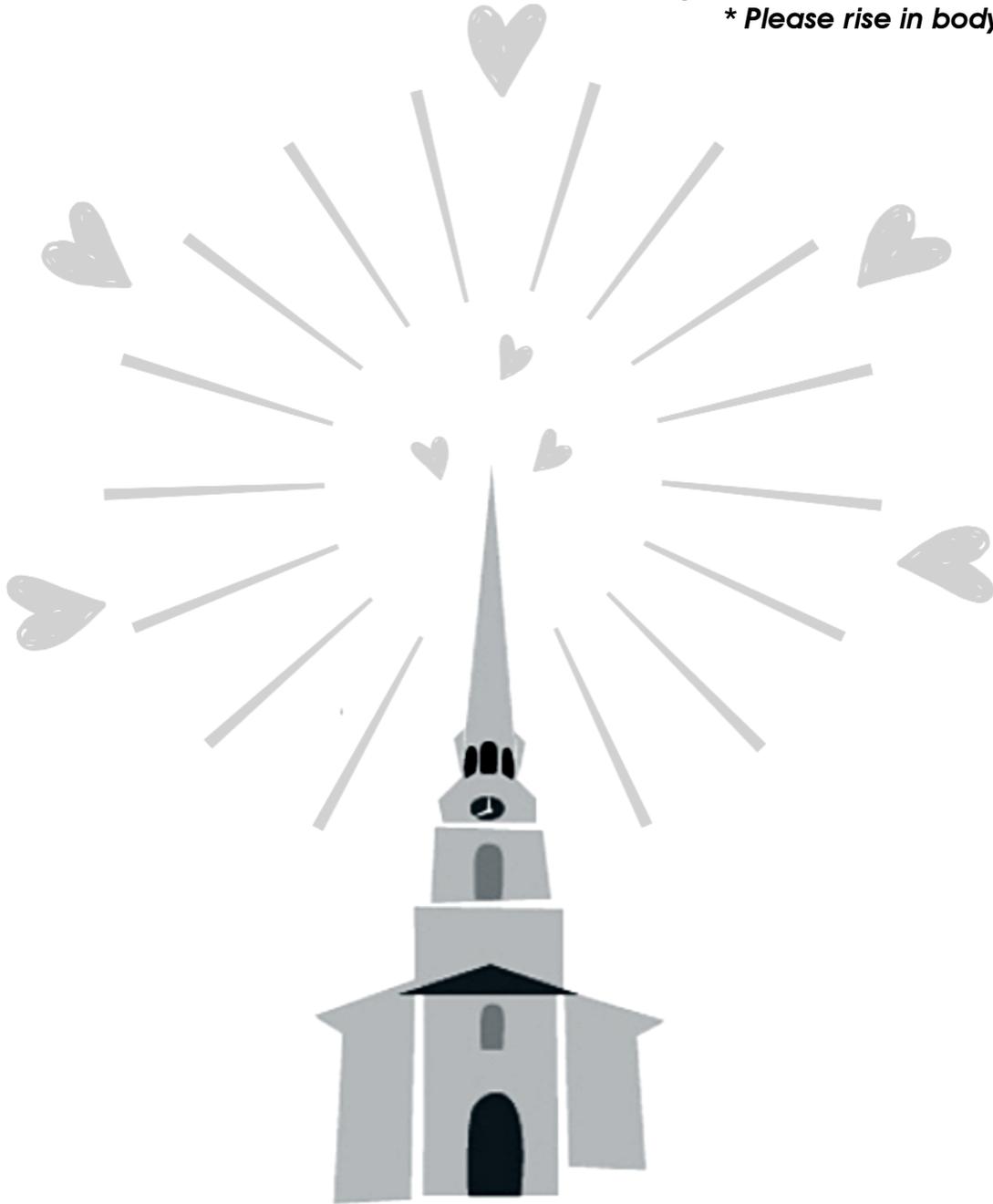


SERVICE OF WORD & TABLE
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 14, 2022 • 10:00 a.m..
** Please rise in body or spirit*



WESTFIELD CHURCH

210 MAIN ST, KILLINGLY, CT

GATHER

The Holy Spirit gathers us in unity on the first day of the week, the day of Christ's resurrection

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Peace be with you.
And also with you.

PRELUDE

Be Thou My Vision

CALL TO WORSHIP

God made a covenant with our ancestors,
God's steadfast love endures forever.

God delivered our ancestors from oppression and exile,
Shepherding the people into the way of peace.

God sent the Word through prophets and proverbs,
Becoming flesh and living among us.

