

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



June 28, 2026 | 5th Sunday after Pentecost

Patti Early – Guest Preacher – UMC of Monroe

Revised Common Lectionary Texts

Genesis 22:1-14 | Psalm 13

Romans 6:12-23 | Matthew 10:40-42

Prelude: “Be Thou My Vision”

Hull/Byrne

Please come to silence as we honor the work of our musician to prepare us for worship.

Welcome & Announcements

Centering Prayer

UMC Discipleship Ministries

***Call to Worship:**

Based on Psalm 13

Leader: In the dark place, we cry out to you, Lord.

**People: When our hearts are heavy and our enemies seem to prevail,
we look to you.**

Leader: Restore our joy and fill us with your hope.

People: We trust in your unfailing love and mercy.

All: We will sing, for God is good to us!

***Opening Hymn:** “Here I Am, Lord”

UMH 593

Unison Prayer of Confession

UMC Discipleship Resources

Lord God, we come before you as a people who often struggle to hear your voice and even more to follow it. You called Abraham to offer up what was most precious to him, and he responded with “Here I am.” We confess that when you call us to sacrifice, we often hide. It is not easy to put aside our fears and our control and to follow where you lead us.

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Forgive us when we close our minds to new opportunities to enter unfamiliar territory and help us to open our hearts to the possibilities that you have planned for us. Forgive our lack of faith. Replace our fear and anxieties with the assurance that you are the Lord who sees and provides for our needs, all in your divine time. Give us the courage to say "Here I am" and to respond to your call and offer hospitality in your name and with your love to all those around us. Thank you for your unending love and patience with us. Help us to respond to your guidance as we seek to walk in your ways. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Silent Confessional Prayer and Words of Assurance

First Scripture Lesson: Genesis 22:1-14

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

Thanks be to God.

Children's Message: "Welcome, Friends!"

Hymn of Response: "He Has Made Me Glad" (sung twice) TFW/S 2270

***Gospel Lesson:** Matthew 10:40-42

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Reflection: "Rewarded Hospitality" – Patti Early

Anthem: "Rewarded Hospitality"

T. Fetke

Prayers of the People & Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Passing of the Peace

Invitation To Offer Our Gifts

Offertory: "Above All"

Baloché/LeBlanc

***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**

Gracious God, we are grateful that you welcome all who seek your love. We present these gifts along with our prayers, our presence, and our service, that we may live as faithful disciples. May they be used in your name to bring hope and healing to your people. Amen.

***Sending Hymn:** "This is My Song"

UMH 437

Benediction

Postlude: "Because He Lives"

G & W Gaither

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



“And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to
one of these little ones... truly I tell you,
none of these will lose their reward.”

Matthew 10:42

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Immigrant Pastors' Legal Fund

We were reminded at annual conference on June 14 how important it is to support our immigrant pastors as they navigate the legal process. We have been doing this faithfully over the last year with proceeds from our monthly luncheon earmarked for this fund. As a result, First UMC of Shelton was recognized at the conference when this year's offering for the fund was introduced. Well done, all! We are making a difference, and it has been noticed.

Summer Giving

Please remember to stay current with your pledge or giving to First UMC of Shelton over the summer. The bills keep coming even when our people are away on vacation. Thank you for your faithfulness!

Summer Special Music

If you have an idea for special music over the coming summer, please see Lynn, our music director, to discuss it. From solos to small ensembles, from voice only to pieces with accompaniment, we will consider all ways in which we can praise God through the spiritual gifts of our congregation.

Suggestion Box in Narthex

Do you have a question or comment to share? One more way to do that is through the suggestion box in the narthex. Of course, you can always feel welcome to speak with Pastor Bill about questions or concerns. **We are *all* in ministry together.**

Next Week:

Sunday, July 5: Be sure to attend this 10:00 AM worship service to welcome our new pastor, Reverend Juhye Hahn. Holy Communion will be celebrated, and there will be a reception in Wilkinson Hall after.

Counters Needed

We need to add a few more counters to ensure that we are using safe financial practices. If you are a member of this church and would like to be trained to work as part of a counting team, please see Chris Craft to serve. This is important, so your help will make a big difference.

Food Pantry Needs:

We are almost empty of all food other than the Outreach Program items that are our foundation. Anything you can add to our Blessing Box will be more than appreciated. It will be a blessing to others! We can always use the following, especially during the summer when schools are closed.

pasta & rice
packaged/canned milk
canned/packaged protein (tuna, chicken)
beans (black bean, chickpeas)
canned packaged fruit
peanut butter & jams/jellies/preserves
canned chili

hot & cold cereal
fruit/vegetable juice

canned/packaged soup
pasta sauce

canned pasta

Thank you for all your donations!

TO REACH PASTOR BILL

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

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.

SERVING TODAY:

Bill Florin, Pastor
Lynn Scully, Music Director
Joe McWilliams, Pianist Organist
Rich Rollinson, Liturgist
Sal Iorfino, Video & Sound Tech

CHURCH LEADERSHIP:

Bill Florin, Pastor
Lynn Scully, Music Director
Leadership Board: Chris Craft, Kim Dumschott, Suzena James, Linda Loglisci,
Ken Miller, Jorge Varas, Raechel Vargas, Elaine Wood, Bob Yamnicky

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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Here I Am, Lord UMH 593

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.

Refrain:

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my words to them.
Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

He Has Made Me Glad (sung twice) TFWs 2270

I will enter his gates with thanksgiving in my heart,
I will enter his courts with praise.
I will say, "This is the day that the Lord has made."
I will rejoice, for he has made me glad.

Refrain

He has made me glad,
he has made me glad.
I will rejoice, for he has made me glad.
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This is My Son UMH 437

This is my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is;
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
but other hearts in other lands are beating
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine;
but other lands have sunlight too, and clover,
and skies are everywhere as blue as mine.
O hear my song, thou God of all nations,
a song of peace for their land and for mine.

This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms:
Thy kingdom come; on earth thy will be done.
Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve him,
and hearts united learn to live as one.
O hear my prayer, thou God of all nations;
myself I give thee; let thy will be done.