

One More Thing

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

We come from different places,
carrying different stories.

And God gathers us into one people.

Some come strong.
Some come weary.
Some come certain.
Some come wondering.

And God makes room for us all.

No one carries the whole burden.
No one possesses every gift.
No one is the whole body.

But together, we are the Body of Christ.

So come—not simply to attend,
but to belong.

**We belong to God.
We belong to one another.
Let us worship together.**

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

INVOCATION

Gathering God,
you have never asked us to walk alone.
You call us by name,
place us among companions,
give your Spirit freely,
and weave our lives together.
Remind us today that we are more
than individuals sharing a room.
Make us a people who notice one another,
carry one another,
challenge one another,
forgive one another,
and love one another well.
Teach us again what it means
to belong to you
and to belong to each other.
Amen.

*OPENING HYMN The Church's One Foundation AURELIA

1. The church - 's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
2. E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth;
 3. Though with a scorn - ful won - der we see her sore op - pressed,
4. Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war,
 5. Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God the Three in One,

she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the Word.
her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
 by schis - ms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.

From heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up, "How long?"
till, with the vi - sion glo - rious, her long - ing eyes are blest,
 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we

with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.
 And soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
 like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

We like belonging
when it means there is a place waiting for us.

We struggle with belonging
when it means
making a place for someone else.

We like community
when it carries us.

We struggle with community
when it asks us to carry another.

But God has made us members of one another,
and so we come honestly before the One
whose grace binds us together.
Let us pray.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of every member and every gift,
forgive us when we confuse belonging
with simply being present.

We have expected others
to carry what belongs to all of us.

We have overlooked gifts
that did not look like ours.

We have treated some voices as essential
and others as expendable.

We have said, in words or actions,
"I have no need of you."

Forgive us, God.

When we have stood at the edge
instead of joining in,
when we have waited
for someone else to serve,
when we have forgotten
that another's joy is our joy
and another's suffering
is our concern.

Draw us back into the body.

Teach us to receive one another as gifts,
to offer ourselves freely,
and to trust the Spirit
you have poured out upon us all.
Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE**

Hear the good news:

God does not discard the weary member.
God does not abandon the struggling member.
God does not decide that the body would be
better without you.

In Christ, we are gathered, forgiven,
restored, and made one.

**We are Christ's body,
and each of us belongs to it.
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

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THE DAY OF CHRIST'S RESURRECTION.

GATHER

*PLEASE RISE
IN BODY OR SPIRIT

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

12
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.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE Family of God

3/4
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!
0
Joint heirs with Je - sus as we trav - el this sod;
4
For I'm part of the fam - 'ly, the fam - 'ly of God.

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

Layne Louis Martin, Son of Heather & Jay Martin

BAPTISMAL SONG YOU ARE MINE

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

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

I love__ you and you are mine.

WELCOME

...and said to them,

**"Let the children come to me, do not hinder them;
for to such belongs the realm of God.**

Truly I say to you,

whoever does not receive the realm of God like a child shall not enter it."

ADDRESS

...and the sign and seal of their participation in God's forgiveness, and the beginning of their growth into full Christian discipleship.

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 PARENTS

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 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.**

WE ARE REMINDED OF
GOD'S LOVE FOR US BY
THE GIFT OF WATER
AND SPIRIT.

