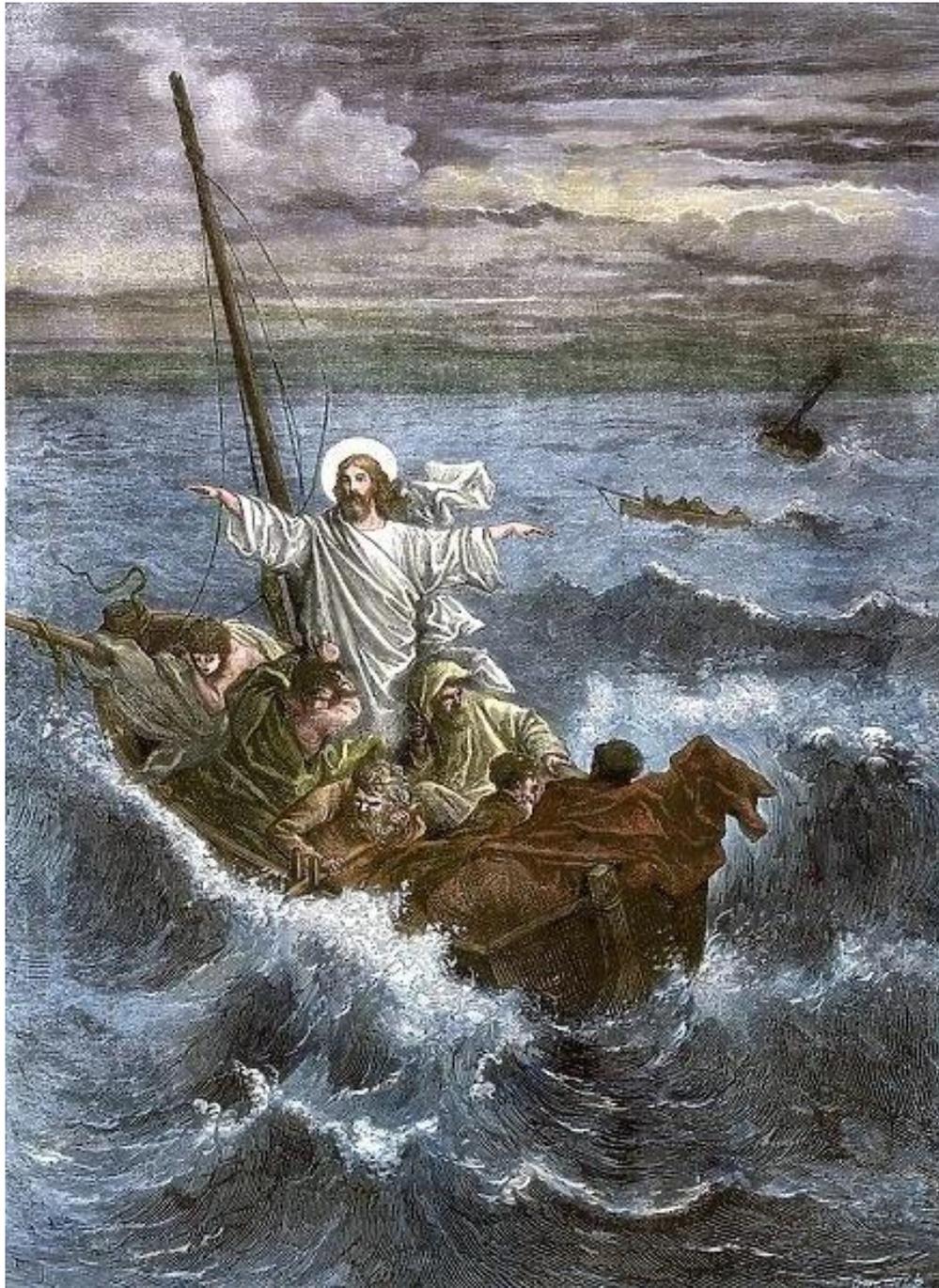


Westport Presbyterian Church 1835 – present

*Fifth Sunday after Pentecost*

June 23, 2024



**Peace, Be Still**

WESTPORT RISING WORSHIP SERVICE  
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
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The light of Christ comes to share and illumine our worship.

WORDS OF WELCOME

Pastor Susan Wesley Hartley

PRELUDE: *Heliotrope Bouquet*

Scott Joplin and Louis Chauvin

OPENING SCRIPTURE: Mark 4:35-41

Bobbie Testa, Liturgist

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Ezekiel 17: 22-24):

Leader: When the storms of life arise

People: and the waves threaten to overturn the boat of our faith,

Leader: remember the power of our Savior

People: to calm, to still, to establish peace.

\*OPENING HYMN (please stand if you wish):

# 653 *Give Thanks to God Who Hears Our Cries*, verses 1-2, 5-6

Glory to God hymnal

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION OF OUR NEED FOR GOD:

Holy God, when the circumstances of our lives overwhelm and the tragedy of the news leaves us lamenting the state of our world, we wonder where you are or even if you exist. Does the universe really bend towards justice? Does this justice include us and those we love? Does this justice include the innocent caught in the crosshairs of war? Forgive us, God, for the evils we perpetuate, the unjust systems from which we cannot see our way clear. Calm us and guide us in working toward the Beloved Community you desire for us, where all your children live in peace. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Christ has set us free. Claim your forgiveness, Rejoice in God's Grace, Respond with love. Trust in the presence of Holy Spirit!

