



WORSHIP AT WESTFIELD

SERVICE OF WORD

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please take a moment to complete the care pad in your pew.

Peace be with you. And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, sing a new song to the Lord,
for he has done wonderful deeds!

He has won a mighty victory by his
power and holiness.

**The whole earth has seen
the salvation of our God!**

PRELUDE

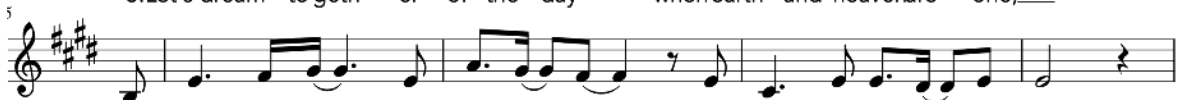
INVOCATION

God, you promise never to forsake us,
but to bring us to life,
nurture us with your presence,
and sustain us even in the hour of our death.
Meet us in our deepest doubts
when we feel abandoned,
drowning in our fear of your absence.
Visit us in the tension between our yearning and
our anger,
that we may know your mercy and grace in our
time of need. **Amen.**

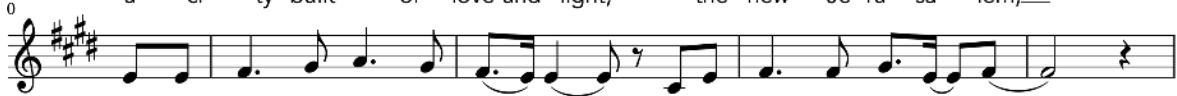
*WELCOME



1. Let's walk to- geth - er for a while and ask where we be - gin ____
2. Let's talk to- geth - er of a time when we will share a feast ____
3. Let's dream to- geth - er of the day when earth and heaven are one, ____



to build a world where love can grow and hope can en - ter in,
where pride and pow - er kneel to serve the lone - ly and the least,
a ci - ty built of love and light, the new Je - ru - sa - lem, ____



to be the hands of heal - ing ____ and to plant the seed of peace,
and joy will set the ta - ble ____ as we join our hands to pray,
where our mourn - ing turns to danc - ing ____ ev - ery crea - ture lifts its voice.

REFRAIN



Sing - ing wel - come, wel - come to this place.



You're in - vit - ed to come and know God's grace.



All are wel - come the love of God to share ____



cause all of us are wel - come here; ____ all are wel - come in this place.

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ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK,
THE DAY OF CHRIST'S RESURRECTION.

GATHER

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*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Divine Gardener cannot sow seeds of justice and peace
where there is nothing but hearts of dry, hard rocks.

We confess that our hearts may need tilling
and the digging out of the deeply rooted sins
that crowd out seedlings planted with divine compassion.

God of steadfast love,
you change bitter tears of remorseful hearts
with raindrops of mercy,
Now let us germinate a new life, growing with integrity!

God of steadfast love,
you change the cold shame of contrite hearts
with sunrays of mercy
Now let us sprout a new life, growing with honesty!

God of steadfast love,
you change the stony edges of repentant hearts
into landscapes of mercy,
Now let us branch out into new life, growing with generosity!

*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

Divine Gardener,
You tend us in steadfast love,
Unending mercies, and eternal faithfulness;
you cultivate true friendship with you
through boundless forgiveness.
In Christ, this faithful love is planted in our hearts.
Gathered as your community of believers, our family of faith,
with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us,
we can now produce forgiveness for each other as we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

*SUNG RESPONSE GLORY TO GOD WHOSE GOODNESS SHINES ON ME

Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
3 and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
6 and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free!
9 As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

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*PASSING OF THE PEACE Family of God

You're invited to offer signs of welcome during the interlude.

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.

CHILDREN'S TIME

All are invited to sing as the children come join the pastor in the front of the sanctuary.

Jesus Loves Me

Je - sus loves me this I know. For the Bi - ble tells me so.

5 Li - ttle ones to him be - long. They are weak, but he is strong.

9 Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!

13 Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so!

Children under 6th grade wishing to take part in Sunday School
may leave at this time.

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

THE MESSAGE

"I am the Real Vine and my Father is the Farmer. He cuts off every branch of me that doesn't bear grapes. And every branch that is grape-bearing he prunes back so it will bear even more. You are already pruned back by the message I have spoken.

"Live in me. Make your home in me just as I do in you. In the same way that a branch can't bear grapes by itself but only by being joined to the vine, you can't bear fruit unless you are joined with me.

"I am the Vine, you are the branches. When you're joined with me and I with you, the relation intimate and organic, the harvest is sure to be abundant. Separated, you can't produce a thing. Anyone who separates from me is deadwood, gathered up and thrown on the bonfire. But if you make yourselves at home with me and my words are at home in you, you can be sure that whatever you ask will be listened to and acted upon. This is how my Father shows who he is—when you produce grapes, when you mature as my disciples.