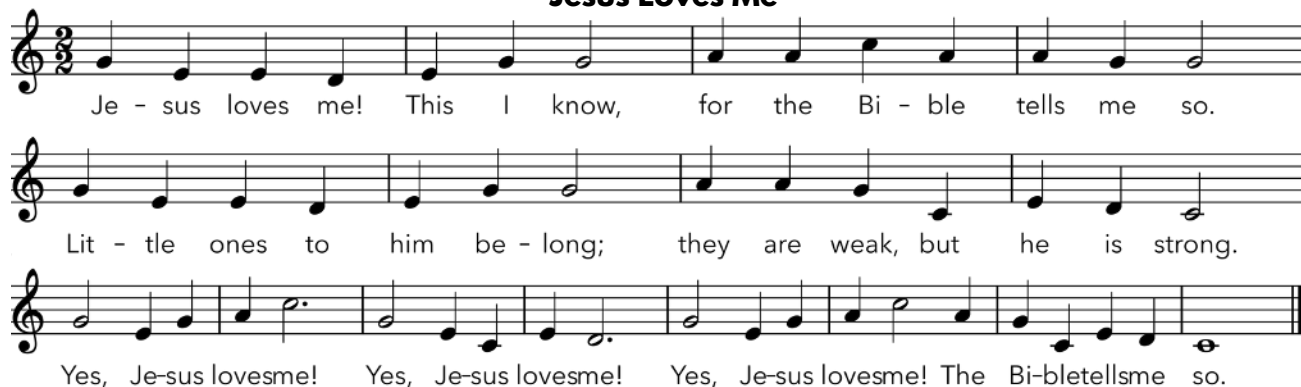
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*PLEASE RISE
IN BODY OR SPIRIT

CHILDREN'S TIME

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

Jesus Loves Me



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

HEBREW BIBLE LESSON NUMBERS 11: 10-17, 24-30

Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. So Moses said to the Lord, 'Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favour in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, "Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors"? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, "Give us meat to eat!" I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favour in your sight—and do not let me see my misery.'

So the Lord said to Moses, 'Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you. I will come down and talk with you there; and I will take some of the spirit that is on you and put it on them; and they shall bear the burden of the people along with you so that you will not bear it all by yourself.'

So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men,^[a] said, 'My lord Moses, stop them!' But Moses said to him, 'Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!' And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

EPISTLE LESSON 1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-27

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot were to say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear were to say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you', nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

RESPONSE TO READING

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

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN
 SCRIPTURE, PREACHING,
 AND SONG
HEAR
 *PLEASE RISE
 IN BODY OR SPIRIT

IS HE WORTHY?

We do (x4)

It is. (x4)

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?

Is anyone able to break the seal,
and open the scroll?

The Lion of Judah,
who conquered the grave

He is David's root and the lamb who died to ransom the slave.

Is he worthy? Is he worthy?
Of all blessing and honor and glory?
Is he worthy of this?

He is.

God does. She Does. He Does. God Does.

SERMON

The Reverend Dr. Jonathan Chapman

CALL TO PRAYER I Go to the Rock

I go to the Rock of my sal-va - tion, go to the stone that the builders re-ject - ed.

I run to the mount - ain and the mount-ain stands by me.

The earth all a - round me is sink-ing sand, on Christ the sol - id rock I stand;

When I need a shel-ter, When I need a friend, I go to the Rock!

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.

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

Paul doesn't tell the hand to become an eye.

He asks the hand to be a hand.

The question isn't whether
you have what someone else has to offer.

The question is whether
you will offer what you have.

Our money, time, ability, attention,
compassion, and presence are different gifts
of one body.

Let us bring our gifts together.

OFFERTORY

Jesus Medley
The Westfield Bell-ievers

*DOXOLOGY



Ac - cept, O God, the gifts we bring of spir - it and of clay,
trans - form them in - to bl - ess - ings on those we serve to - day.
Re - kin - dle-deep with - in us all a pas - sion to ful - fill
the min - is - try dis - ci - ples have, em - power'd to do your will.

*CLOSING 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,
 God will reign, and we'll walk with each oth - er

14
 to live in the free-dom of the ci - ty of God!
 so all ha - tred and blind-ness will be no more.
 as sis - ters and bro - thers u - ni - ted in love!

