

MAY 3, 2026 | THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE  
**WORSHIP AT WESTFIELD**



**SERVICE OF WORD & TABLE**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

Peace be with you.  
And also with you.

We thank God for these opportunities for fellowship and service.  
Thanks be to God.

**PRELUDE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come, people of God—  
when the world trembles,  
**God remains steady.**

Come, followers of Christ—  
when hatred rises,  
**grace still speaks.**

Come, seekers of truth—  
when fear would close our eyes,  
**the Spirit opens heaven.**

Come, beloved community—  
to worship the One who gives courage,  
mercy, and hope.  
**Let us worship God.**

**INVOCATION**

Holy God,  
you met Stephen in the hour of trial  
and opened heaven before him.  
Meet us now in this hour of worship.  
Open our eyes to your glory,  
steady our hearts in troubled times,  
and teach us  
the brave love of Jesus Christ—  
a love that refuses revenge,  
a mercy stronger than violence,  
a hope deeper than death.  
Fill this place with your Spirit,  
that we may worship you in truth and  
live with holy courage.  
**Amen.**

THE HOLY SPIRIT GATHERS US IN UNITY  
ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK,  
THE DAY OF CHRIST'S RESURRECTION.

**GATHER**

\*PLEASE RISE  
IN BODY OR SPIRIT

**\*OPENING HYMN**  
**God of Grace & God of Glory**

CWM RHONDDA



1. God of grace and God of glo - ry, On thy peo - ple pour thy power;  
 2. Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us Scorn thy Christ, as - sail his ways!  
 3. Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; Bend our pride to thy con - trol;  
 4. Set our feet on loft - y pla - ces; Gird our lives that they may be  
 5. Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion To the e - vils we de - plo - re;



Crown thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry; Bring her bud to glo - rious flower.  
 From the fears that long have bound us, Free our hearts to faith and praise.  
 Shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, Rich in things and poor in soul.  
 Arm - ored with all Christ - like gra - ces In the fight to set men free.  
 Let the search for thy sal - va - tion Be our glo - ry ev - er - more.



Grant us wis - dom, Grant us cour - age, For the fac - ing of this hour,  
 Grant us wis - dom, Grant us cour - age, For the liv - ing of these days,  
 Grant us wis - dom, Grant us cour - age, Lest we miss thy king - dom's goal,  
 Grant us wis - dom, Grant us cour - age, That we fail not man nor thee,  
 Grant us wis - dom, Grant us cour - age, Serv - ing thee whom we a - dore,



For the fac - ing of this hour.  
 For the liv - ing of these days.  
 Lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.  
 That we fail not man nor thee.  
 Serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

**\*EASTER PROCLAMATION**

Christ is risen!  
 Christ is Risen, Indeed!

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

Brothers and sisters,  
 we confess not because God is eager to condemn us,  
 but because God is eager to free us.  
 We come carrying sharp words, tired hearts, quiet compromises,  
 and the ways we have chosen safety over faithfulness.

Yet the mercy of Christ is greater than all we bring.  
 So let us tell the truth about ourselves and trust the grace that meets us there.

## \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,  
we confess that we prefer  
comfort to courage.  
We avoid costly love.  
We keep silent when truth is needed.  
We harden ourselves against those we fear.  
We carry grudges instead of grace.  
We ask for justice,  
but often without mercy.  
Forgive us when we turn away  
from the suffering of others.  
Forgive us when anger rules our hearts.  
Forgive us when we forget  
that Jesus prayed for enemies  
and welcomed the broken.  
Soften what has become hard in us.  
Free what has become bound in us.  
Renew us by your Spirit,  
that we may live as witnesses  
to your love.  
Amen.

## \*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

Hear the good news:  
Even as stones were thrown,  
mercy was spoken.  
Even at the edge of death,  
Christ stood near.  
Even in humanity's cruelty,  
God did not abandon love.  
So hear and believe:  
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven,  
renewed, and set free to begin again.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## \*SUNG RESPONSE Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

The musical notation is written on four staves in a 12/8 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: "Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me, and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free! As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men." The first three staves are numbered 1, 3, and 6. The fourth staff is numbered 9.

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### \*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.

### 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 10 wishing to take part in Sunday School may leave at this time.

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON**  
**NRSV**

**ACTS 7:55-60**

But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

**THE MESSAGE**

At that point they went wild, a rioting mob of catcalls and whistles and invective. But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, hardly noticed—he only had eyes for God, whom he saw in all his glory with Jesus standing at his side. He said, "Oh! I see heaven wide open and the Son of Man standing at God's side!"

Yelling and hissing, the mob drowned him out. Now in full stampede, they dragged him out of town and pelted him with rocks. The ringleaders took off their coats and asked a young man named Saul to watch them.

As the rocks rained down, Stephen prayed, "Master Jesus, take my life." Then he knelt down, praying loud enough for everyone to hear, "Master, don't blame them for this sin"—his last words. Then he died.

**RESPONSE TO READING**

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

**SERMON**

**MR. KEVIN WILLIAMS, DIRECTOR OF WELCOME**

**CALL TO PRAYER**  
**Shine**

REFRAIN

Oh\_\_\_ heaven let your light shine down. Oh\_\_\_ heaven let your light shine down.

Oh\_\_\_ heaven let your light shine down. Oh\_\_\_ heaven let your light shine down.

**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.**

**HEAR**  
GOD SPEAKS TO US IN  
SCRIPTURE, PREACHING,  
AND SONG  
  
\*PLEASE RISE  
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# PASTORAL PRAYER

## INVITATION TO GIVE

Stephen gave not only words,  
but his whole life in witness to Christ.

We are asked not for martyrdom today,  
but for generosity—  
the offering of resources, compassion,  
and commitment  
for the work of God in this world.

