

**Westhampton Congregational United Church of Christ  
an Open and Affirming Congregation**

**5th Sunday after Easter  
May 25, 2025**



**Reflections -** *True peace is not merely the absence of tension: it is the presence of justice. ~ Martin Luther King, Jr.*

*Power and those in control concede nothing ... without a demand. They never have and never will... Each and every one of us must keep demanding, must keep fighting, must keep thundering, must keep plowing, must keep on keeping things struggling, must speak out and speak up until justice is served because where there is no justice there is no peace. ~ Frederick Douglass*

*If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other. ~ Mother Teresa*

*When the power of love overcomes the love of power the world will know peace. ~ Jimi Hendrix*

*Peace begins when the hungry are fed. ~ Dorothy Day*

*You keep pairing me with quiet, Peace said, but my true companion is the mighty clamor of chains being ripped clean from the wall. ~ Lori Hetten*

*The world would be a paradise of peace and justice if global citizens shared a common definition of love which would guide our thoughts and action. ~ bell hooks*



**Piano Prelude**



**Announcements / Welcome to Worship / Lighting the Candle**



**Piano Introit**



**Call to Worship** by Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell

One: Those who love Jesus keep his words;

**Many: Those who love Christ will make their home with God.**

One: Those who know Jesus will know his peace;

**Many: Those who know Jesus  
will be taught in the ways of peace.**

One: Come, follow and love Jesus our Lord,  
who has come to be among us.

**Many: Come, worship God, who lives among us, loves us,  
and calls us home. Amen.**



**Hymn NC #591**

*This Is My Song*

This is my song, O God of all the nations,  
A Song of peace for land 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, O God of all the nations,  
A song of peace for their land and for mine,



**Unison Prayer of Invocation – Reverse Prayer of St. Francis  
Lord, make me a channel of disturbance.**

**Where there is apathy, let me provoke;**

**Where there is compliance, let me bring questioning;**

**Where there is silence, may I be a voice.**

**Where there is too much comfort and too little action,  
grant disruption;**

**Where there are doors closed and hearts locked,  
grant the willingness to listen.**

**When laws dictate and pain is overlooked...**

**When tradition speaks louder than need...**

**Grant that I may seek rather to do justice  
than to talk about it;**

**Disturb us, O Lord.**

**To be with, as well as for, the alienated;**

**To love the unlovable as well as the lovely;**

**Lord, make me a channel of disturbance.**



**Gloria SL # 9**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
World without end, Amen, Amen.



**Anthem**

*I Believe, Help My Unbelief*



## Moment for All Ages



## Readings

**Saturday Morning, 10am** by Jan Richardson  
**John 14:23-29**



## Message

**No Justice, No Peace**

**Rev. Elisa Lucozzi**



## Hymn NC # 181 *You Are Salt for the Earth, O People*

You are salt for the earth, O people, salt for the reign of God!  
Share the flavor of life, O people, life in the City of God!

*Refrain: Bring forth the reign of mercy, bring forth the reign of peace;  
Bring forth the reign of justice, bring forth the City of God!*

You are a light on a hill, O people, light for the City of God!  
Shine so holy and bright, O people, shine for the City of God! (R)

You are a seed of the Word, O people, grow in the City of God!  
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice, grown in the City of God! (R)

We are a blessed and a pilgrim people, bound for the reign of God!  
Love our journey and love our homeland, love is the City of God! (R)



## Prayers of the People – Help/Thanks/Wow

One: Now we come to the time where we lift up  
our prayers of Help, Thanks, and Wow.  
Lift up your hearts.

### Many: We lift them up to God.

One: Does anyone have any prayers they would like to lift up?

*After each individual prayer request...*

One: Loving and beloved God; **Many: Hear our prayer.**

## Prayer List

One: Let us read the first names of those on our prayer list.

