



**Westhampton Congregational United Church of Christ**  
**an Open and Affirming Congregation**  
**3rd Sunday after Pentecost**  
**June 9, 2024**


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 **Reflection** - *“It always helps to have people we love beside us when we have to do difficult things in life.”*  
~ Rev. Fred Rogers



 **Piano Prelude** – Silent reflection to prepare your hearts for worship.

**Announcements / Welcome / Introit**

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 **Call to Worship**

We look to the rulers of this earth  
**for leadership, wisdom, and strength.**  
We look to these bodies of ours  
**for stability, fulfillment, and joy.**  
We look to families and friends  
**for love, compassion, and hope.**  
When rulers betray, when bodies fail, and when families  
disappoint,  
**God offers another look.**  
God will guide us.  
**God’s Spirit will sustain us.**  
Christ will welcome us home.  
**Come, all our siblings, we are all God’s family now.**

  **Hymn NC0 #436** *God of Grace and God of Glory*



God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your power,  
Crown your ancient church’s story; bring its bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
For the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

From the evils that surround us and assail the Savior’s ways,  
From the fears that long have bound us – free our hearts for faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
For the living of these days, for the living of these days.



Cure your children’s warring madness; bend our pride to your control.  
Shame our reckless, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
Make our broken spirits whole, make our broken spirits whole.

Set our feet on lofty places; gird our lives that they may be  
Armored with all Christ-like graces, in the fight to set us free.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
In the quest for liberty, in the quest for liberty,

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;  
Let the search for your salvation be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
Serving you whom we adore, serving you whom we adore.

  **Unison Prayer of Invocation**

**Holy God, Creator of Life,**  
**you call us out of our dark places,**  
**offering us the grace of new life.**  
**When we see nothing but hopelessness,**  
**you surprise us with the breath of your spirit.**  
**Call us out of our complacency and routines,**  
**set us free from our self-imposed bonds,**  
**and fill us with your spirit of life, compassion, and peace.**  
**In the name of Jesus, your anointed one, we pray. Amen.**

  **Doxology** *tune Old 100<sup>th</sup> SL#7*

Praise God whose image we all bear,  
Praise Christ whose mercy we all share;  
Praise Spirit, making justice grow –  
One God from whom all blessings flow!

 **Anthem**

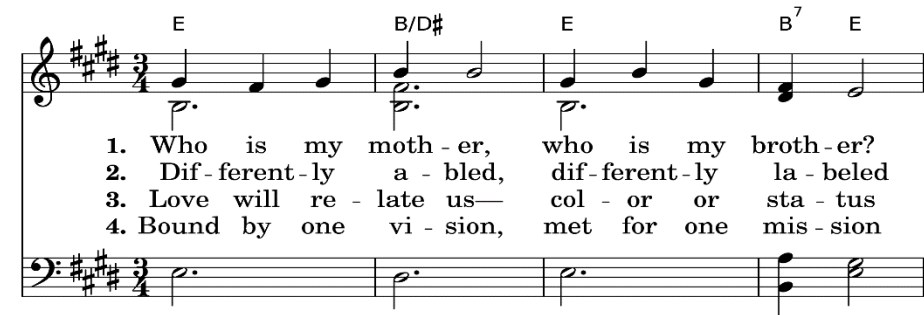
 **Scripture Reading p. 45** Mark 3:20-35

 **Message**

Pastor Greg Briggs

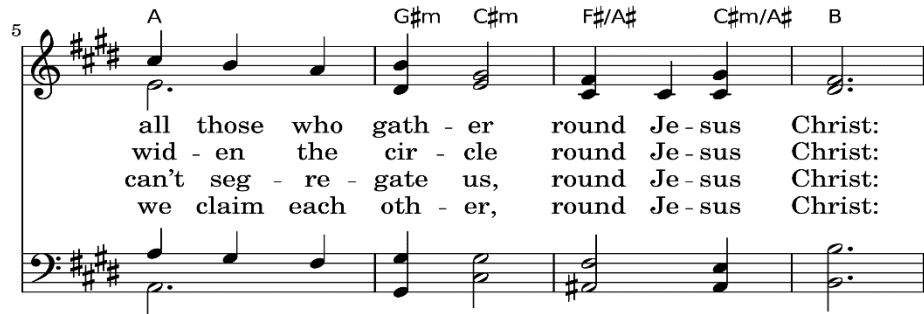
 **Hymn** *Who Is My Mother, Who Is My Brother?*

