

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



August 2, 2026 | 10th Sunday after Pentecost

Revised Common Lectionary Texts

Genesis 32:22-31 | Psalm 17:1-7, 16

Romans 9:1-5 | Matthew 14:13-21

Prelude: "A Mighty Fortress is My God"

Martin Luther & F.E. Hedge

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

Welcome & Announcements

Centering Prayer

***Call to Worship:**

Leader: Come, all who hunger and thirst for the presence of God.

People: We come seeking the Bread of Life.

L: Jesus welcomes the weary, the searching, and the brokenhearted.

P: Christ satisfies our deepest hunger with grace and mercy.

L: Bring what you have—your faith, your doubts, your joys, and your burdens.

P: In God's hands, even the smallest offering becomes more than enough.

L: Let us worship the God of abundance, whose love never fails.

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

UMH 98

Opening Prayer

Gracious God, we gather in the name of Jesus Christ, who welcomed the hungry and fed them with compassion. Feed us today with Your Word, fill us with Your Holy Spirit, and teach us to trust in Your abundant grace. As we prepare to come to Your Holy Table, renew our faith and send us out to share Your love with the world. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Scripture Lesson: Romans 9:1-5

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

Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Special Music: "Taste and See"

Alexander/Kirkland

***Gospel Lesson:** Matthew 14:13-21

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Thanks be to God.

Sermon: "Bring what you have."

Hymn of Response: "Let Us Break Bread Together" (v. 1-3)

UMH 618

Prayers of the People & Pastoral Prayer

Lord in your mercy/Hear our prayers

Passing of the Peace

Invitation To Offer Our Gifts

Offertory: "O Lord My Soul Convicted"

Maxwell/Hutchins

***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**

Generous God, we offer these tithes, offerings, and our prayer cards with grateful hearts. Bless these gifts, multiply them for the work of Your kingdom, and use them to bring hope and healing to our community and beyond. As You nourish us at Christ's Table, make us faithful servants who share Your generous love with the world. In Jesus' name we pray. 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:** "Let Us Be Bread"

TFWS 2260

Benediction

Postlude: "Blessed Be the Lord God Almighty"

Bob Fitts

*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!

Hosting or Attending a Meeting with Pastor Juhye

We are excited to welcome Pastor Juhye to our church community. We would like to schedule small gatherings to give her the opportunity to get to know us.

Would you be willing to host?

The best times for Pastor Juhye would be a Monday or Wednesday and might include coffee and..., a light lunch or afternoon dessert.

If you would like to host or attend a gathering please speak with Elaine Wood (203 257-8715).

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
Kim Dumschott, 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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To Go 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.

Let Us Break Bread Together (v. 1-3) UMH 618

Let us break bread together on our knees. (on our knees)
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When I fall on my knees
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)

Let us drink wine together on our knees, (on our knees)
let us drink wine together on our knees. (on our knees)
When I fall on my knees
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)

Let us praise God together on our knees, (on our knees)
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Let us be bread, blessed by the Lord,
broken and shared, life for the world.
Let us be wine, love freely poured,
let us be one in the Lord.