Let us give as those who trust  
that love is never wasted  
and mercy always multiplies.

## OFFERTORY

### \*DOXOLOGY FROM ALL THAT DWELL DUKE ST

From all that dwell be - - low the skies,  
5 Let the Cre - a - tor's praise a - rise;  
9 Let the Re - deem - er's name be sung  
3 Through ev - 'ry land, by ev - 'ry tongue.

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

RESPOND

\*PLEASE RISE  
IN BODY OR SPIRIT

WE SHARE THE BREAD & CUP  
AND ARE REMINDED OF THE  
FEAST WE SHARE AT THE  
HEAVENLY BANQUET

# FEAST

\*PLEASE RISE  
IN BODY OR SPIRIT

Lead me guide me a - long the way;  
5 for if you lead me I can - not stray.  
9 Lord, let me walk each day with thee.  
13 Lead me, O Lord, lead me

## 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.**

...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 the One who comes in the name of the  
Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

..as we proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come  
again.**

...now and forever. **Amen.**

## 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.**

## THE FRACTION

## THE INVITATION

## SHARING THE FEAST

*You'll be invited forward, from the outside aisles, front to back,  
then the inside aisle from back to front.  
Take a piece of bread from Rev. Jonathan (Gluten-free available)  
then a cup of juice from the corner closest to your seat.  
Drop your empty cup in the baskets staged at the corner columns.*

## PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

Holy God,  
we thank you for meeting us at this table  
with bread for the journey  
and grace for the weary.

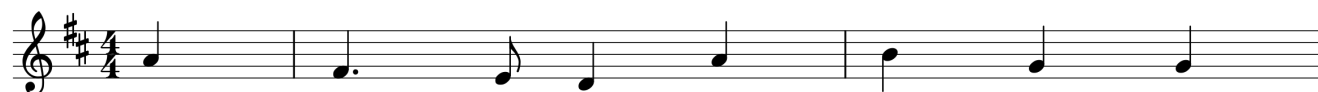
You have fed us with Christ's love,  
strengthened us by your Spirit,  
and reminded us that  
we belong to one another.

Now send us into the world  
to live what we have received—  
to practice mercy, seek justice,

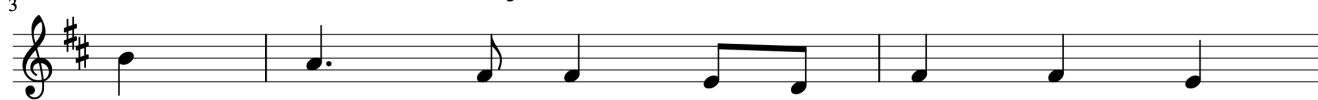
forgive freely,  
and love boldly.

In the name of Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**  
**He Leadeth Me**



1. He lead - eth me! O bless - ed tho't!  
**2. Some - times 'mid scenes of deep - est gloom,**  
 3. Lord, I would clasp Thy hand in mine,  
**4. And when my task on earth is done,**



O words with heav - n - ly com - fort fraught.  
**some - times where E - dens' bow - ers bloom.**  
 Nor ev - er mur - mur nor re - pine,  
**When, by thy grace, the vic - t'ry's won,**



What - e'er I do, wher - e'er I be, Still 'tis God's hand that lead-eth me.  
**By wat - ers still, o'er troub-led sea, Still 'tis His hand that lead-eth me.**  
 Con - tent, what - ev - er lot I see, Since 'tis my God that lead-eth me.  
**E'en death's cold wave I will not flee, Since God through Jor-dan lead-eth me.**



He lead - eth me, He lead - eth me, By His own hand He lead - eth me:



His faith - ful fol - lower I would be, For by His hand He lead - eth me.

**\*BENEDICTION**

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

**\*PLEASE RISE IN BODY OR SPIRIT**

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**THRU MAY**  
**BOOK GROUP**  
**MAY 14**

**DAFFODIL**  
**BAZAAR & VENDOR FAIR**  
**MAY 9, 9A-12P**  
**PIE PALOOZA!**

**FIESTA**  
**FIRST**  
**NEW IMPERIAL ROOM**  
**MAY 3**  
**FOLLOWING WORSHIP**

**OUR FAITHFULNESS**

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE	138
APRIL AVG ATTENDANCE	159
BUDGET NEEDED WEEKLY	\$6,340
OPERATING INCOME* LAST WEEK	\$4,103
BUDGET NEEDED MONTHLY	\$27,471
OPERATING INCOME* APRIL	\$30,680
BUDGET NEEDED (YTD)	\$107,780
OPERATING INCOME* (YTD)	\$104,383

\*not including donations for the Major Needs Fund, Pastor's Discretionary Fund, and designated funds

THE ONE LINK  
THAT RULES  
THEM ALL!



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Please note: All worship services are live-streamed.  
For the safety of our community, video surveillance is in use.

# WESTFIELD TO-GO

WHAT WORDS, PHRASES OR IMAGES  
STICK WITH YOU FROM TODAY'S READING?

**WORDS FROM  
SCRIPTURE**

JOT DOWN A FEW THOUGHTS FROM THE SERMON YOU'D LIKE TO  
CARRY WITH YOU THIS WEEK.

**I WANT TO  
REMEMBER...**

- 1
- 2
- 3

**THIS WEEK, I WILL PRAY FOR...**

PRAYER REQUESTS FROM TODAY I'LL INCLUDE IN MY PRAYERS THIS WEEK.

**HELP**

**THANKS**

**WOW**

## 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. He serves on the Board of Directors of the Westfield Cemetery and the Westcott-Wilcox Home, as well as on the Windham Association Council.

Rev. Jonathan's Onsite Hours are Monday-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](https://calendly.com/revjonchapman)

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