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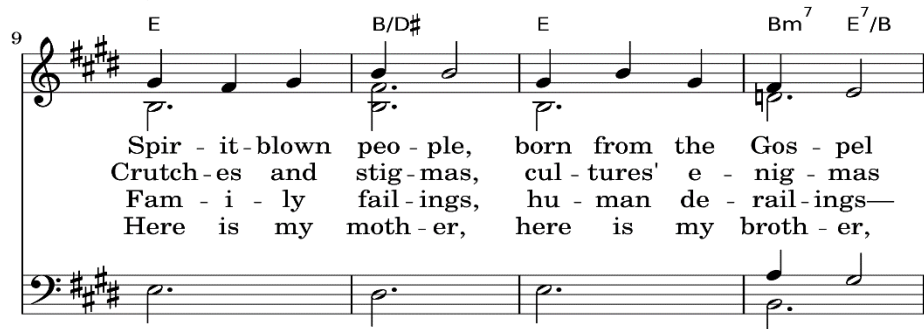
1. Who is my moth - er, who is my broth - er?  
 2. Dif - ferent - ly a - bled, dif - ferent - ly la - beled  
 3. Love will re - late us — col - or or sta - tus  
 4. Bound by one vi - sion, met for one mis - sion

5 A G#m C#m F#m/A# C#m/A# B



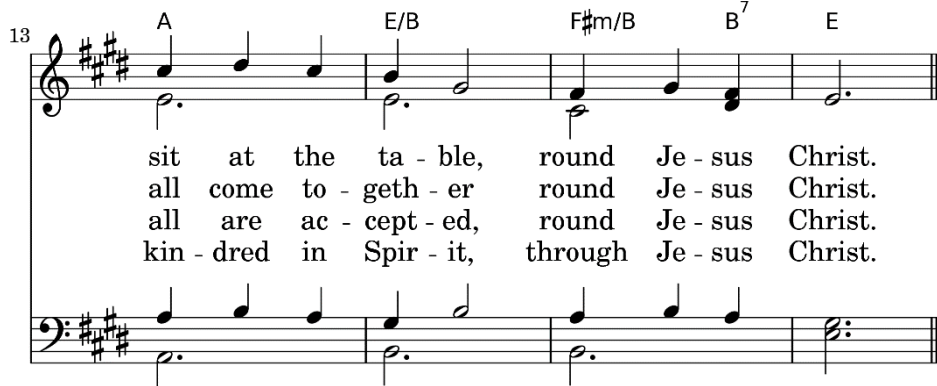
all those who gath - er round Je - sus Christ:  
 wid - en the cir - cle round Je - sus Christ:  
 can't seg - re - gate us, round Je - sus Christ:  
 we claim each oth - er, round Je - sus Christ:

9 E B/D# E Bm<sup>7</sup> E<sup>7</sup>/B



Spir - it - blown peo - ple, born from the Gos - pel  
 Crutch - es and stig - mas, cul - tures' e - nig - mas  
 Fam - i - ly fail - ings, hu - man de - rail - ings—  
 Here is my moth - er, here is my broth - er,

13 A E/B F#m/B B<sup>7</sup> E



sit at the ta - ble, round Je - sus Christ.  
 all come to - geth - er round Je - sus Christ.  
 all are ac - cept - ed, round Je - sus Christ.  
 kin - dred in Spir - it, through Je - sus Christ.

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 **Affirmation of Faith - "This We Believe"** by Bruce Prewer


**I believe in an innovative God,  
 who does not wait for us to find ourselves  
 but comes seeking the lost and calling us into a new way.**

**I believe in Jesus of Nazareth as God's crucial initiative,  
 that when he calls us to follow,  
 Christ also gives us the power to become,  
 both in creed and deed, the children of the living God.**

**I believe in the Spirit by whom Jesus still comes to us,  
 calling us to follow him into an obedience which is true liberty  
 and to a humble service which is the fruit of holy friendship.**

**I believe in the church as the fellowship of Christ's people,  
 called to respect and support one another  
 through joys and tribulations as we travel the road  
 towards the "promised land" of God's future.**

**Because Christ has called me, in this I truly believe. Amen.**

 **Prayers of the People – Help, Thanks, and Wow**

Lift up your hearts.... **We lift them up to God.**

**Individual Prayers**


Loving and beloved God... **Hear our prayer.**

**Prayer List – see insert**

**Silent Prayer**


**Pastoral Prayer**

**The Lord's Prayer NB#G-6 (any version you wish)**


 **Response:** Hear our prayer O Lord, hear our prayer O Lord,  
 Incline Thine ear to us, and grant us Thy peace.

**Offerings of the People – Time, Talents, Treasures, and Testimonies**

 **Offertory**

 **Hymn of Praise SL#40** *We Praise Thee, O God*

We praise Thee, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;  
 In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.  
 We lay it before Thee, we kneel and adore Thee.  
 We bless Thy holy name; glad praises we sing.

