



Westhampton Congregational United Church of Christ
an Open and Affirming Congregation
7th Sunday of Easter - May 17, 2026

 **Reflection** – *We are half-hearted creatures, fooling around with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us. We are far too easily pleased.* – C.S. Lewis (“*The Weight of Glory*”)

 **Prelude**

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

 **Introit**

 **Call to Worship**

One: Let the Spirit rise! Sing a song to God,
lift up your hearts to the One who rides the clouds!
Be joyful unto God!

Many: **Let the righteous be joyful,
let them exalt God’s name and be jubilant!**

One: Let the Spirit rise! Ascribe power to our God,
full of majesty and power.

Many: **Let the righteous be joyful,
let them exalt God’s name and be jubilant!**

One: Let the Spirit rise! Awesome is our God in the sanctuary,
who gives power and strength to the people.

All: **Let the righteous be joyful,
let them exalt God’s name and be jubilant!
Blessed be the Holy God of us all!**

 **Hymn SL #2** *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Tho’ the darkness hide Thee,
Tho’ the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;
Only thou art holy – there is none beside Thee
Perfect in power, in love, in purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

 **Unison Prayer of Invocation**


Righteous God, you offer the newness of life and we cling to dry and desolate places. We withhold our trust and cling to the ways of the world while retreating from witnessing to your goodness in the world. We allow hopelessness to reign in our lives and direct our attitudes and actions. Help us to believe that resurrection is not a just one time event but a way of being we commit to living. Let the resurrection live in us and transform our being, thinking, and doing in the world. Amen.

 **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** *Amazing Grace*

 **Moment for All Ages**

 **Scripture Readings** John 17:1-11 p. 136

 **Message** *Fully Dipped* Rev. Julie Olmsted

 **Hymn NC #433** *In the Bulb There is a Flower*

In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
In cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there’s a spring that waits to be,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

There’s a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
There’s a dawn for every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
In our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.



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...

AMANDA & SKYLAR Ghali, niece & grandnephew of Kevin O’Keefe

LAURA Vachula, friend of Lynn Cooper

FRANCES, cousin of Jeanie McMahon

JANNINE Haggerty, friend of Erika Subocz

JEAN Webster, member of the congregation

JOSEPH Strzegowski, brother of Dolores Thornhill

CHARLIE Burgess, husband of Marylou Burgess

CHUCK Horn, member of the congregation

WENDY Blow, member of the congregation

ROBERT Wagner, brother of Michele Wagner

JEAN Young, wife of former pastor Rev Bob Young

BETSY, sister of Gene Callahan

CAROL Smith, pastor and member of the congregation

**Names remain on prayer list for 8 weeks unless extension requested*

Pastoral Prayer

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.



Unison Prayer of Dedication

Generous God, may these gifts we bring be used to bless, build, and beautify your creation through generous and faithful care. Amen.



Hymn SL #507 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heav’n to earth come down!
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling; all Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion; pure unbounded love Thou art.
Visit us with Thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast!
Let us all in Thee inherit; let us find that second rest.
Take away our bent to sinning; Alpha and Omega be.
End of faith as its Beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver; let us all Thy life receive.
Suddenly return and never, never-more Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing, glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish then Thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see Thy great salvation, perfectly restored in Thee;
Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder, love and praise.



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.



Postlude

Indicates you are invited to stand if you are comfortable doing so.

BLESSED Trinity



**“...so that
they may be
one...”**

John 17:11

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Worship Participants

Ministers -	People of the church
Minister -	Rev. Carol Smith
Guest Minister -	Rev. Julie Olmsted
Greeters -	↕ Marion Miller and Charlotte Wood ↕ Pat Miller
Lay Reader -	Erika Subocz
Pianist -	Michele Feldheim
Zoom Tech-	Bob Miller
Coffee Hour -	Gideon Jeffords and family
Flowers -	Joanne and Ted Brooks

This Week at the Church...

Today -	Big Y Gift Card pick-up
Today 6:30pm -	Community Gathering for Peace – Town Common
Mon 7pm -	Property
Tues 1pm -	WOW
Wed 3:10pm -	Good Works
Wed/Fri/Sat -	Food Pantry - see website for hours
Wednesday -	Memorial Day Picnic reservations due
Thurs 7pm -	Choir
Fri 7pm -	AA

Birthdays and Anniversaries...

May 19 ★ -	Karen Croisetiére, Peter Montague
May 22 ★ -	Maura Campbell
May 23 ★ -	Ree Lewis
May 22 ♥ -	Bob and Patty Greene