

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



August 16, 2026 | 12th Sunday after Pentecost

Revised Common Lectionary Texts

Genesis 45:1-15 | Psalm 133

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 | Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28

Prelude: "Sonata in c minor Op. 13: II."

Adagio Cantabile

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 for the presence of God.

People: We come seeking the mercy and grace of Christ.

Leader: The Lord welcomes those who trust in Him.

People: His love reaches farther than we can imagine.

Leader: Let us worship the God whose compassion knows no boundaries.

People: We lift our hearts in praise and worship. Amen.

***Opening Hymn:** "This Is the Day"

UMH 657

Opening Prayer:

Gracious God, we gather in Your presence with grateful hearts.

Open us to Your Word, deepen our faith, and shape us by Your

Spirit. May our worship honor You and lead us to follow Christ with trust, compassion, and joy. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

First Scripture Lesson: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Special Music: "How Beautiful"
Soloist: Lynn Scully

Lippencott

***Gospel Lesson:** Matthew 15:21-28
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Thanks be to God.

Sermon: "How Far Does God's Mercy Reach?"

***Hymn of Response:** "Freely, Freely"

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Prayers of the People/Pastoral Prayer
Lord in your mercy/Hear our prayers

The Lord's Prayer

Passing of the Peace

Invitation To Offer Our Gifts

Offertory: "Longing for Home"

Florence Price

***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, everything we have comes from your gracious hand. Receive these gifts, along with the offering of our lives. Use them to share your love, bring hope to those in need, and make your kingdom known in our community and throughout the world. We offer ourselves to you with grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Sending Hymn:** "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

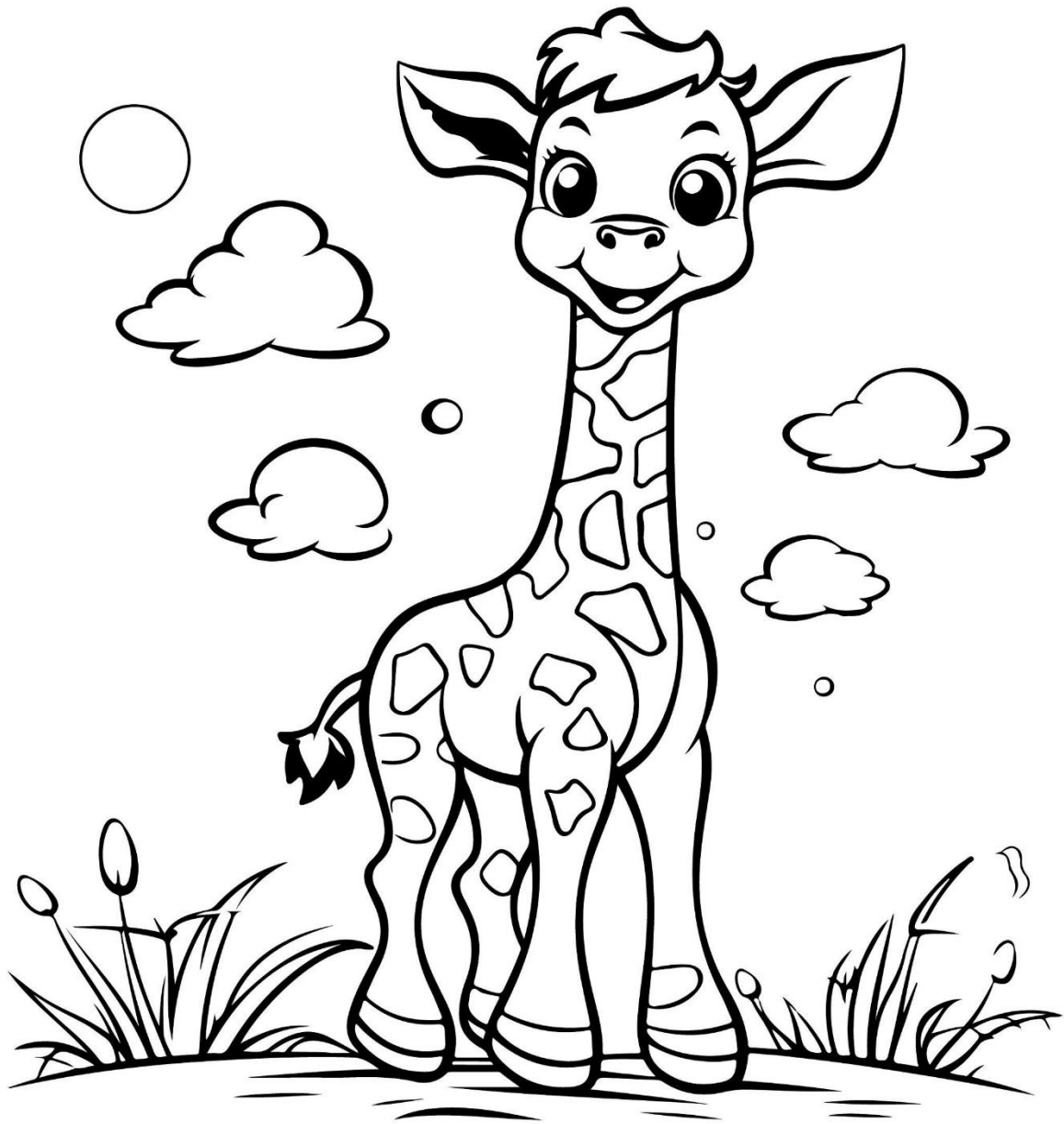
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Benediction

Postlude: "Sonata in C Major, K. 330 – I."

Allegro moderato

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



Love one another
John 13:34

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.**

Getting to Know Each Other

Elaine and Bob Wood will host a gathering welcoming Pastor Juhye Hahn on Monday, August 17th at 11:00AM at the church in Wilkinson Hall. If you would like to join and be a part of the discussion and fellowship, please let Elaine or Bob know (203 257-8715).

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).

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:

pasta & rice	hot & cold cereal
packaged/canned milk	fruit/vegetable juice
canned/packaged protein (tuna, chicken)	
beans (black bean, chickpeas)	canned/packaged soup
canned packaged fruit	pasta sauce
peanut butter & jams/jellies/preserves	
canned chili	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.

Save the Date

Eastern Fairfield Cooperative Parish Charge Conference

Saturday, Nov 14, at 10:00 AM

The meeting location will be determined later.

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
Alexis Zingale, Pianist Organist
Katherine Beisel, 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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This Is the Day UMH 657

This is the day, this is the day.
that the Lord hath made, that the Lord hath made.
Let us rejoice, let us rejoice
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that the Lord hath made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day
that the Lord hath made.

Freely, Freely UMH 389

God forgave my sin in Jesus' name,
I've been born again in Jesus' name,
and in Jesus' name I come to you,
to share his love as he told me to.

Refrain:

He said, "Freely, freely you have received,
freely, freely give.
Go in my name, and because you believe,
others will know that I live."

All power is given in Jesus' name,
in earth and heaven in Jesus' name,
and in Jesus' name I come to you,
to share his power as he told me to.

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us UMH 381

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care;
in thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use thy folds prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.
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We are thine, thou dost befriend us, be the guardian of our way;
keep thy flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Hear, O hear us when we pray.
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Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;
thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse and power to free.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! We will early turn to thee.
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Early let us seek thy favor, early let us do thy will;
blessed Lord and only Savior, with thy love our bosoms fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us, love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us, love us still.