SUNG RESPONSE:

#654 *In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful* (sung twice)

Glory to God hymnal  
Taize Community

**SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST:**

Pastor: The grace, peace, love and joy of Jesus Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

**CHORAL ANTHEM: *We Have Seen the Lord***

**Tanzanian, set by Mark Sedio**

**UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:**

**Prepare our hearts and minds for the hearing of you Word, O God. Open us to the message you have for each of us. Humble us to your way. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READING: Job 38:1-11, 16-21, 28-30, 33-38; Job 42:1-6, 10a**

**MESSAGE:**

**Who are You, Lord? Who Are We? Who Am I?**

**Pastor Susan Wesley Hartley**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN:**

**#442 *Just As I Am, Without One Plea***

**Glory to God hymnal**

**WELCOMING, NEWS IN AROUND AND BEYOND THE COMMUNITY**

**SUNG PREPARATION FOR PRAYER:**

**#851 *Come Bring Your Burdens to God***

**Glory to God hymnal**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS, PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION,  
THE LORD'S PRAYER (Mother Father God, who art in heaven...)**

**INVITATION TO GIVE**

**OFFERTORY SOLO: *Precious Lord, Take My Hand***

**Thomas Dorsey  
Emma Witbolsfeugen, soloist**

**UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION:**

**Most generous God, you have blessed us with gifts to serve and to share. May the offerings we present today be used to promote the peace, justice and healing you desire for us, and your world and cosmos. Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN (please stand if you wish):**

**#307 *God of Grace and God of Glory***

**Glory to God hymnal**

## CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### BENEDICTION RESPONSE:

#740 *Lead Me, Guide Me* (refrain only, sing twice)

Glory to God hymnal

POSTLUDE: *Prelude to the Dance*

David Lanz

**The Light of Christ leads us out into Westport and the World.**

### A WESTPORT WARM WELCOMING!

**WELCOME! MEMBERS! NEWCOMERS! FRIENDS!** We are so glad you could join us for worship today! **VISITORS**, please take a moment to let us know you were here by picking up an attendance card (in the pews) and filling out whatever information you would like to share with us.

**WELCOME FAMILIES! Children's Sunday School meets** in the 2nd floor Children's Space, Sunday mornings during the 1st half of worship, beginning at 11:00 am. **NURSERY care is also available upstairs.** Parents are asked to fill out a brief registration form before church begins. (This form only needs to be filled out once).

**ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES available upon request. Talk to Deanna up in the front of the sanctuary at the livestream table.**

**VACATION NOTICE:** Our office manager, Deanna Capps, will be on vacation this week and returning on July 1.

## MISSION & OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES:

**\*We are taking up a SPECIAL OFFERING for Rev. Eric Garbison & his wife Jodi who will be going on a sabbatical during the months of September & October after serving 24 years in ministry. Session suggested that some in the congregation may want to help, so over the next few weeks we will be accepting donations for this purpose. If you would like to help, you can make a check out to Westport Presbyterian Church or place money in a giving envelope and include "Sabbatical Fund" in the memo line. Thanks!**

Bread, Buns, Fruit, Water, Meat, Peanut Butter, Cheese are always needed for our INTERRUPT HUNGER work. **WESTPORT SHOWERS happens on Sundays & Thursday nights.** Men's boxer brief underwear needed. Men's and Women's tennis shoes, pants. Backpacks!

**WESTPORT SHOWERS is looking for additional volunteers to help with Sunday mornings. With the increase in guests, we would like to have teams of 2 volunteers upstairs working together at the door and 2 downstairs working in the shower/laundry room each Sunday. You would be working with experienced volunteers who can train you in what is needed. If you would like to help, and are willing to volunteer 1 Sunday morning a month, reach out to Drew Irwin or Allison Rozga for more information.**

**\*WEEKDAY LUNCH VOLUNTEERS. We could use a few more people to help with making and handing out weekday lunches. Please contact the church office for more information.**

**The RESOURCE CENTER will be closed for 2 weeks on July 4, 9, 11 and 16 as Kate will be going out of town. On July 4 we will be closed for the holiday and there will be NO lunches or Thursday night showers. Lunches and Thursday night showers will still be available on the other dates, even though the resource center will be closed.**

## STAFF:

Bridge Pastor.....Susan Wesley Hartley  
Music Director.....Emily Davidson  
Office Manager.....Deanna Capps

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## **INREACH & OUTREACH IN THE COMING WEEK:**

**(All Events are at the Church, 201 Westport Rd – unless noted)**

Monday, June 24	6:30 p.m.	<b>Men's AA Meeting</b> (Storefront)
	7:30 p.m.	<b>Boy Scout Troop 60</b> (Westport Rising Room)
Tuesday, June 25	6:00 p.m.	<b>Irish Dance</b> (Westport Rising Room)
Thursday, June 27	5:30 p.m.	<b>Westport Showers – For Women, Trans, &amp; Gender Non-conforming people</b> (Basement)
Saturday, June 29	8:30 a.m.	<b>Living Integrated (Men's Support Group)</b> (Storefront)
Sunday, June 30	8-9:30 a.m.	<b>Westport Showers</b> (Fellowship Room & Basement)
	11:00 a.m.	<b>Service of the Lord's Day</b> (Sanctuary)

### ***LOOKING AHEAD:***

Wednesday, July 3	7:00 p.m.	<b>Zoom Bible Study – contact church office for link</b> (Online) *meets every other week*
Thursday, July 4	All Day	In celebration of <b>Independence Day</b> , the <b>church office will be closed</b> and all activities and programs will be cancelled.