RESPONSE TO READING

Through this scripture, God is still speaking.
And we are listening.

SERMON

THE REV. DR. JONATHAN CHAPMAN

HEAR
GOD SPEAKS TO US IN
SCRIPTURE, PREACHING,
AND SONG

*PLEASE RISE
IN BODY OR SPIRIT

WE BEGIN OUR LIFE OF
RESPONDING TO THE
GOSPEL THROUGH
PRAYER AND OFFERING.

RESPOND

*PLEASE RISE
IN BODY OR SPIRIT

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 FIX ME, JESUS

Oh, fix me, oh, fix me, oh, fix me; fix me, Je-sus, fix me.

INVITATION TO GIVE

When Jesus calls his disciples,
he promises to transform the gifts they already possess
to be used for the glory and kingdom of God.
Let us offer our resources
in following Jesus.
We will now begin our morning offering.

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY EASTER DOXOLOGY

Your name we bless, O risen Lord,
4 And sing to-day with one accord.
7 The life laid down, the life re-stored;
10 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

*TO GOD BE THE GLORY

1.To God be the glo - ry, great things he has done;
2.O **per - fect re - demp - tion, the pur - chase of blood,**
3.Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,

6 so loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
to **ev - ery be - liev - er the prom - ise of God;**
and great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son;

11 who yield - ed his life an a - tone - ment for sin,
the **vil - est of - fend - er who tru - ly be - lieves,**
but pur - er and high - er and great - er will be

16 and o - pened the life - gate that we may go in.
that **mo - ment from Je - sus for - give - ness re - ceives.**
our won - der, our rap - ture, when Je - sus we see.

21 Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!

26 Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the peo - ple re - joice!

31 O come to the Fa - ther through Je - sus the Son,

36 and give him the glo - ry! Great things he has done.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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GOD BLESSES US AND SENDS US FORTH IN MISSION FOR THE WORLD.

SEND

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DAFFODIL BAZAAR & VENDOR FAIR MAY 11, 8A-1P DAVIS PARK LEARN MORE AT WESTFIELDUCC.ORG/SPRING BAKERS NEEDED

QUIET CORNER PRIDE

MAY 4, 12-4P, PUTNAM

FIESTA FIRST: MAY 5
COURTHOUSE BAR & GRILLE.

ONE & DONE: FORGIVENESS
& KIDS' CLUB!
MAY 12 AT 8:45AM

TAKE NOTE

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

LAY LITURGIST:
Joan Casenelli

GREETER:
Dave & Bev Grennan

COUNTERS:
Cherie Trahan, Carol Ryley

OFFERING:
Janet Barnes, Cherie Trahan,
Karen Ward, Tracey Griffing

OUR FAITHFULNESS

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK
121

AVERAGE THIS MONTH
101

YTD INCOME
\$71,753

BUDGET NEEDED
\$67,920

THE ONE LINK
THAT RULES
THEM ALL!



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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.

THE REV. DR. JONATHAN CHAPMAN



The Rev. Dr. Jonathan Chapman graduated from Candler School of Theology, Emory University, in May 2019 with his Doctor of Ministry in Biblical Witness and Proclamation. His capstone work, *The Year of Mark*, received the People's Choice Award among his cohort. While at Candler for his Master of Divinity (May, 2010), he was active with the Office of Worship, and was awarded the Hoyt Hickman Award for Outstanding Liturgical Scholarship. Jonathan is a 2007 Congregational Fellow and 2006 Undergraduate Fellow with The Fund for Theological Education. He graduated from Elon University in 2007 with a degree in Religious Studies. At Elon, he was selected as a Leadership Fellow and was awarded the W. L. Monroe Christian Education and Personality Award in the 2007. While at Elon he joined Elon Community Church, United Church of Christ, the congregation in which he was ordained.

Jonathan joined Westfield in October of 2012 and was officially installed as Pastor and Teacher in May of 2013, presiding over its revitalization. In October of 2022, he celebrated a decade with Westfield.

He was selected to be a part of the Next Generation Leadership Initiative, a program sponsored by the Pension Boards of the United Church of Christ that works with young clergy committed to parish ministry through a decade-long relationship. Dr. Chapman consults with congregations on a variety of topics ranging from revitalization to worship to marketing their churches. He married his husband, Greg (pastor of Enfield Congregational Church, United Church of Christ in Enfield, CT), in December of 2014 at Westfield. Jonathan is an award-winning stained glass artist.

Rev. Jonathan's Onsite Hours are Tuesday-Thursday, 9am-12pm. His additional work days are Sunday and Monday, when he is available by appointment. His days off are Friday and Saturday.

Find time with Rev. Jon by scanning the QR code or going to calendly.com/revjonchapman

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Director of Music
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Facilities Caretaker

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The Rev. Dr. Jonathan Chapman
Kevin Williams
Sue Theroux
Donna Bartholomew
Jessica Payette
Michelle Plasse