

SERVICE OF WORD & WELCOME

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 25, 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

I Sing The Mighty Power of God

CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,

Whose hope is in the Lord their God,

Who executes justice for the oppressed;

Who gives food to the hungry.

The Lord sets the prisoners free;

The Lord will reign forever,

Your God, for all generations.

Praise the Lord!

OPENING PRAYER

God, we give you thanks that you make us redeemers, not just receivers of redemption. Be with us this morning. Help us see that you are always with us, so that we might live faithfully in your word. **Amen.**

***OPENING HYMN**

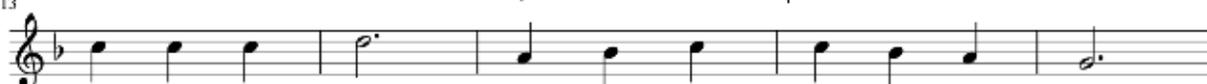
Praise To The Lord, The Almighty



1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!
2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrous - ly reign - ing
3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy work and de - fend thee;
4. Praise to the Lord, whodoth nour - ish thy life and re - store thee,
5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a - dore him!



O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and sal - va - tion!
bears thee on ea - gle'swings, e'er in his keep - ing main - tain - ing.
sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy here dai - ly at - tend thee.
fit - ting thee well for the tasks that are ev - er be - fore thee.
All that hath life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!



All ye who hear, now to his tem - ple draw near;
God's care en - folds all, whose true good he up - holds.
Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do,
Then to thy need God as a moth - er doth speed,
Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain;



join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
Hast thou not known his sus - tain - ing?
who with his love doth be - friend thee.
spread - ing the wings of grace o'er thee.
glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Faithful God,
we confess our unfaithfulness.
We have sought the idols of this world: wealth, notoriety, and worldly power.
We have stored up treasure on earth instead of treasure in heaven.
We have put the value of money over the value of human lives.
We have made our lives more convenient and secure
and put our very earth at risk from climate change.
We have failed to live rightly by You.
We have forgotten Your ways, O God.
Turn us back to You.
Call us by name
and lead us in the path of repentance, reparation, and restoration,
for You are our only hope, our Saving Grace.
In the name of Christ, who lived, died, and lives again for us, we pray.
Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE**

God will always remain faithful, even when our faith fails us.
Turn back to God and know God's love is with you.
Turn back to God and know you are forgiven.
Turn back to God and know you are restored.
Prepare to go forth, ready to share the good news to others
that they, too, can know God's love, forgiveness, and restoration.
Amen.

SUNG RESPONSE

Glory to God

Voice 12
Glory to God, whose good-ness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has

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

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

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Family of God

4
I'm so glad I'm a part of the fam - 'ly of God

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

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

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

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

We extend our covenant, growing our community

Bob Kiley, Brooklyn CT

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

HEAR

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching, and song

HEBREW BIBLE LESSON

Genesis 39:1-23

Now Joseph was taken down to Egypt, and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, the captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him from the Ishmaelites who had brought him down there. The Lord was with Joseph, and he became a successful man; he was in the house of his Egyptian master. His master saw that the Lord was with him, and that the Lord caused all that he did to prosper in his hands. So Joseph found favour in his sight and attended him; he made him overseer of his house and put him in charge of all that he had. From the time that he made him overseer in his house and over all that he had, the Lord blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; the blessing of the Lord was on all that he had, in house and field. So he left all that he had in Joseph's charge; and, with him there, he had no concern for anything but the food that he ate.

Now Joseph was handsome and good-looking. And after a time his master's wife cast her eyes on Joseph and said, 'Lie with me.' But he refused and said to his master's wife, 'Look, with me here, my master has no concern about anything in the house, and he has put everything that he has in my hand. He is not greater in this house than I am, nor has he kept back anything from me except yourself, because you are his wife. How then could I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?' And although she spoke to Joseph day after day, he would not consent to lie beside her or to be with her. One day, however, when he went into the house to do his work, and while no one else was in the house, she caught hold of his garment, saying, 'Lie with me!' But he left his

garment in her hand, and fled and ran outside. When she saw that he had left his garment in her hand and had fled outside, she called out to the members of her household and said to them, 'See, my husband has brought among us a Hebrew to insult us! He came in to me to lie with me, and I cried out with a loud voice; and when he heard me raise my voice and cry out, he left his garment beside me, and fled outside.' Then she kept his garment by her until his master came home, and she told him the same story, saying, 'The Hebrew servant, whom you have brought among us, came in to me to insult me; but as soon as I raised my voice and cried out, he left his garment beside me, and fled outside.'