 **Prayer of Dedication**

↑ 🎵 **Hymn Notebook #B-6** *Let There Be Peace on Earth*  
 Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me;  
 Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.  
 With God our creator, children all are we.  
 Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.  
 Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.  
 With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:  
 To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.  
 Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me. *(sing twice)*

↑ 🙌 **Benediction**

↑ **Passing of the Peace**

↑ 🎵 **Cong Response SL #785** *God Be With You*  
 God be with you till we meet again, by his counsels guide, uphold you;  
 With His sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.

↑ 🎵 **Piano Postlude**

↑ *Indicates you are invited to stand if you are comfortable doing so*



*Whoever does the  
 will of God is my  
 brother and sister  
 and mother.*

Mark 3:35, NRSV

**Welcome** to the Westhampton Congregational United Church of Christ, an open and affirming church. **To join online via Zoom: Press Ctrl and CLICK HERE.** OR visit [zoom.us](https://zoom.us), click Join a Meeting and enter Meeting ID 321 069 9076; Passcode 248423. 646-558-8656.

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**Worship Participants**

Ministers -	People of the church
Interim Minister -	Pastor Greg Briggs
Pianist -	Julie Holt
Greeters -	↑ Marion Miller ↓ Ilene Lorow
Lay Reader -	Erika Subocz
Zoom Tech-	Bob Miller
Coffee Hour -	Sue Tracy Small and Richie Small
Flowers -	Joanne Brooks

**This week at the church...**

Today –	Coffee and Transition Conversation
Wed 5pm -	Tools of Hope dedications due
Wed-Fri-Sat -	Food Pantry – see website for hours
Thurs 6pm -	Transition Team
Fri 7pm -	AA
Next Sunday -	Father's Day/Tools of Hope Sunday

**Birthdays and Anniversaries...**

June 9 ★ -	Lisa Norris
June 10★ -	Dave Antosz
June 12★ -	Seth Clark, Debbie Costello, Ken Smith
June 9 ♥ -	Ashley and David Therrien
June 10♥ -	Mike and Kathy Robbins
June 12♥ -	Joe and Kathy Damon
June 13♥ -	Sarah and Bill Madden

# **Prayer List**

## **Prayers of healing and hope for...**

DANIELLE Dennett, member  
JASON Pratt, brother of Danielle Dennett  
ELLEN Gill, friend of Mikki and Buddy Nevins  
PHYLLIS Widelo, sister of Mark Thornhill  
NIKO Sinodinos, husband of Maria Yorgakopoulou  
ELAINE Donaldson, friend of Marion, Bonnie and Patty  
LAINE Gootee, sister of Darren Sallee  
PATTY Cotton, friend of the community  
JEAN Miemerstorf, niece of Anita Hickey  
PATTY Schmidt, friend of Lorraine O'Keefe and Joanne Brooks  
IRIS Worland, friend of Pastor Greg  
MIKE Carriveau, husband of Jessica Carriveau  
LORRAINE Spencer, member of the congregation  
OLLIE Bishop, member of the congregation  
LAURA Vachula, friend of Lynn Cooper  
BRENDA Hodge, sister of Mark Thornhill  
BRENDA Pelc, neighbor of Jackie and Larry Didier  
SEASON Whitenight, cousin of Julie and Stephen Holt  
MICHAEL, friend of Maria Yorgakopoulou and Niko Sinodinos  
JAMISON Nevins, son of Mikki and Buddy Nevins  
MANDY Partridge, friend of Mikki and Buddy Nevins  
KIMBERLY Start, daughter-in-law of Deb Barthelette  
KATHY Bergeron, friend of Wendy Wilcox  
CARTER Ingraham, grandson of Lori Ingraham, great-g of Wendy Blow  
BILL McCloud, friend of the community  
ELLIE Scott, member of the congregation  
DON Eddy, member of the congregation  
JENNIFER, friend of Mikki Nevins  
TOM Cleary, Sr., friend of the community  
RUTH ANNE Bennett, friend of Kathy and Mike Robbins  
JEAN Stawarz, friend of the Scrabble Club  
KIM Russo, friend of Lorraine O'Keefe  
JOHN Gougeon, husband of Lorrie Gougeon  
**AND EVERYONE ON THE PRAYER TREE**

## **Prayers of sympathy for the family and friends of...**

BOB Burke, husband of Dottie Burke