

First United Methodist Church  
of Shelton, Connecticut  
*Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.*



**July 7, 2024 – 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**Revised Common Lectionary Texts:**

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10 | Psalm 48  
2 Corinthians 12:2-10 | Mark 6:1-13

**Prelude:** "Grace Greater than our Sin"

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**Welcome & Announcements**

**Centering Prayer**

**\*Call to Worship: A Litany for the New Year in the UMC**

*Adapted from the United Methodist Book of Worship (BOW) #502*

Leader: Most merciful God, send your heavenly blessings upon this your Church, that all its members may dwell together in unity and love.

**People: Unite all Christians in love and service, O Lord.**

L: Keep far from us all self-will and discord.

**P: Unite all Christians in love and service, O Lord.**

L: Endue your pastors with righteousness, and enable them to faithfully fulfill their ministry, to bring again the outcast, and to seek the lost.

**P: Unite all Christians in love and service, O Lord.**

L: And allow us to hear your voice and to use your means of grace, that in all our words and deeds may we seek your glory and the advancement of your kingdom.

**ALL: Unite us, bless your Church, and make us more like Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

**\*Hymn:** "To God Be the Glory"

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**Celebration of Appointment:** See Insert

**First Scripture Reading:** 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

*Following each lesson is said:*

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Children's Message:** "A Staff and Sandals"

**\*Gospel Reading:** Mark 6:1-13

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**Reflection:** "Not Even Bread?"

**Anthem:** "Jesus Christ is Waiting"

Bell & Maule

**Prayers of the People/Pastoral Prayer**

**Passing of the Peace**

**Invitation To Offer Our Gifts**

**Offertory:** "Let Us Break Bread Together"

**\*Presenting Our Gifts:** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow." UMH 95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise God, all creatures here below;**

**Praise God above, ye heavenly host;**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

UMC Discipleship Ministries

**Holy Lord, the 12 went out to spread the Good News with nothing but a staff and the clothes on their back. They set out on Jesus's mission, knowing that they had all they needed. Let us be inspired and encouraged by their faith as we give from our abundance, assured that we will be able to eat and rest in a comfortable bed this evening. Make your Holy Spirit move through us to help us imagine what is possible through our generosity and your blessing on these gifts. May these become a small part of the transformation of the world. Amen.**

**\*Hymn of Preparation:** "Come to the Table" (Sing Twice)

TFWS 2264

## Holy Communion

### Invitation by the Pastor

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#### **Confession (Unison)**

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.**

#### **Silent Confessional Prayer & Words of Assurance**

Leader: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners. That proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.**

**ALL: Glory to God. AMEN.**

#### **Preparing the Bread and Cup**

#### **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.**

*The pastor gives thanks appropriate to the occasion and concludes:*

And so, with your people on earth  
and all the company of heaven  
we 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 he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The pastor continues the thanksgiving. The institution of the Lord's Supper is recalled. The pastor concludes:*

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim they mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

*The pastor invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit concluding:*

All honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Breaking the Bread / Giving the Bread and Cup**

**Thanksgiving Prayer following Holy Communion**

**\*Sending Hymn:** "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations"

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**Benediction**

**Postlude:** "How Great is Our God"

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\*Please stand in body or spirit as you are able.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### **TO REACH PASTOR BILL**

Please call or text 475-282-2800. He may also be reached via email: [pastor@umcshelton.org](mailto:pastor@umcshelton.org). His office hours at the church office are Mondays and Fridays from 9:00 am to 2 pm (but may vary from week to week).

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### **WEEKLY EMAIL NEWSLETTER**

An email newsletter is sent out each Wednesday. Please have any items for submission to the church office by Wednesday at 9 am. If you are not receiving the emails, sign up on the church website.

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**SERVING TODAY:**

Bill Florin, Pastor

Ron Giannattasio, Organist

Bob Wood, Liturgist

Sal Iorfino, Video & Sound Tech

**CHURCH LEADERSHIP:**

Bill Florin, Pastor

Ron Giannattasio, Organist

The Rev. Doug Osgood, Interim Director of Music

Bob Singletary, Chair. of Church Council

Elaine Wood Chair. of Staff Parish Relations Committee

Bob Wood, Chair. of the Board of Trustees

# WELCOME

We welcome you to our worship and our church community. We are so glad you are here. We invite you to participate in the service as much as you feel comfortable and to sit out parts of the service you might not yet feel comfortable with. Wherever you are in your journey of faith, you are welcome here. As our "Welcoming Statement" says, "We welcome **all** to full inclusion in the life and ministry of our church."

(see below for complete "Welcome" and "Mission" statements)

**SUNDAY WORSHIP // 10:00 also live-streamed & recorded  
Fellowship 11:00 am**

## **Welcoming Church Statement**

A welcoming family of God committed to becoming more and more like Jesus Christ.

We affirm and respect each individual as a child of God. We celebrate the uniqueness of each person and welcome people of every age, ethnicity, and race, sexual orientation and gender identity, marital status, socio-economic situation, and physical/mental ability.

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we strive to create a community of faith that reflects Christ's message of love and justice. We invite all to full inclusion in the life and ministry of our church in Christ.

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## **To God Be the Glory UMH 98**

To God be the glory, great things he hath done!  
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,  
and opened the life gate that all may go in.

### **Refrain:**

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!  
Oh, come to the Father, thru Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory, great things he hath done!

Oh, perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,  
to every believer the promise of God;  
the vilest offender who truly believes,  
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,  
and great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son;  
but purer, and higher, and greater will be  
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

## **Come to the Table (sing twice) TFWS 2264**

Come to the table of mercy,  
prepared with the wine and the bread.  
All who are hungry and thirsty,  
come and your souls will be fed.

Come at the Lord's invitation;  
receive from his nail-scarred hand.  
Eat of the bread of salvation;  
drink of the blood of the Lamb.

## **We've a Story to Tell to the Nations UMH 569**

We've a story to tell to the nations,  
that shall turn their hearts to the right,  
a story of truth and mercy,



a story of peace and light,  
a story of peace and light.

**Refrain:**

For the darkness shall turn to dawning,  
and the dawning to noonday bright,  
and Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth,  
the kingdom of love and light.

We've a song to be sung to the nations,  
that shall lift their hearts to the Lord,  
a song that shall conquer evil,  
and shatter the spear and sword,  
and shatter the spear and sword. [Refrain]

We've a message to give to the nations,  
that the Lord who reigneth above  
hath sent us his Son to save us,  
and show us that God is love,  
and show us that God is love. [Refrain]

We've a Savior to show to the nations,  
who the path of sorrow hath trod,  
that all of the world's great peoples  
might come to the truth of God,  
might come to the truth of God! [Refrain]