20
 We are called to act with justice, We are called to love ten-der - ly,

29
 We are called to serve one a - no - ther; to walk hum-bly with God!

*BENEDICTION

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

SEND

*PLEASE RISE
 IN BODY OR SPIRIT

**SIT. STAY.
 SNAP.
 PET PHOTO
 CONTEST
 IS BACK!**

**BAZAAR
 MEETING
 SEPT. 20
 FOLLOWING WORSHIP**

**Pancake
 Sundae &
 Ministry
 Fair
 Sept. 13**

**DOLLY
 SUNDAY
 SEPT. 20
 NO LIVESTREAM**

**BACK TO SCHOOL
 BINGO | SEPT 18**

OUR FAITHFULNESS

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE 124
 SEPT AVG ATTENDANCE 124

BUDGET NEEDED WEEKLY \$6,340
 OPERATING INCOME* LAST WEEK \$3,445

BUDGET NEEDED MONTHLY \$27,471
 OPERATING INCOME* SEPT \$18,497

BUDGET NEEDED (YTD) \$228,240
 OPERATING INCOME* (YTD) \$212,233

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

**THE ONE LINK
 THAT RULES
 THEM ALL!**



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

FAREWELL EVENTS

One More Thing

Rev. Jonathan's Final Six
Sundays at Westfield
Starting Sunday,
September 13 at 10am

1 FAREWELL
JONCART
OCT. 4, 3P
SANCTUARY

2 ONE LAST
THING
OCT 16
6:30P
TIX ONLINE

3 HOME
COMING
WORSHIP
APPETIZER
POTLUCK
OCT. 18

4 HOCUS
POCUS
PARTY
OCT 23
6:30P
WESTFIELD
LAWN

TRANSITION UPDATES

Our Westfield Transition Team includes: Melissa Bryer (Moderator), Jennifer Johnson (Pastoral Relations), Missy Meyers (former Vice Moderator), Susan Waldron and Roberta Sharpe (Worship and Ministry). The Transition Team is focused on securing pastoral coverage after Oct. 23. Pastoral coverage can come in many different forms, depending on what we are able to secure before that time.

This week's team updates are as follows:

- Our ideal is to secure a Bridge Pastor, who will take on the bulk of Pastor duties for Westfield until we have completed a formal search for an Interim Pastor. We currently have a local candidate for the Bridge Pastor position, and the team will be interviewing him next week. He is available for when Jonathan leaves and we believe until we start an Interim Pastor. *(See below on who/what an Interim Pastor is.)*
- If we do not fill the Bridge Pastor role by Oct. 23, we then have other coverage plans available. They include:
 - Rev. Kevin Downer of First Congregational Church of Woodstock is willing to cover all emergency needs, like hospital visits, weddings, funerals, etc. until further notice.
 - Rev. Nina Schmid of South Windsor is willing to cover a few worship services on Sundays across the coming months if necessary.
 - Kevin Williams, our Dir. of Welcome, is a lay minister and able to provide worship service on most Sundays if necessary. He does have a full time job so not available for other duties during the week.
- As stated, after a Bridge Pastor our next step is to fill an Interim Pastor role. The Interim Pastor is an intentional role in that the person is not just our working Pastor for worship and congregational support, but is also actively working with us to process the transition we are experiencing, discover who/what we want to be in the future, and develop our plans for finding our next long-term Settled Pastor. The Interim Pastor is usually with a congregation for at least a year to complete all of those steps, but it could certainly be shorter or longer.
- Once we confirm the hiring of our Bridge Pastor and how long that person is with us, we will formally begin our search for Interim Pastor. (Our ideal is the Bridge Pastor is only here for a couple of months and a new Interim Pastor starts Jan. 1, but we'll see how things go.)
- We will be forming a new Interim Search Committee, which will include some members of the Transition Team as well as other members of the Board or congregation, to proceed with the interviews and hiring of the Interim Pastor. It's important to us that this group represent the diverse nature and values of our entire congregation.
- We currently have one candidate for the Interim Pastor position, even though we hadn't been publicly seeking to fill that role just yet. He was someone we approached for the Bridge role, which he cannot fill because he's currently in an existing Interim Pastor role and will be finishing it by the end of the year and then available to be considered for our Interim. We will review his candidacy when its time.

Our team continues to solidify all of these plans and will communicate as things get firmed up!! Please let any of us know if you have questions!

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