

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



November 17, 2024 at 10:00 AM
26th Sunday after Pentecost

Revised Common Lectionary Texts:

1 Samuel 1:4-20 | Psalm 113
Hebrews 10:11-25 | Mark 13:1-8

Prelude: "I Surrender All"

Harris

Welcome & Announcements

Centering Prayer

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 113 | UMH 834

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord!

L: Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and evermore!

P: From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised!

L: The Lord is high above all nations, God's glory above the heavens!

P: Who is like the Lord our God, who is seated on high, who looks far down upon the heavens and the earth?

L: God raises the poor from the dust, and lifts the needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with princes, with the princes of God's people.

P: God gives the barren woman a home, making her the joyous mother of children.

ALL: Prase the Lord!

***Opening Hymn:** "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

UMH 140

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

O God who loves us, hear our prayer. So often we come to you at a loss – at a loss for the right words, the right deeds, the right feelings. We know all is not right, but we cannot say with certainty what is wrong. There are deep divisions between us and others. There are too many who live in poverty and fear. There are too many horrific stories, and not enough hopeful ones. So we pray to you, our Creator and Redeemer, to make things right, and to make us right with you and each other. Turn us around from that which destroys toward that which heals and brings joy. Amen.

Moment of Silent Confessional Prayer & Words of Assurance

First Scripture Reading: Hebrews 10:11-25

Following each lesson is said:

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

Thanks be to God.

Children's Message: "Impressive Buildings"

Children's Hymn: "Bless His Holy Name" (TFWS 2015 adapted)

Adults: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, Bless God's holy name.

Children & Adults: "God has done great things, God has done great things, God has done great things, bless God's holy name." **(2X)**

***Gospel Reading:** Mark 13:1-8

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Sermon: "Up from the Ash"

Anthem: "Stay With Us"

Brokering & Pell

**Prayers of the People/Pastoral Prayer &
The Lord's Prayer**

UMH 895

Passing of the Peace

Invitation To Offer Our Gifts

Offertory: "Interlude"

Hayes

***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

Merciful God, whose wisdom surpasses all understanding, we offer these gifts as a token of our faith and devotion. In a world full of uncertainties, may these offerings be used to spread your hope and love. Teach us to listen to your voice amid the noise and to trust in your steadfast presence. Bless our giving, that it may build your kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

***Sending Hymn:** "Together We Serve"

TFWS 2175

Benediction

Postlude: "No One Ever Cared for Me Like Jesus"

Weigle

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON AFTER SERVICE TODAY

Chinese rice with pork - made by Venus Keller

Dessert - apple pie, brownies & cookies

Beverages

\$5 suggested donation

Please join us for Fellowship. All are Welcome!

THANKSGIVING COMMUNITY WORSHIP NOVEMBER 24

First UMC of Shelton, Huntington Congregational UCC, and Huntington UMC are joining together for Thanksgiving 2024. We will hold a joint worship service with participation from all three churches for the first time since before the pandemic. Plan to join us at 4:00 PM for this meaningful time of thanks in community with our neighbors.

CANTATA DECEMBER 20

Huntington UMC will be performing a Christmas cantata on Friday, December 20 at 7:00 PM. Singers from the community and other UMCs in the cooperative parish are invited. If you would like to join, please give your name, phone number, and email address to Pastor Bill so he can pass it along to the choir director at Huntington UMC.

Rehearsals for the cantata are at 7:00 PM Thursday evenings.

THE VALLEY REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT PROJECT

The Valley Refugee Resettlement Project will soon be hosting its second family. You can help by either buying household items (most are priced at \$5 - \$20) or serving as a volunteer when the family arrives. I've posted information in the Narthex and Wilkinson Hall. If interested, please see Laura Schultz.

TO REACH PASTOR BILL

Please call or text 475-282-2800. He may also be reached via email: pastor@umcshelton.org. His office hours at the church office are Mondays and Fridays from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm (but may vary from week to week).

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.

SERVING TODAY:

Bill Florin, Pastor

Ron Giannattasio, Organist

Rich Rollinson, 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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Great Is Thy Faithfulness UMC 140

Great is thy faithfulness,
Oh God my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not,
thy compassions they fail not;
as thou hast been,
thou forever will be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning
new mercies i see;
all i have needed
thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness,
Lord unto me!

Summer and winter
and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars
in their courses above
join with all nature
in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness,
mercy and love.

Pardon for sin
and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence
to cheer and to guide;
strength for today
and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine,
with ten thousand beside!

Bless His Holy Name TFWS 2015

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Together We Serve TFWS 2175

Together we serve,
united by love,
inviting God's world to the glorious feast.
We work and we pray
through sorrow and joy,
extending your love to the last and the least.

We seek to become
a beacon of hope,
a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.
We learn, year by year,
to let love shine through
until we see Christ in each person we meet.

We welcome the scarred,
the wealthy, the poor,
the busy, the lonely, and all who need care.
We offer a home
to those who will come,
our hands quick to help, our hearts ready to dare.

Together, by grace,
we witness and work,
remembering Jesus, in whom we grow strong.
Together we serve
in Spirit and truth,
remembering love is the strength of our song.