God's steadfast love endures forever,
And we are God's beloved children.

Come, worship God,
Who covenants with us through Christ our Lord.

OPENING PRAYER

Loving and Gracious God, form a new song of soul within us. Take every fragment of our lives and fashion a new creation. Plant us deep in the soil of Your love, that your living water might rise in us, forming a fruit of possibility unimaginable on our own. Grant us grace to trust your promised presence already meeting us here, now, and always. By this, gift us with a new strength of heart for whatever Your love demands. Amen .

***OPENING HYMN**

He Touched Me

1. Shack-led by a heav-y bur-den, neath a load of guilt and shame,
9 **2. Since I met this bless-ed Sav-ior, since he cleansed and made me whole,**
then the hand of Je - sus touched me, and now I am no longer the same.
I will nev-er cease to praise him; I'll shout it while e - ter-ni-ty rolls.
17 He touched me, O he touched me, and O the joy that floods my soul!
26 Something happened, and now I know, he touched me and made me whole.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Ancient of Days,

we confess that we have broken the covenant You made with us.

**We have followed the idols of this world, worshiped wealth and power,
sacrificed the next generation to our greed.**

We have polluted Your earth for our own gain.

We have failed to seek Your wisdom.

**We even fail to meditate and read Your words from long ago
and to apply them to our lives.**

**Instead, we use Your words as weapons against each other
instead of judging ourselves in how we measure up to You.**

Forgive us, O God, for our cruelty and selfishness.

Call us back to Your ways and to seeking Your wisdom and insight.

**Grant us mercy, and help us humbly seek Your way again,
through Jesus Christ, our pioneer and protector of our faith. Amen.**

*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

"With my whole heart I seek you; do not let me stray from your commandments.

I treasure your word in my heart, so that I may not sin against you.

Blessed are you, O Lord; teach me your statutes.

With my lips I declare all the ordinances of your mouth.

I delight in the way of your decrees as much as in all riches.

I will meditate on your precepts, and fix my eyes on your ways.

I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word."

May we be true to God. May we seek God's wisdom and meditate on God's teachings. May we know God's grace, mercy, and love in our lives, and extend that grace, mercy, and love to one another. **Amen.**

*SUNG RESPONSE

Glory to God

Voice 
Glo-ry to God, whose good-ness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has

4
Vo. 
par - doned me, and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free! As it

7
Vo. 
was in the be-gin - ning, is now and ev-er shall be. A - men.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Family of God

I'm so glad I'm a part of the fam - 'ly of God

5
I've been washed in the foun - tain, wrapped in God's love!

10
Joint heirs with Je - sus as we trav - el this sod;

14
For I'm part of the fam - 'ly, the fam - 'ly of God.

FONT

We are reminded of God's love for us by the gift of water and Spirit.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

In baptism, we are claimed as God's own. It is an act that is fully God's. We celebrate as a community that promises our love, support and care for those being baptized. They are lofty promises, ones that we must keep. You are invited to listen to these words, recall your own baptism, the promises that were made to you and for you, and to celebrate.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Grace Lynn Berberian, daughter of Lisa Marie Rivera

BAPTISMAL SONG

You Are Mine

ARR. David Haas

5 Do not be a-fraid I am with you. I have called you each by name.

8 Come and fo - llow me. I will bring you home. I

love— you and you are mine.

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the first line of music and lyrics. The second staff contains the second line of music and lyrics, with a 2/4 time signature change. The third staff contains the third line of music and lyrics, ending with a double bar line.

WELCOME

...sacrament of baptism
There is one body and one Spirit.
There is one hope to God's call to us.

ADDRESS

...“yet you have come to me!”
Jesus said, “Let it be so for now. For in this way, we shall do all that
God requires.” So John agreed.

...“like and dove and lighting on him.”
Then a voice said from heaven, “This is my own dear Son, with whom
I am well pleased.”

“call to be God’s people always.”
This is the water of baptism. Out of this water we rise with new life,
forgiven of sin and one in Christ, members of Christ’s body.

QUESTIONS FOR THE ONE BEING BAPTIZED

CONGREGATIONAL ASSENT

Jesus Christ calls us
to make disciples of all nations
and to offer them the gift of grace in baptism.

Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament,
promise your love, support, and care
to the one about to be baptized,
as he/she lives and grows in Christ?
We promise our love, support, and care.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Do you believe in God?
I believe in God

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?
I believe in Jesus Christ.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?
I believe in the Holy Spirit.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

We extend our covenant, growing our community

Lisa Marie Rivera and Grace Lynn Berberian, Pomfret CT

I am the mother of five amazing children, now have two sons-in-law, and the most perfect little granddaughter who was born in May. I have been an LCSW in the NE Corner for about 12 years providing trauma informed services. My family and I enjoy being active in the community, long car rides, and going on adventures. I also love reading, have recently started reading the Bible, and am looking forward to going your Bible study on Tuesday nights. I have been visiting Westfield for several years and feel it is time to make the full commitment.

SONG OF WELCOME

Draw the Circle Wide

4 Draw the cir - cle, draw the cir - cle wide! Draw the cir - cle, draw the cir - cle
5 wide! No one stands a-lone! We stand side by
side._____ Draw the cir - cle, draw the cir - cle wide!

HEAR

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching, and song

HEBREW BIBLE LESSON

Ruth 2

Now Naomi had a kinsman on her husband's side, a prominent rich man, of the family of Elimelech, whose name was Boaz. And Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi, 'Let me go to the field and glean among the ears of grain, behind someone in whose sight I may find favour.' She said to her, 'Go, my daughter.' So she went. She came and gleaned in the field behind the reapers. As it happened, she came to the part of the field belonging to Boaz, who was of the family of Elimelech. Just then Boaz came from Bethlehem. He said to the reapers, 'The Lord be with you.' They answered, 'The Lord bless you.' Then Boaz said to his servant who was in charge of the reapers, 'To whom does this young woman belong?' The servant who was in charge of the reapers answered, 'She is the Moabite who came back with Naomi from the country of Moab. She said, "Please let me glean and gather among the sheaves behind the reapers." So she came, and she has been on her feet from early this morning until now, without resting even for a moment.'

Then Boaz said to Ruth, 'Now listen, my daughter, do not go to glean in another field or leave this one, but keep close to my young women. Keep your eyes on the field that is being reaped, and follow behind them. I have ordered the young men not to bother you. If you get thirsty, go to the vessels and drink from what the young men have drawn.' Then she fell prostrate, with her face to the ground, and said to him, 'Why have I found favour in your sight, that you should take notice of me, when I am a foreigner?' But Boaz answered her, 'All that you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband has been fully told me, and how you left your father and mother and your native land and came to a people that you did not know before. May the Lord reward you for your deeds, and may you have a full reward from the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come for refuge!' Then she said, 'May I continue to find favour in your sight, my lord, for you have comforted me and spoken kindly to your servant, even though I am not one of your servants.' At mealtime Boaz said to her, 'Come here, and eat some of this bread, and dip your morsel in the sour wine.' So she sat beside the reapers, and he heaped up for her some parched grain. She ate until she was satisfied, and she had some left over. When she got up to glean, Boaz instructed his young men, 'Let her glean even among the standing sheaves, and do not reproach her. You must also pull out some handfuls for her from the bundles, and leave them for her to glean, and do not rebuke her.'

So she gleaned in the field until evening. Then she beat out what she had gleaned, and it was about an ephah of barley. She picked it up and came into the town, and her mother-in-law saw how much she had gleaned. Then she took out and gave her what was left over after she herself had been satisfied. Her mother-in-law said to her, 'Where did you glean today? And where have you worked? Blessed be the man who took notice of you.' So she told her mother-in-law with whom she had worked, and said, 'The name of the man with whom I worked today is Boaz.' Then Naomi said to her daughter-in-law, 'Blessed be he by the Lord, whose kindness has not forsaken the living or the dead!' Naomi also said to her, 'The man is a relative of ours, one of our nearest kin.' Then Ruth the Moabite said, 'He even said to me, "Stay close by my servants, until they have finished all my harvest."' Naomi said to Ruth, her daughter-in-law, 'It is better, my daughter, that you go out with his young women, otherwise you might be bothered in another field.' So she stayed close to the young women of Boaz, gleaning until the end of the barley and wheat harvests; and she lived with her mother-in-law.

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Jonathan Chapman

RESPONSE

We begin our life of responding to the gospel through prayer and offering.

SHARING OF CONCERNS

For all these persons and all who are in need. **Hold your people near, O God.**

SHARING OF JOYS

We give thanks to God for these blessings. **Thanks be to God.**

CALL TO PRAYER

Take, O Take Me As I Am

Voice

5 Take, O take me as I am. Sum - mon out what I shall be;

Vo. set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

PASTORAL PRAYER

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 sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO GIVE

Jesus invites us to follow him in all ways, including the use and sharing of our resources. An accounting of our time, talent, and treasure that reflects our active citizenship in the kingdom brings glory to the Holy One. These seeds bear fruit.