When his master heard the words that his wife spoke to him, saying, 'This is the way your servant treated me', he became enraged. And Joseph's master took him and put him into the prison, the place where the king's prisoners were confined; he remained there in prison. But the Lord was with Joseph and showed him steadfast love; he gave him favour in the sight of the chief jailer. The chief jailer committed to Joseph's care all the prisoners who were in the prison, and whatever was done there, he was the one who did it. The chief jailer paid no heed to anything that was in Joseph's care, because the Lord was with him; and whatever he did, the Lord made it prosper.

RESPONSE TO SCRIPTURE LESSON

Through this scripture, God is still speaking.

And we are listening!

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

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Voice 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.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The top staff is labeled 'Voice' and the bottom staff is labeled 'Vo.'. The lyrics are written below the notes. A small number '5' is written above the first note of the bottom staff.

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

We are invited to offer time, talent, and treasure, in a tangible expression of our hope for the future for ourselves, this community of faith and many others near and far away.

Be generous, my friends, with your trust in the future. Let us now begin our morning offering.

OFFERTORY

The Power Of Your 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.
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Re - kin - dle deep with - in us all a pas - sion to ful - fill
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the min - is - try dis - ci - ples have, em - power'd to do your will.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God, we have received hope; we give you time.

We have received hope; we give one another the church.

We have received hope; we offer these gifts that they may become the change

or simply the promise of change

among those who need this clear image that they are not abandoned.

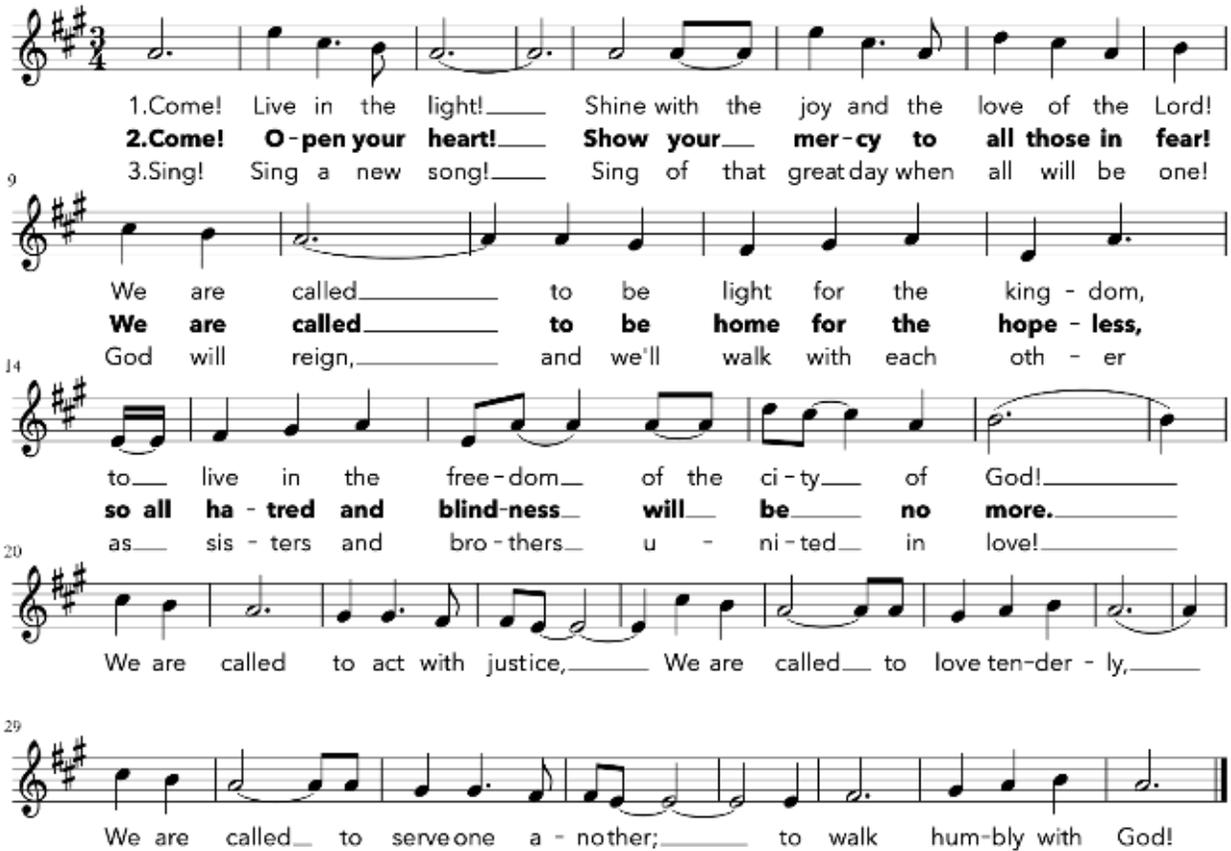
Amen.

