

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



July 5, 2026 | 6th Sunday after Pentecost

Revised Common Lectionary Texts

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67 | Psalm 45:10-17 or 72

Romans 7:15-25a | Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Prelude: "O Lord My Soul Convicted"

Maxwell/Hutchins

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:**

Leader: Come, all who are weary. Come, all who carry heavy burdens.

People: We come seeking the One who gives rest to our souls.

Leader: Come, not because you are strong, but because Christ is gracious.

People: We come to receive his mercy and to worship him with grateful hearts.

Leader: This morning, Christ welcomes us and says, "*Come to me...*"

Let us worship God.

Welcoming Litany

Leader: In the book of Isaiah it is written, "Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold I am doing a new thing, now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?"

Today we welcome Rev. Juhye Hahn, appointed by our Bishop Thomas J. Bickerton, to serve as our pastor. We rejoice with Pastor Juhye as she enters ministry with this congregation of the United Methodist Church.

People: Pastor Juhye Hahn, you have been called to be our pastor. We welcome you in Christian love. May God equip you as we move forward in faith. Asking God's guidance, we will strive to work together in one Spirit so that each of us may use our gifts as members of one body in service to others.

Pastor: I am here to serve God and to serve you, the people of this United Methodist Church. I commit to sharing God's word and love with all of you and ask that you work and walk along side me. May we thrive as this part of Christ's body here in Shelton, both within and beyond these walls.

People: We reaffirm our commitment to support you with our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness.

Leader: Let us pray. God of grace and power, pour out your Spirit on Juhye Hahn as she ministers among us. In thanksgiving, we praise you for raising up faithful servants among us for ministry in your Church. Guide and strengthen Pastor Juhye for her ministry in all that lies ahead, so that together we may be in ministry to all the world. Keep us one in your love forever, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***Opening Hymn:** "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

UMH 400

First Scripture Lesson: Romans 7:15-25a

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

Thanks be to God.

Children's Message: "Getting to Know Each Other"

Anthem: "A Closer Walk"

Allen

***Gospel Lesson:** Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

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Sermon: "Come to Me: *Where Our Ministry Begins*"

Hymn of Response: "Sanctuary" (sung twice)

TFWS 2164

Prayers of the People & Pastoral Prayer

Lord in your mercy/Hear our prayers
Passing of the Peace

Invitation To Offer Our Gifts

Offertory: "Ancient Words"

Lyn DeShazo

***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 and loving God,

Before You ask anything of us, You first invite us to Yourself.
Before You send us into the world, You welcome us into Your
presence.

Today we offer these gifts, not out of obligation, but in gratitude.
Everything we have comes from You, and everything we are
belongs to You.

Receive these offerings and use them to bring hope to the weary,
comfort to the brokenhearted, and the light of Christ to those who
long for peace.

And as You bless these gifts, continue to shape us into a people
who reflect the gentle and humble heart of Jesus Christ.

May our lives become generous because we have first received
Your generous grace.

We pray in the name of Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Holy Communion

Invitation by the Pastor

Confession (Unison)

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. 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 the One 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 the 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

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.**

Grant that we may go into the world

In the strength of your Spirit

To give ourselves for others,

In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

***Sending Hymn:** "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

UMH 526

Benediction

Postlude: "Forever"

Chris Tomlin

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 Juhye about questions or concerns. **We are *all* in ministry together.**

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!

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.

TO REACH PASTOR JUHYE

Please call or text 860-899-6755. She may also be reached via email: pastor@umcshelton.org. Her typical hours at the church office are Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:00 am to 1:00 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:

Juhye Hahn, Pastor
Lynn Scully, Music Director
Joe McWilliams, Pianist Organist
Bob Wood, Liturgist
Sal Iorfino, Video & Sound Tech

CHURCH LEADERSHIP:

Juhye Hahn, 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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Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing UMH 400

Come, thou Fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
mount of thy redeeming love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer;
hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart; O take and seal it,
seal it for thy courts above.

Sanctuary (sung twice) TFWS 2164

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
sanctuary for you.

What a Friend We Have in Jesus UMH 526

What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry

everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge;
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee;
thou wilt find a solace there.