OFFERTORY
O Perfect Love

***DOXOLOGY**
Accept, O God, The Gifts We Bring



Ac - cept, O God, the gifts we bring of spir - it and of clay,

5

trans - form them in - to bl - ess - ings on those we serve to - day.

10

Re - kin - dle deep with - in us all a pas - sion to ful - fill

15

the min - is - try dis - ci - ples have, em - power'd to do your will.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**
O God, please take these gifts and multiply them;
let them be a means to create the justice and peace
you long for in this world.
In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

SEND

God blesses us and sends us forth in mission for the world.

*HYMN Who Am I?



1. Who am I, _____ that the Lord of all the earth _____ would
care to know my name, _____ would care to feel my hurt? _____
look on me with love _____ and watch me rise a - gain? _____

5 Who am I, _____ that the Bright and Morn - ing Star _____ would
Who am I, _____ that the voice that calmed the sea _____ would
choose to light the way _____ for my ev - er wan - d'ring heart? _____
call out through the rain _____ and calm the storm in me? _____

17 _____ Not be - cause of who I am, _____ but be - cause of what you've done. _____ Not be -
cause of what I've done, _____ but be - cause of who you are _____

27 I am a flow - er quick - ly fad - ing, here to day and gone _____ to - mor - row; A
32 wave tossed in the o - cean, a va - por in the wind. Still you hear me when I'm call -
37 - ing. Lord, you catch me when I'm fall - ing. And you've told me who I am: _____

42 I am yours. _____ I am yours _____ Who am I, _____

42 Still you hear me when I'm call - ing.

45 Lord, you catch me when I'm fall - ing.

48 And you've told me who I am: I am yours.

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **SUNDAY FUNDAYS** are back! *Each Sunday through August* we will have fun, kid-friendly games and crafts!
- **BIBLE STUDY** returns on *Tuesdays at 6pm* in the Ladies Parlor.
- We are holding a 12-week book group starting on *August 3 at 6pm*. We will be reading the book *How Not To Be Afraid* by Gareth Higgins. We will be offering in-person and virtual options to join!
- BBQ is back, baby! Bikes or not, this Bike Night favorite **CHURCH SUPPER** is returning on *August 18 at 4:30*! Pre-order online for take out or dine in. Limited tickets available at the door. *Pre-ordering is open* at westfielducc.org/eat.
- Join us on *August 22 at 7pm* for **CORNER CONVOS**, a new series of public conversations with leaders from across our community about belonging, the future, and what it means to call the Quiet Corner home. Corner Convos is in-person and live-streamed across our streaming platforms. For our second convo, Missy Meyers, COO of Generations Healthcare and Putnam Rotary President
- **WESTFIELD PIE TENT *Plus*** will return to Davis Park on Saturday, September 10th, 10 am - 2 pm, as part of Celebrate Killingly (formerly the Tomato Festival). We need pies, pies, and more pies, as well as an assortment of other baked goods. We also need lots of help setting up and breaking down as well as a few people to work the tent and help package, label, and price our baked goods on Friday, September 9th. Please see Sue Theroux to volunteer.
- Calling all crafters! We are taking applications for the **CRAFT FAIR AT THE WONDERLAND BAZAAR**! Yes it's early, but we know artists prepare in advance and they apply to fairs in seasons, so we are starting a little earlier this year. If you would like to apply, go to westfielducc.org/bazaar

Worship Notes

The prayers found in our worship service today are from the Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell, from the prayer libraries of Ministry Matters, reWorship, Abingdon Worship Annual, and the United Church of Christ.

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CHILDREN AND FAMILIES:

We LOVE kids at Westfield. Children are welcome to stay through the whole service. If your child is more active, relax! We believe God put the wiggles and giggles in children. Don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome!

Sit toward the front where it is easier for your little ones to see and hear what's going on at the altar. They tire of seeing the backs of others' heads.

Quietly explain the parts of worship. Sing the hymns, pray, and voice the responses. Children learn liturgical behavior by copying you.

If you have to leave the service with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me."

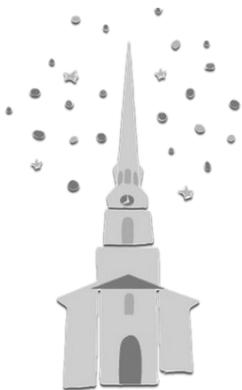
Remember that the way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to the Church, to God, and to one another. Let them know that they are at home in this house of worship.

There are paper hangers in the pews; feel free to use them as doodle space for your kiddos.

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