SEND

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

*HYMN

We Are Called



1. Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
2. Come! **O - pen your heart!** **Show your mer - cy to all those in fear!**
3. Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one!

9
We are called to be light for the king - dom,
We are called to be home for the hope - less,
14 God will reign, and we'll walk with each oth - er

to live in the free - dom of the ci - ty of God!
so all ha - tred and blind - ness will be no more.
20 as sis - ters and bro - thers u - ni - ted in love!

We are called to act with justice, We are called to love ten - der - ly,

29
We are called to serve one a - nother, to walk hum - bly with God!

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **BIBLE STUDY** is back on Tuesdays at 6pm in the Ladies Parlor.
- Join us on Sept. 26 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 third convo, we welcome Bucky Lohbusch, director of Killingly Parks and Recreation.
- Mark your calendars for Sept. 30 at 5pm and come on down to **KILLINGLY'S WILD NIGHT OUT!** Barbecue, Giant Pickles, Key Lime Pie, basically all of your Westfield Favorites! This is going to be a wild night of Convertibles for a Cause benefiting TEEG, Live Music, Food Vendors, Kids Activities and More. No admission cost to come out and support the charities, see the convertibles and join in on the fun... we do however encourage everyone to bring a non-perishable food donation in efforts to fill up the Killingly Parks and Recreation truck to present to friends of Assisi for families in need this thanksgiving .
- 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
- Join us for **COUNTRY MUSIC SUNDAY** on October 2! We are proving once again that worship is the intent of the heart! Join us for this rollicking good time. In-person only!
- Join us on Oct 16 for Westfield's annual **HOMECOMING CELEBRATION!** We'll celebrate our congregation's 307th anniversary while looking toward what the future holds. And then stay after worship to join us for our **HOMECOMING BRUNCH!** Bring a dish to share at this potluck brunch following our homecoming worship and celebration of Rev. Jonathan's 10 years of ministry with us! Event begins following worship.
- Our **BBQ CHURCH SUPPER** was so popular that we are bringing it back on Oct. 20 at 4:30! Menu includes: Pulled Pork, Mac & Cheese, Cole Slaw, and Cornbread plus our famous homemade dessert room! Pre-order online starting 10/1 for take out or dine in, cost is \$15 per plate. Limited tickets available at the door. Pre-ordering is open at westfielducc.org/eat.

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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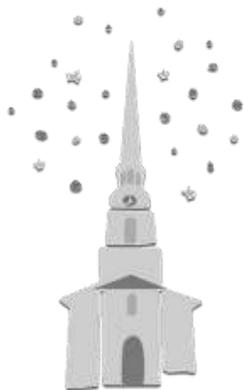
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SUNDAYS AT 10**

**CARING FOR THE
HEART OF
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FOR MORE THAN
300 YEARS.**