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

**DANIELLE** Dennett, member

**JASON** Pratt, brother of Danielle Dennett

**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

**LAURA** Vachula, friend of Lynn Cooper

**BRENDA** Hodge, sister of Mark Thornhill

**BRENDA** Pelc, neighbor of Jackie and Larry Didier

**KIMBERLY** Start, daughter-in-law of Deb Barthelette

**DON** Eddy, member of the congregation

**RUTH ANNE** Bennett, friend of Kathy and Mike Robbins

**JEAN** Stawarz, friend of the Scrabble Club

**DENNY** Preston, cousin of Betty-Anne Gould

**TERRI** Toner, friend of Mikki Nevins

**DON** Fox, friend of the community

**RUSSELL** Johnson, cousin of Steve and Julie Holt

**CHARLIE** Karns, cousin of Julie and Steve Holt

**JOE** Jankowski, friend of the Robbins/Carriveau family

**JOANNE** O'Keefe, sister of Kevin and Lorrain O'Keefe

**SUE** Santerre, friend of the Robbins family

**ERIC** Cooper, friend of Shirley Raymond

**JANE** Labak, mother-in-law of Mark Gould

**MARGE** Yamilkoski, friend of Lynn Willard

**LAURA** Schiavoni, friend of Maria Yorgakopoulou

**IOANNA** Spiliotis, friend of Maria Yorgakopoulou

**ABIGAEL** Labonte, friend of Kevin and Lorraine O'Keefe

**WALTER** Kleeberg, friend of Billi Jean Willard

**BILL** Willard, member of the congregation

**LORI and DONNA**, friend of Elisa and Natalie

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

**BARBARA** Knox, sister of Mark Thornhill

*After Prayer List is read...*

One: Loving and beloved God; **Many: Hear our prayer.**

**Pastoral Prayer – Truth: A Prayer** by Pastor Katy Stenta

**The Lord's Prayer** using 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**



## Piano Offertory



## Response 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 NC #575**      *O For a World*

O for a world where everyone respects each other's ways,  
Where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.

O for a world where goods are shared and misery relieved,  
Where truth is spoken, children spared, equality achieved.

We welcome one world family and struggle with each choice  
That opens us to unity and gives our vision voice.

The poor are rich, the weak are strong, the foolish ones are wise.  
Tell all who mourn, outcasts belong, who perishes will rise.

O for a world preparing for God's glorious reign of peace,  
Where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

↑ 🙏 **Benediction**

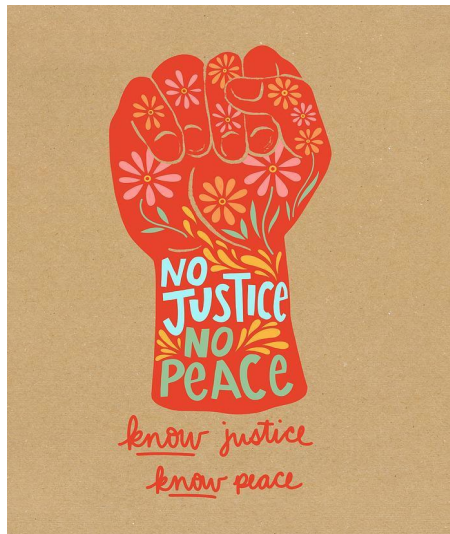
↑ 🕯️ **Passing of the Peace**

↑ 🎵 **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.*



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**Worship Participants**

Ministers - People of the church

Guest Minister - Rev. Elisa Lucozzi

Greeters - ↑ Brice Linscott-Willard

↓ Grace Linscott-Willard

Lay Reader - Rick Tracy

Pianist - Michele Feldheim

Zoom Tech- Bob Miller

Coffee Hour - Kevin and Lorraine O'Keefe

Flowers - Sue Tracy Small and Richie Small

**This Week at the Church...**

Monday 10:45am – Memorial Day observance begins  
followed by Picnic at approx noon

Monday 7pm - Council

Wed-Fri-Sat - Food Pantry - see website for hours

Thursday 7pm - Choir

Friday 7pm - AA

**Birthdays...**

May 26 ★ - Tammy Carrier

Andrew Lewis

May 29 ★ - John Dennett